

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

**Tuesday, 26 October, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Manor Hospital, Moat Road, Walsall**

### **Panel Members Present**

Councillor Yasin (Chair)  
Councillor Woodruff (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Ahmed  
Councillor Azam  
Councillor Longhi

### **Officers present**

Paul Davies - Executive Director (Social Care and Inclusion)  
Andy Rust - Head of Vulnerable Adults Commissioning  
Sue James - Chief Executive, Manor Hospital  
Robert Mackie - Director of Resources and Performance, NHS Walsall  
Denise McLellan - Chief Executive NHS Walsall  
Bill Ellens - LINK Board Member  
Nikki Gough - Scrutiny Officer

### **35/10 Apologies**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors I. Robertson and C. Creaney.

### **36/10 Substitutions**

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

### **37/10 Declarations of Interest and Party Whip**

Councillor V. Woodruff declared an interest as an employee of Walsall Hospitals Trust.

### 38/10 **Minutes**

#### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting that took place on 5 October, 2010, a copy having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

### 39/10 **Walsall LINK**

The Panel agreed to receive Item 5 prior to Item 4.

Bill Ellens introduced himself to the Panel as a LINK Board Member and presented to the Panel:-

(see annexed)

Members asked how Walsall LINK was monitored for effectiveness. Officers confirmed that Clive Wright was responsible for managing the contractual arrangements with the host Black Country Housing Group.

### 40/10 **Transforming Community Services**

Officers informed Members that NHS Walsall had used a range of ways to advertise consultation, however, the Trust had received very few responses to consultation in relation to particular changes proposed.

Bill Ellens raised a particular issue with learning difficulties. It was agreed that the Chief Executive of NHS Walsall would look into this.

Members agreed that NHS Walsall appeared to be following due process in relation to transforming community services.

## **Resolved**

That the Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel support the proposals within the consultation document “Transforming Community Services”.

### **41/10 Date of Next Meeting**

Members agreed that it may be beneficial for the Council to take part in a healthy communities peer review, through the IDeA. Officers stated that they would welcome the opportunity to reflect on how the Council were progressing.

A discussion was held on obesity and the activities that were taking place to combat the problem in the Borough. Members asked for further information on the Fun 4 Life Programme which is joint funded by NHS Walsall and Leisure Services.

Members considered the most effective way to consider the topic of obesity in Walsall to ensure it was inclusive and open. It was agreed that a joint meeting would be suggested to the Children’s and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel. At this meeting, Members would hear evidence from a number of witnesses, including the Healthy Weight Team from the NHS and a selection of external providers.

## **Resolved**

That, subject to the Chair’s agreement, a joint meeting be held with the Children’s and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel. At this meeting, Members will receive evidence from the Healthy Weight Team at the NHS and a range of external providers.

Members were asked for feedback on their hospital tour and they stated that their only concern was that the pharmacy was not located in the new section of the hospital.

**Termination of meeting**

The meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Signed: .....

Date: .....