

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

5 OCTOBER 2010 AT 6PM IN A CONFERENCE ROOM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE

**Panel Members Present** Councillor M. Yasin(Chair)  
Councillor V. Woodruff (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor I. Azam  
Councillor C. Creaney  
Councillor M. Longhi  
Councillor K. Sears  
Councillor I. Robertson

**Officers Present** Paul Davies – Executive Director (Social Care and Inclusion)  
Denise McLellan – Chief Executive NHS Walsall  
Richard Haynes - Assistant Director, Communications and Involvement, NHS Walsall  
Andy Rust - Head of Vulnerable Adults Commissioning  
Jackie Bryan – Primary Care Development Manager  
Lloyd Haynes – Finance Account Manager  
Craig Goodall – Scrutiny Officer

### **26/10 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor R. Thomas

### **27/10 SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no substitutions for the duration of the meeting.

### **28/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

Councillor V Woodruff declared a personal interest as an employee of Walsall Manor Hospitals NHS Trust.

### **29/10 MINUTES**

The deadline for responding to the 'Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health' consultation be amended to read 16 October and not 5 October as recorded in the minutes to the meeting on 14 September 2010, minute number 24/10 'Health White Paper: 'Equality and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' and 'Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health' – A Consultation on Proposals'.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes, as amended, of the meetings that took place on 27 July 2010 and 14 September 2010, copies having previously been circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

### **30/10 ABBEY SQUARE SURGERY**

The Panel considered NHS Walsall's decision regarding the provision of GP services at Abbey Square, Mossley, following a public consultation.

The Chief Executive of NHS Walsall explained the decision of the NHS Walsall Board to retain GP services from the Abbey Square Surgery subject to the procurement of a current local GP practice to operate the surgery. She noted there was a risk that no local GP practice would come forward to pick up the operation, however, she was optimistic that a practice would come forward.

The Assistant Director for Communications and Involvement at NHS Walsall added that the decision for open procurement for any local GP practice to pick up Abbey Square had been agreed to following feedback from a recent consultation meeting with local residents.

A Member of the Panel welcomed the decision by NHS Walsall.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the 20 September 2010 decision by NHS Walsall regarding Abbey Square Surgery be noted.**

### **31/10 PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT – FORMAL CONSULTATION**

Members were informed about, and asked to participate in, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) consultation. The results of which will shape the strategic direction of pharmacy services, the services they provide and to assist in making decisions on applications for new pharmacies.

The Primary Care Development Manager explained the purpose of the PNA and highlighted each of the areas in the consultation document.

The following are the principle points from the ensuing discussion:

- Access for disabled people in pharmacies should be considered as an important part of the PNA.
- It was important people were aware of the range of different services that could be accessed via pharmacies. This could help to relieve pressure on GP services.
- The National Commissioning Board is likely to be responsible for the pharmacy contracts but it is likely that the GP consortia will have responsibility for the enhanced services budgets.
- With regard to weight management, plans were in place to train pharmacy technician staff to give advice. The Panel agreed to add an item on obesity to their work programme.

- Supermarkets were good locations for pharmacies due to their high footfall and long opening hours.
- Issues regarding trained pharmacy staff moving around regional branches and taking their skills out of Walsall were discussed.

**RESOLVED:**

**THAT:**

**1. the pharmaceutical needs assessment consider disabled access to pharmacies as an important consideration upon the evaluation of local need;**

**2. Councillor V. Woodruff represent the Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel at the meeting of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group on 15 December 2010;**

**and;**

**3. an item on obesity be added to the Panels work programme.**

**32/10 BUDGET SETTING FRAMEWORK AND TIMETABLE 2011/12 – 2014/15**

The Finance Account Manager explained the budget setting framework timetable to Members.

**33/10 LEARNING DISABILITIES AND INTEGRATED COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT STORE POOLED BUDGETS QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL MONITORING POSITION FOR 2010/11**

The Panel was informed of the predicated revenue outturn position for 2010/11 based on the financial performance for quarter 1 (April 2010 to June 2010) for services within the remit of the Panel.

The Finance Account Manager reported that the Integrated Community Equipment Store budget was currently forecast to return an underspend of £25,000. He also reported that the Learning Disabilities pooled budget was forecasting an overspend of £789,000.

Following a question from a Member of the Panel the Head of Joint Commissioning explained that the £789,000 overspend in the Learning Disabilities budget was due to the service not meeting its savings targets. He reported that just over £2.2m of savings had already been made against a target of £3m. These savings had been created by reducing the amount of residential care home and out of borough placements required for local care recipients. Following a question it was confirmed that no local residents were receiving care from a specific care home in Staffordshire.

**34/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 26 October 2010 and would take place at the Manor Hospital.

*The meeting terminated at 6.49 pm*

Signed:

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