

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

22 JUNE 2010, 6PM

**Panel Members Present** Councillor M Yasin(Chair)  
Councillor V Woodruff (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor M Ahmed  
Councillor I Azam  
Councillor O Bennett  
Councillor K Sears  
Councillor R Thomas

**Officers Present** Paul Davies – Executive Director (Social Care and Inclusion)  
Andy Rust - Head of Vulnerable Adults Commissioning  
Mike Browne – Medical Director (Manor Hospital)  
Jacquie Bryan - Primary Care Development Manager  
Chris Davies - Head of Improvement & Innovation  
Richard Topping, General Manager Black Country (WMAS)  
Marsha Ingram - Head of Corporate Affairs  
Bharat Patel - Head of Medicines Management

### **01/10 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillors I Robertson

### **02/10 SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no substitution for the duration of the meeting.

### **03/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

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

### **04/10 MINUTES**

It was agreed that the request for a complaints report from Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust would be included in the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2010. These changes had been made to the minutes signed by the Chair. It was agreed that the minutes of the Joint Committee with Dudley Health Scrutiny Committee would be included on the next agenda of the panel.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2010, copies having previously circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

## **05/10 INTRODUCTION TO HEALTH SCRUTINY**

Paul Davies gave a presentation on health scrutiny, including specific powers that the panel has (annexed).

The panel agreed to receive items 7 and 8 prior to item 6.

## **06/10 QUALITY ACCOUNTS (WALSALL MANOR HOSPITAL)**

Members considered the 'quality accounts' report from the Manor Hospital (annexed).

Members were asked to feed comments back to the Manor Hospital. Frustration was expressed that the timing of the submission deadline was not complimentary to the committee system, meaning that the panel were not able to make an informed commentary. It was agreed that any comments would be submitted in due course. The Medical Director stated that their quality account set out its priorities for the year, and this may be something that the panel wished to use as a baseline for monitoring performance.

### **RESOLVED:**

**The Panel provide comments on the quality accounts in due course.**

## **07/10 Quality Accounts (Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust)**

Members considered the 'quality accounts' report from Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust. Members were urged to view this report as a starting point for future consideration.

Members requested a report on priority 3 – part 2 – quality summary overview.

### **RESOLVED:**

#### **THAT:**

**1. the Panel provide comments on the quality accounts in due course;**

**and;**

**2. a report on priority 3 – part 2 – quality summary overview is provided to Members.**

### **08/10 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**

Members considered the pharmaceutical needs assessment which enabled pharmacy services to be targeted to meet needs. This would include identification of gaps in services and decisions on priorities. The Primary Care Development Manger invited a member of the Health Scrutiny Panel to participate in the PNA steering group. Members were advised that the panel would also be consulted as part of the consultation process October to November.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That Councillor Woodruff be the health scrutiny and performance panel representative to attend the Pharmaceutical Needs Assesment steering group.**

## 09/10 **WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11**

The Panel considered options for their work programme for 2010/11. Members reviewed the outcomes of previous consultations, the outcome of a specific scrutiny work programme survey, a number of suggestions for work programme items and the latest version of the forward plan.

The Scrutiny Officer informed members that the consultation on GP Services at Abbey Square Surgery was due to end on 30 June 2010. Members requested that a report be taken to panel outlining the proposals for the future.

The Scrutiny Officer presented the work programme 2010/11 report, which provided the panel with a range of information to allow them to set their work programme for the year. The Panel were taken through the suggestions contained in the work programme:

### *Major cost savings in the NHS*

Members agreed that the impact of this should be considered for the whole health economy in Walsall. It was suggested that NHS Walsall would be able to provide information on this item as the commissioner of services for Walsall.

### *Dementia*

It was suggested that this work stream is taken through the panel rather than through a working group. The Head of Vulnerable Adults Commissioning suggested that the panel may wish to be involved in the launch of the strategy.

### *Health Inequalities*

Members suggested that the panel should receive the annual report from the Director of Public Health before adding this to their work programme.

### *Air Quality in Walsall*

Members were advised that this item was on the Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panels work programme.

### *Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust*

Members sought clarity about services which were provided in Walsall and Dudley; officers informed members that the Trust responded to what commissioners invested in, e.g. the memory service in Walsall which is not provided in Dudley. Members were assured that the performance of the Dudley Walsall Partnership Trust is done through a monthly meeting, and it was suggested that the panel may wish to have sight of these indicators.

### *Lightfoot report and the implementation of its recommendations*

The panel were informed that an independent review had been carried out on West Midlands Ambulance Service and that a number of recommendations had been made.

*Target Action Plans for National Indicators of relevance to the Health Scrutiny and Performance*

The panel were advised that the action plans for national indicators 008, 56, 112, 120 were requested by the panel last year due to their 'red' rating for performance. The panel agreed to consider the action plans.

*Perinatal and infant Mortality*

The panel were advised that this item had been added to the Children's and Young People Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

*Foundation Trust status for West Midlands Ambulance Service and the Manor Hospital*

Members were advised that Trusts would consult with the scrutiny panel in line with consultation requirements. West Midlands Ambulance Service confirmed that they intended to consult in October.

*Performance of West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS)*

Members were informed that historically the panel had received performance of WMAS by postcode. The panel agreed that this was an item they should add to their work programme.

*Performance of Manor Hospital and NHS Walsall*

Members were informed that historically the panel had received infection rates and details of complaints to the Manor Hospital and NHS Walsall. The panel agreed that this was something that they should continue to receive.

Members requested if possible the October meeting of the panel is held at the Manor Hospital with a tour of the Diagnostic Centre.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 27 July 2010.

*The meeting terminated at 7.10 p.m.*

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Date: