

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

27 JULY 2010, 6PM

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

**Officers Present** Andy Rust - Head of Vulnerable Adults Commissioning  
Steph Simcox – Service Accounting & Financial  
Training Manager  
Ian Baines – Director of Finance  
Carol Mason - Community Development Manager  
Matt Ward – West Midlands Ambulance Service  
Sue James – Chief Executive (Manor Hospital)  
Nikki Ehlen – Scrutiny Officer

### **10/10 APOLOGIES**

None received.

### **11/10 SUBSTITUTIONS**

Councillor L Beeley substituted for Councillor M Ahmed for the duration of the meeting.

### **12/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

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

### **13/10 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2010, copies having previously circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.**

### **14/10 The NHS in Walsall**

The panel received a presentation on the current arrangements for delivering NHS services in Walsall from the Head of Vulnerable Adults

Commissioning (annexed).

The Chief Executive of the Manor Hospital tabled the annual report 2009/10, Quality Account Summary 2009/10, Getting Even Better in 2010/11 (annexed).

The Health White Paper was discussed and the implications on the health economy, it was suggested that the panel may wish to receive a report at the next Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

NHS Officers were asked what barriers they perceived in delivering healthcare to Walsall. The Chief Executive of Walsall Manor Hospital stated the following;

- Increasing number of elderly
- Lifestyle changes leading to increased demand (sedentary lifestyles)
- A diverse population in Walsall
- 'Wonder drugs'

The panel were advised that partnership working was key to tackling these demands.

The Director of Finance for Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust stated that the public often associated services with buildings rather than actual provision.

Members requested further information on the support careers received. The Chief Executive of the Manor Hospital stated that work was done to keep people at home, and providing the support to enable this to happen. Members were informed that a range of equipment could be provided to support people to remain in their own homes.

### **Resolved**

That a briefing is taken to the next Health Scrutiny Panel on the Health White Paper.

### **15/10 Local Involvement Networks (LINKs)**

The Community Development Manager presented on the Local Involvement Network in Walsall (annexed), which was supported by a host organisation for which the Council held the funding.

A member of the LINK board addressed the panel and informed of the frequency of meetings. He stated that the LINK had statutory powers which 'my NHS Walsall' did not have.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Chair of Walsall LINK is invited to a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel.

## **16/10 Learning Disabilities and Integrated Community Equipment Store Pooled Budgets Final Budgetary Position Pre-Audit**

The Service Accounting & Financial Training Manager summarised the outturn revenue position for the year ended 2009/10, subject to external audit, for services within the remit of the Health Scrutiny and Performance Panel, namely the Learning Disability and Integrated Community Equipment Store (ICES) pooled budgets.

Placements for people with learning disabilities were stated as a concern, as they were not always appropriate and often costly. Members were informed that this would be addressed in the future.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That the report on Integrated Community Equipment received by the Social, Care and Inclusion Scrutiny and Performance Panel was circulated to panel members.**

## **17/10 Work Programme 2010/11 and Forward Plan**

Members requested further information on the exit strategy of New Deal. It was agreed that the Scrutiny Officer would circulate this outside of the meeting.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That further information is circulated on the exit strategy of New Deal.**

## **18/10 Minutes of the Dudley Walsall Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

The minutes of the Dudley Walsall Joint Health Scrutiny Committee were noted by Members.

## **19/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 5 October 2010.

*The meeting terminated at 7.10 p.m.*

Signed:

Date: