

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

**HOUSING, HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

19th December, 2013

A meeting of the Housing, Health and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Thursday 19th December, 2013.

Present

Councillor D. Carr – Vice Chair

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, J. Glass, N.J.P. Phillips, G.D. Pomfrett, and G. Smith (substitute for K.D. Wilson)

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor C.M. Watkins, M.P. Grant, K.D. Wilson and Mrs L. Price

320 **Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2013, be confirmed and signed by the Vice Chair.

321 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor J. B. Beaumont declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of him being a Member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor D. Carr declared an Other Interest in Item 7 by reason of a family member being employed by the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust.

322 **Transforming End of Life Care at George Eliot Hospital**

The Panel received a presentation from Kristy Clayton, Nurse Lead for End of Life Care, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Cancer Services, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust, on transforming End of Life Care at the hospital.

Members asked questions and the following points were made:

The importance of joining up the acute and adult care services;

The new system will provide an integrated service between all the various service providers;

There will be a greater choice of care packages based on the individuals needs and wishes; and

The system will be heavily reliant on IT, which was a concern;

RESOLVED that

(a) Kristy Clayton and Andy Arnold be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and that they be invited to attend a future meeting of the Panel; and

(b) the presentation be noted.

323 **Avenue Clinic Pilot Assessment & Update**

The Panel received a briefing from Josie Spencer, Director of Operations, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust on the temporary closure of Stanley Ward in Avenue House.

Members asked questions and the following issues were raised:

the pilot scheme was proving to be successful but it was felt that it should be extended for a further 6mths;

the pilot scheme is assessing the needs and requirements of both patients and carers; and

the need to take pressure of the acute hospital services.

RESOLVED that Josie Spencer, Dr Asif Atta and Barry Day be thanked for their attendance at the meeting and that they be invited to attend a future meeting of the Panel to provide a full report, including recommendations on temporary or permanent closure of Stanley Ward.

324 **Update from George Eliot Hospital**

The Panel received a presentation from Chris Bradshaw, Deputy Chief Executive, George Eliot Hospital on the progress being made in relation to Special Measures and Trust status.

Members asked questions and the following issues were raised;

concern that the acute service may reduce beds before the community care services have proved that they can take over;

the importance of maintaining staff moral and taking them forward;

need to maintain and encourage high quality staff recruitment;

GEH will be the hub from which other services are provided in the community; and

a short list of partners has been produced with regard to Trust status.

RESOLVED that Chris Bradshaw be thanked for his attendance and his verbal presentation be noted.

325 **Response from Cabinet**

There were no responses from Cabinet.

326 **Work Programme 2013/14**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) discussed the Work Programme for 2013/14 with the Panel.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the Warwickshire North CCG and Healthwatch be invited to attend the March meeting of the Panel; and
- (b) the work programme be agreed as amended.

327 **Any Other Items**

There were no other items.

Chair