



## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

### **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 AT 11.00 A.M.**

#### **Bath and North East Somerset Councillors**

P Councillor tba  
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#### **Bath and North East Somerset Officers**

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#### **Bristol City Councillors**

P Councillor Lesley Alexander (Chair)  
P Jenny Smith  
P Councillor Sylvia Townsend

#### **Bristol City Officers**

P Norman Cornthwaite  
P Romyne de Fonseca

#### **North Somerset Councillors**

P Councillor Reyna Knight  
P Councillor Tom Leimdorfer  
A Councillor Ian Porter

#### **North Somerset Officers**

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**South Gloucestershire Councillors**

P Councillor Sandra Grant  
P Councillor Sue Hope  
P Councillor Andy Perkins

**South Gloucestershire Officers**

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**Also in attendance:**

Dr Sam Patel - NBT  
Sue Watkinson - NBT

**JHSC  
18.2/11**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE, SUBSTITUTIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Porter.

**JHSC  
19.2/11**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Perkins stated that his wife works for UHBT.

**JHSC  
20.2/11**

**MINUTES – JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

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21.2/11**

**CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

There was none.

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**22.2/11 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nothing was received.

**JHSC  
23.2/11**

**CONSOLIDATION OF BOTH MEDICAL ADMISSIONS UNITS (MAU) ON TO THE FRENCHAY SITE, IN ADDITION TO CO-LOCATING RESPIRATORY AND CARDIOLOGY SERVICES AS PART OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHMEAD AND TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE**

The Committee considered a report of Dr Sam Patel/Sue Watkinson, NBT (agenda item no. 6) outlining the details surrounding the proposed temporary moves and potential co-location of services onto the Frenchay site.

Dr Patel gave a presentation. Sue Watkinson was also in attendance.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following points were made:

- This is one of several stages that will lead to the new hospital being opened and brought into operation and there should be seamless change for this unit when this happens in 2014
- It is preferable for old people to be seen by staff that are specialists in Elderly Care Medicine so that they receive a more focussed care at an early stage
- Nobody is ever referred from the MAU to the A & E Department
- 70% of MAU patients are referred from A & E; 30% are referred by G P's
- Patients have higher expectations of care and are encouraged by advertising campaigns - such as for strokes - to attend A & E Departments

- There are now direct admissions into the MAU from ambulances following the closure of the A & E at Southmead Hospital
- The NBT A & E Department at Frenchay Hospital has 18 trolley bays although there are sometimes more patients than this and this can cause problems with off loading from ambulances; NBT Representatives have visited the hospitals in Bath and Weston-Super-Mare to see how they manage their A & E Departments
- Respiratory physicians are located primarily at Southmead Hospital although they do have a day presence at Frenchay Hospital
- Any changes to the Respiratory Services would take longer to design and implement; there is a need to ensure that all the good work being done now is not compromised; any proposed changes would be brought to the JHSC
- When G P's refer patients to the MAU the senior nurse will find a bed and make other arrangements for admission if this is found to be necessary
- It is not yet clear what is happening with GP Commissioning and although some services may be commissioned from other organisations safety and quality has to be of paramount importance; NBT prides itself on providing care that is both very safe and of the highest quality
- NBT has never closed it's A & E Department
- The Ambulance Service looks for available beds at different hospitals and ambulances may be directed to take patients to the hospital that is not necessarily the nearest one; there is also a clinical Management System in place for emergency patients ensuring they are taken to the hospital most suitable to provide them with the

right treatment depending on their illness or injury

- The Trusts work very hard with Local authorities to ensure that the appropriate social care plans are put in place for patients
- All the appropriate HR procedures have been gone through
- At present 30% of MAU patients are discharged and these services will be enhanced to facilitate fewer admissions and more discharges
- From 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 there will be 56 beds with most for female patients because that reflects the sex profile of patients
- 96 beds in the new hospital as it is designed in blocks of 32 beds (32 x 3); this will be an Acute Assessment Centre and will include trauma patients
- Seated assessment has been used at Frenchay for 9 to 10 years and new technology has helped rule out certain conditions; when referred by G P's nurses always ask if the patient is suitable for a Seated Assessment

**RESOLVED - (i) that the committee be updated on the temporary transfer of C Ward (the Medical Admissions Unit) at Southmead Hospital to Frenchay Hospital on the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011 be noted;**

**(This is in line with the Bristol Health Services Plan (BHSP) that aims to modernise health services and hospital facilities in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire. The move will provide an improved patient experience and prepare the way for consolidating the Southmead**

**and Frenchay Medical Admissions Units into one medical team, ahead of the move to the new hospital in 2014.**

**Following an extensive option appraisal North Bristol NHS Trust Bed Reconfiguration Governance Board agreed that more detailed work was required to explore the benefits and risks for single site working at Frenchay for Cardiology. If cardiology is to move from Southmead to Frenchay it is hoped that this could take place in Autumn 2011.**

**Respiratory location is to be reviewed as a slower stream piece of work.); and**

**(ii) that an update report be received in one year's time.**

**JHSC  
24.2/11**

**WORK PROGRAMME**

Romayne de Fonseca introduced this report and summarised it for Members.

**RESOLVED - that the work programme be noted.**

**JHSC  
25.2/11**

**DATES AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED - that the next meeting of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be held on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 10.30 a.m., however this meeting may be cancelled if there is no business for it.**

(The meeting ended at 12.15 pm.)

CHAIR