

Bristol City Council

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Health, Wellbeing and
Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission
held on 15th April 2014 at 2.00 pm**

P Councillor Lesley Alexander (in the Chair)
A Councillor Margaret Hickman
P Councillor Claire Hiscott
A Councillor Peter Main
P Councillor Glenise Morgan
P Councillor Dr Doug Naysmith
P Jenny Smith
P Councillor Sylvia Townsend

Co-optees

P Judith Brown - BOPF
A Kaye Long - DEF
A Mark Williams (for Kaye Long)
A Paula Williams - Healthwatch

Also in attendance

Councillor Barbara Janke – Assistant Mayor
Sohail Bhatti - Public Health
Kathy Eastwood - Health Policy
Netta Meadows – People’s Directorate
Lou Farbis - NHS England
Debbie Hart - NHS England
Ben Bennett - SWCSU
Sue Jones - NBT
Carolyn Mills - UHBT
Romyne de Fonseka – Scrutiny Team
Norman Cornthwaite – Democratic Services

HWASC

112.4/14 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillor Hickman, Kaye Long, Mark Williams and Paula Williams.

**HWASC
113.4/14 Public Forum**

The following Statement was received:

Daphne Havercroft, SWWHAG - Open letter to the Medical Director of UHBT.

The issue of whether or not the question of whether Bristol ensures that 100% of its paediatric/perinatal pathology is reported by specialists has already been answered is to be investigated. The remainder of the Statement was noted.

A copy of the Statement is contained in the Minute book.

**HWASC
114.4/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no further declarations of interest.

**HWASC
115.4/14 Minutes – Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission – 4th March 2014**

Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission held on 4th March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**HWASC
116.4/14 Whipping**

None was declared.

**HWASC
117.4/14 Chair's Business**

The Chair introduced Sohail Bhatti, Interim Director of Public Health, to the Commission.

Progress report: Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme

The Commission considered a report of Cllr Barbara Janke, Assistant Mayor Health and Social Care and Kathy Eastwood, Service Manager Health Strategy (Agenda Item No. 7).

Councillor Janke, Sohail Bhatti and Kathy Eastwood were in attendance for this item.

Councillor Janke introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

Sohail Bhatti commented that different Health and wellbeing Boards have different workloads and he considers that Bristol's has a good balance. He added that there are a lot of things going on in the NHS and it is vital for this Commission to hold it to account.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following answers were provided:

- There is a project run by Age Concern on Falls; the issue of slippery shoes and combating them could be raised there; the prevention of falls is a multi agency complicated piece of work
- There is a Men's Health Board that addresses issue relating to men's health that Councillor Morgan sits on; there is funding from the Care Forum for another year for it; men's health is a significant issue; there is not a good uptake of the Health Checks programme in Bristol
- The Health at Work Programme extends beyond BCC to other employers
- The Health Protection Committee is a statutory body
- A copy of the Child Population Increase Report can be provided
- Childhood obesity is a problem; the Healthy Schools

Programme looks at a wide range of topics; child obesity clinics are run by the NHS; the school nurse programme is being re-assessed; schools are the right place for intervention

- Public Health staff are being embedded across the Authority; better use is being made of partnership bodies to improve the flow of information
- Councillors Janke and Massey have received a comprehensive briefing on the on going work to tackle FGM; it is a joint initiative between Children's Services and Health; a briefing could be provided for the Commission
- There has been a meeting with pharmacists to agree measures with them; information on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment can be provided
- There is a need to run integrated food initiatives, but this is proving difficult with the loss of key staff

Resolved – (i) that the report be noted;

(ii) that a copy of the Child Population Increase Report is to be provided; and

(iii) that information on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is to be provided.

**HWASC
119.4/14**

Urgent Care Services at Cossham Hospital

The Commission a presentation from Ben Bennett, SWCSU (Agenda Item No. 8) setting out the present position. A copy of the presentation is contained in the Minute Book.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following answers were provided:

- He explained the problem that the NHS has of people attending GPs, MIUs and A & E Departments, but not necessarily the most appropriate facility for their particular health needs

- Guidance from the National review is expected to be published after Easter
- He confirmed that there is room at Cossham for an MIU
- The MIU in Yate is well used but that does not stop people from going to A & E
- Members expressed the view that an MIU should be provided at Cossham

Resolved – that the report be noted.

**HWASC
120.4/14**

Recommended improvements to Vascular Services (Adults)

The Commission considered a report of Lou Farbis, NHS England (Agenda Item No. 9) outlining the review of Vascular services.

Lou Farbis, Debbie Hart and Sue Jones were in attendance for this item.

Lou Farbis introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following answers were provided:

- Bristol's Hospital Transport Service is considered to be good
- The public event was well attended and went well
- There is a need to keep GPs informed of new developments on pathways of care
- Provision for the service has been included in the plans for Southmead Hospital; a 42 bed ward will be provided when the service becomes operative in October
- Members congratulated Lou Farbis on a good report

Resolved – (i) that the report be noted; and

(ii) that the phased implementation of the proposal to move elective and emergency vascular surgery to the new arterial centre in Bristol starting in the autumn of 2014 be endorsed.

HWASC

121.4/14 NBT Quality Account

The Commission received a presentation from Sue Jones NBT (Agenda Item No. 10) briefing on the NBT Quality Account.

Sue Jones gave a presentation setting out the Trust's progress against its 2013/14 priorities and its priorities for 2014/15.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following answers were provided:

- If a paper record is missing, the electronic version should be available
- The Trust intends to prepare for Foundation status once the move to the hospital has been completed
- Falls prevention is a high priority with a high percentage of nurses trained; if patients are assessed as high risk they are carefully monitored; plans are in place to ensure monitoring of patients at the new hospital where 75% of rooms will have single occupancy; a risk assessment is always carried out before cot sides are used
- Name badges for all staff using bright colours are being used to help visually impaired patients
- It was confirmed that there is capacity for storing notes
- Although the 5 "never events" are below average, a lot of work is being done to ensure that these incidents do not occur again

Resolved – (i) that the presentation be noted;

(ii) that the progress on 2013/14 priorities be noted; and

(iii) that priorities for 2014/15 be supported.

**HWASC
122.4/14**

UH Bristol Quality Account

The Commission received a presentation from Carolyn Mills, UBHT (Agenda Item No. 11) giving an overview of the Trust's progress against its 2013/14 priorities and its priorities for 2014/15.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following answers were provided:

- There is a specialist ward for stroke victims, although sometimes some of beds have to be used for other patients depending on bed capacity elsewhere in the hospital; there will be a move into the new building later this year when the beds will be reconfigured; obesity can cause strokes
- There are consultants who specialise in the treatment of strokes, but more resources are required
- It is standard practice to ask about family history and allergies before any drugs are prescribed or anaesthetic administered

Resolved – (i) that the report and presentation be noted;

(ii) that the progress on 2013/14 priorities be noted; and

(iii) that priorities for 2014/15 be supported.

**HWASC
123.4/14**

Health and Social Care Transformation – Briefing

The Commission considered a report of Kay Russell/Denise Hunt (Agenda Item No.12) giving a briefing on Health and Social Care Transformation.

Netta Meadows was in attendance for this item.

Netta Meadows introduced the report and summarised it for everyone.

During the debate and questioning that followed the following

answers were provided:

- Information will be provided on how Neighbourhood Partnerships are being made aware and involved in all the changes regarding Day Centres
- The Brentry site is out to tender to identify a strategic partner and bids have been submitted
- Members requested that they be invited to the official opening of Lanercost
- information on School Road, in terms of where people will go when it closes, either to other service or be cared for at home
- Assets are managed centrally and not all of the old homes were earmarked for sale; information will be provided on proposals for each of the sites
- Although most people moved to private homes, a team has met with individuals and families to agree where they want to go

RESOLVED – (i) that the report be noted;

(ii) that information on School Road, in terms of where people will go when it closes, either to other service or be cared for at home, be provided;

(iii) that information be provided on proposals for each of the sites;

(iv) that Information be provided on how Neighbourhood Partnerships are being made aware and involved in all the changes regarding Day Centres; and

(vi) that Members be invited to the official opening of Lanercost.

**HWASC
124.4/14**

Work Programme 2013/14

Romayne de Fonseca introduced the report and summarised it for

everyone.

Resolved – that the Work Programme 2013/14 be noted.

Information Item

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125.4/14 Date of next Meeting is to be advised in due course.

(The meeting ended at 4.55 pm.)

CHAIR