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North Yorkshire County Council

Scrutiny of Health Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at County Hall, Northallerton on 15 December 2017.

Present:-

Members:-

County Councillor Jim Clark (in the Chair)

County Councillors: Val Arnold, Liz Colling (Vice Chair), John Ennis, Mel Hobson, John Mann, Heather Moorhouse, Chris Pearson, Andy Solloway, Roberta Swiers, Robert Windass.

Co-opted Members:-

District Council Representatives:- Judith Chilvers (Selby), Ian Galloway (Harrogate), Bob Gardiner (Ryedale), Karin Sedgwick (Richmondshire), Kevin Hardisty (Hambleton)

In attendance:-

Janet Probert, Chief Operating Officer, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG

Lisa Pope, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG

Colin Martin, Chief Executive, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Adele Coulthard, Director of Operations, Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust

Dr James Dunbar, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Adrian Clements, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

County Councillor Caroline Dickinson, Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention, Supported Housing and STPs

County Council Officers:-

Clare Beard, Public Health, NYCC

Daniel Harry, Scrutiny Team Leader, NYCC

Louise Wallace, Health and Adult Services, NYCC

Matthew Slaney, Graduate Trainee, NYCC

Members of the public were in attendance

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors: Philip Barrett, Wendy Hull (Craven) and Jane Mortimer (Scarborough BC).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

21. Minutes

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2017 be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22. Any Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

23. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman provided the Committee with an update relating to the following matters:-

Ongoing meetings with health leads

The Cllr Jim Clark outlined the series of meetings that he had held with health commissioners and providers since the last meeting of the committee, as summarised below:

- 26 September - Amanda Bloor, HRD CCG
- 3 October – Simon Cox, SR CCG
- 27 October – Phil Mettam, VoY CCG
- 31 October – Bridget Fletcher, Airedale Hospital
- 14 November – Simon Pleydell, HCV STP
- 27 November – Amanda Bloor, HRD CCG and Adele Coulthard, TEWV
- 7 December – Ros Tolcher and Angela Schofield, Harrogate Hospital.

Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs)

Cllr Jim Clark said that there was no formal agenda item on STPs but that the current position could be summarised as follows:

West Yorkshire and Harrogate - the provision of specialist, emergency hyper acute stroke services and interventions could move from Harrogate to Leeds. Consultation on this not until after the May 2018 local government elections. Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny arrangements are in place but looking at individual work streams and not the programme as a whole. Joint work across health commissioners and providers in the STP is strong and they are moving towards the creation of an Accountable Care System by 1 April 2018.

Durham Darlington Tees and HRW – the STP is included in the Accountable Care System for the North East and Cumbria. Proposals for changes to acute services are under development with likely consultation in April 2018 onwards. Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny arrangements are in place but there is a sense amongst members that nothing meaningful has been achieved to date.

Humber Coast and Vale - Simon Pleydell has been appointed as the new Chair of the STP. Work is underway to re-establish the partnership, local leadership and firm up the STP Plan. A significant leadership meeting has been planned for December 2017. No transformational service changes are planned at this stage, however, officers are keeping this under review. No Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny arrangements are yet in place.

Suicide rates, suicide prevention and the House of Commons Health Committee 'Suicide Prevention Inquiry Report'

The Chair, Vice Chair and Daniel Harry met with Public Health officers Claire Robinson and Stephen Miller on Friday 24 November 2017 to review suicide prevalence in the county, the response to it and how effective that response was. The Chair noted that this was an exploratory discussion and that there would be follow up at the Scrutiny of Health Mid Cycle Briefing on 26 January 2018, when a number of other issues relating to mental health need and the commissioning and provision of services would be reviewed.

Castleberg, Settle

Cllr Jim Clark stated that a three-month consultation on the future use of the Castleberg Hospital site was launched on 14 November 2017 and that part of this, two options were being proposed:

- Option one - continue to provide inpatient care in the community and repair/restore Castleberg Hospital
- Option two - provide care in people's homes or in an alternative community setting (determined by need), and close Castleberg Hospital.

Cllr Jim Clark encouraged all those around the table to participate in the consultation and to encourage others to do so.

Scarborough and Ryedale procurement

Cllr Jim Clark noted that North Yorkshire County Council had been unsuccessful in their bid to tender for Scarborough and Ryedale community health services. Humber NHS Foundation Trust has been appointed as the preferred bidder.

Cllr Jim Clark said that representatives of the Humber NHS Foundation Trust would be invited to a future meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Committee to give an outline of the services that they will be offering and how they are different from previously.

Whitby Hospital

Cllr Jim Clark stated that York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is pulling out of the existing contract to provide outpatient services as of May 2018. Work was underway to find an alternative provider.

SNAP survey

Daniel Harry said that a link will be sent to committee members after the meeting to enable them to complete a SNAP survey. This is an anonymous on-line survey that is intended to gain a better understanding of how well scrutiny is working at the Council.

Additional meeting of the committee

Daniel Harry stated that an additional meeting of the committee has been requested to consider the proposals for consultation on the services provided at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton. It is likely that this will be held on 25 May 2018. The date that was previously held for this meeting, 23 February 2018, will now be used to enable other matters to be scrutinised.

24. Public Questions or Statements

There was a question from Mr Jim Forrest, Northallerton Over Fifties Forum (NAOFF), as follows:

“How is TEWV going to meet the Out of Area Patient (OAP) NHS England targets by 2020 under the proposed option that has been selected?

It cannot meet those targets now even with the current wards 14 and 15 existing at the Friarage. With Option 2 selected, all the inpatients will be OAP's, all out of North Yorkshire.”

Cllr Jim Clark thanked Mr Forrest for his question and attending the meeting of the committee. He asked representatives of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) to respond to this under Item 6 'Transforming Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire'.

25. County Council Notice of Motion on Mental Health Services in Northallerton and Harrogate

Considered -

The report of the Scrutiny Team Leader providing Members with an opportunity to discuss the Motion that was put to County Council on 8 November 2017, taking into account the views of the Area Committees, agreeing a recommendation to Executive

to consider at its meeting on 16 January 2018, ahead of a referral back to the meeting of County Council in February 2018.

County Councillor Geoff Webber spoke to the committee in relation to the second part of the Notice of Motion on mental health services in Harrogate. Cllr Webber raised the following points:

- A recent public event held in Harrogate by TEWV had an inherent bias towards change and a move away from the status quo
- Options were not presented for the improvement of the current services
- Concerns were raised that mental health in-patient services in Harrogate could be closed and that in-patient care would be transferred to York
- Any transfer to York would have a significant impact upon carers and relatives, who would face a long round trip using public transport, when making visits
- The Scrutiny of Health Committee existed to represent the electorate and not to act as an apologist for the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and other health commissioners
- The Scrutiny of Health Committee needed to put a marker down now and protect services.

Cllr Jim Clark thanked Cllr Webber for attending the committee. In response to some of the issues raised, Cllr Jim Clark said that the public engagement on mental health services in Harrogate and the surrounding area is only engagement and not a formal consultation. Consultation is expected to take place after the May 2018 local government elections.

Cllr Jim Clark reaffirmed his commitment to improving mental health services in the county and the role that the Scrutiny of Health Committee had to play as a non-partisan group of county and district councillors that worked together to consider evidence and facts before coming to a decision. Cllr Jim Clark expressed his sadness that discussions around mental health service reconfiguration were becoming increasingly politicised and that rumours and misinformation were being circulated that unduly increased anxiety amongst some of the most vulnerable people in the local community.

Daniel Harry then introduced the report that he had written for committee members, agenda item 5a 'Overview of mental health service reconfiguration', which provided a summary of some of the changes to mental health services in and around the county that have either been proposed or that are underway. Daniel Harry asked the committee to consider the recommendation that a piece of work be done with NYCC Public Health to establish what level of investment, services and care would be expected for the people of North Yorkshire, when the geography, demography and level of need is taken into account. The intention being that this could then be used as a basis for comparison with the services that are being developed by the Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust and the Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust.

Cllr John Mann asked that a review of mental health funding be included.

Cllr Heather Moorhouse said that the needs of different populations within North Yorkshire would need to be taken into account.

Resolved -

- (a) That the concerns raised by the Councillors who proposed the Notice of Motion and the issues raised by the Members of the three Area Committee were considered.
- (b) Regarding the Notice of Motion, recommend to Executive that the North Yorkshire Scrutiny of Health Committee continues to lead the scrutiny of

proposals for changes to mental health services in the county and report back to Council as appropriate.

- (c) The committee to hold an internal workshop at 10am on Friday 23 February 2018 to review a blueprint of what you would expect mental health services to look like in the county, if you were to start from scratch based upon levels and of need and best practice models for delivery.

26. Transforming Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

Considered -

Presentation by Janet Probert and Lisa Hope, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, Colin Martin, Chief Executive and Adele Coulthard, Director of Operations, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Daniel Harry circulated a paper copy of an email that had been received from County Councillor John Blackie on the day of the committee meeting, raising a number of concerns about the closure of mental health in-patient wards at the Friarage.

Janet Probert and Adele Coulthard gave the presentation, the key elements of which are summarised as below:

- The aim is to transform services across 5 key themes: more recovery-focussed, community services; increase treatment and support; access to specialist inpatient care; evidence-based treatment; working closely with GPs
- Three options were developed and consulted upon, with Option 2 the preferred option (enhanced community and crisis services with inpatient care provided at the nearest neighbouring hospital in either Darlington or Middlesbrough)
- 65% of those people who engaged in the formal consultation supported Option 2 (289 respondents)
- 74% of those people who engaged in the formal consultation stated they believed that Option 2 would result in better services
- 72% of those people who engaged in the formal consultation stated they believed that Option 2 would help get care closer to home for a majority
- People responding to the formal consultation raised concerns about transport and access to services as well as the impact of the closure of the mental health in-patient wards at the Friarage upon its long term sustainability
- 21 out of 22 GP practices in Hambleton and Richmondshire were supportive of Option 2
- The reconfiguration has to go through NHS England processes and take into account the findings of the Northern Clinical Senate
- The Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG Governing Body unanimously approved Option 2 at their Governing Body meeting on 26 October 2017.

Janet Probert confirmed that the next steps were to develop a strategy and a service specification for the transformed service, to better understand the timeline for the refurbishment of Roseberry Park, and to form an implementation group with service users. Janet Probert emphasised that co-production with service users was key to the success of the reconfiguration and the development of the community hub at the Friarage.

In response to specific queries about future of the Friarage, Janet Probert said that the closure of the in-patient wards will not have a negative impact upon the long term sustainability of the Friarage Hospital.

Cllr Jim Clark reminded the committee that the early findings from the recent public engagement on the services being delivered at the Friarage Hospital would be

discussed under Item 7 'Development of services at Friarage Hospital, Northallerton – update on engagement'.

Responding to the public question that had been asked by Mr Forrest, Janet Probert stated that the definition of 'out of area' that was worked to was one of 'not cared for within the normal care pathway'. In the case of patients in Hambleton or Richmondshire, the normal care pathway is currently the Friarage in Northallerton, West Park in Darlington and Roseberry Park in Middlesbrough.

Colin Martin said that out of area placements were a key performance indicator for TEWV. Whilst people do not leave the Trust, Colin Martin acknowledged that the Trust covered a large area.

Colin Martin stated that the development of enhanced community services with long hours, weekend cover and more integrated services should mean that there is less and less reliance on in-patient services over time.

Cllr Liz Colling queried whether NHS England use a standard definition of what an 'out of area' placement was.

Colin Martin said that there was a standard definition and that the TEWV interpretation was not moving the goalposts. Colin Martin then referred to a report by Lord Nigel Crisp on the issues facing adult patients in England needing acute care for mental health problems, which stated that in-patient care should be available for people within a 50km (33 mile) radius of where they live. Colin Martin said that the out of area criteria was a balance between the NHS England definition and the Lord Nigel Crisp definition.

Cllr Jim Clark asked whether Mr Forrest wanted to ask a supplementary question.

Mr Forrest stated that the definition of 'out of area placements' appeared to have changed and that whilst an increase in community-based services was welcomed, there remained an issue about the lack of transport infrastructure in the county that would enable carers and relatives of visit loved ones when an in-patient.

Janet Probert acknowledged that transport was recognised as being an issue and said that work was being done with a number of partners including the County Council to see what options there were with community transport.

Cllr Heather Moorhouse queried where the community services would be based and how they would operate.

Adele Coulthard said that staff will be based at community hubs at Colburn and the Friarage in Northallerton and that they will go out to see people in their homes. The intention would also be to move people from in-patient care to community-based care, as and when appropriate.

Adele Coulthard stated that community-based mental health services were being aligned with health and social care services and that they were working towards a joint offer across mental and physical health.

Cllr Jim Clark then asked those present from TEWV to work through the slide in the presentation entitled 'Next Steps', the penultimate slide, providing more detail. The subsequent responses from TEWV representatives are summarised as below:

- The refurbishment of Roseberry Park in Middlesbrough has just started and will be up to full speed in January 2018. It is difficult to know the extent and complexity of the corrective works required to the building until one block has been refurbished. The current date for completion of the work is July 2018.

- The in-patient wards at the Friarage will not be closed until the work at Roseberry Park has been completed
- The development of the new community hub on the Friarage Hospital site is likely to start around the end of 2018. It is anticipated that this would be a 9 months build and so the new service would open in late summer 2019. The work would need to be synchronised with the operation of the hospital and the build of the new cancer facility.
- Service users are involved in the design of the community hub and community services.

Cllr Val Arnold said that people needed to be kept up to date with developments and not left worrying about the future of services based on what they were hearing from elsewhere.

Cllr Kevin Hardisty noted concerns about the timescales for the development of the community hub on the Friarage Hospital site.

Colin Martin agreed that the timescales were ambitious but that he did not want to let the completion date slide.

Cllr Andy Solloway said that what was being developed at the Friarage looked impressive and that it was something that could only be dreamed of in Craven. Cllr Andy Solloway also stated that it was a shame that an issue of such local importance as the reconfiguration of mental health services had been politicised.

In summing up, Cllr Jim Clark said that the strength of feeling was understandable but that the committee had to make judgements based upon facts. Mental health services in the county were improving and TEWV had done a great deal of good since taking on most of the mental health services in North Yorkshire.

Cllr Jim Clark said that the committee would maintain an ongoing review of the reconfiguration of mental health services in Hambleton and Richmondshire.

Resolved -

- (a) Thank Janet Probert, Lisa Pope, Adele Coulthard and Colin Martin for attending the committee meeting
- (b) The email received from Cllr John Blackie on the closure of mental health in-patient wards at the Friarage to be circulated to all members of the committee
- (c) A copy of the report of the Independent Commission led by Lord Nigel Crisp that was set up in 2015 to address the issues facing adult patients in England needing acute care for mental health problems, be circulated to the committee (referencing the guidance in travel distances to services)
- (d) That the impact of proposed service changes upon travel times is taken into account
- (e) That some assurances are given regarding the long term sustainability of the new service models
- (f) That the move of funding from in-patient services to community services is done in an open and transparent way
- (g) That service users continue to be engaged in all aspects of the transformation of community and in-patient mental health services in Hambleton and Richmondshire

- (h) That a countywide view of mental health service commissioning and provision is adopted by CCGs, TEWV and partners
- (i) Come back to the meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Mid Cycle Briefing on 26 January 2018 and the Committee meeting on 16 March 2018 to update on progress, specifically the timelines and milestones for reconfiguration.

27. Building a Sustainable Future for the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton

Considered -

Presentation by Dr Adrian Clements and Dr James Dunbar, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Janet Probert, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG to provide an update on the public engagement that has taken place to date.

Dr Adrian Clements introduced the presentation, the key points of which are summarised below:

- There are workforce pressures in the following areas: A&E; 24/7 anaesthetic cover; critical care unit; and acute medicine service
- It is no longer possible to make do with temporary fixes, like use of locums and changes to rotas
- 11 public events have taken place with over 420 people in attendance
- 18 further community events are planned
- There was cynicism, based upon previous management of service reconfiguration at the Friarage
- There is a lack of understanding about clinical independencies of services
- Transport a key issue
- Ambulance response times also an issue
- A report on the outcome of the public engagement be made public before potential formal consultation begins.

Dr Adrian Clements acknowledged that people did not necessarily trust the management at South Tees and that more needed to be done to re-build that trust and work together to develop a sustainable future for the Friarage.

Dr Adrian Clements said that the Royal College of Emergency Medicine was due to visit the Friarage on 19 December 2017 and that the Royal College of Anaesthesia had previously visited on 7 December 2017 and their report was due. The Colleges were helping with the development of options for how services could be delivered at the Friarage.

Cllr Heather Moorhouse noted that concerns remained that there was a plan to close the Friarage by stealth.

Dr James Dunbar said that the South Tees Trust was committed to the Friarage and the development of a sustainable model for the delivery of health service there for the next 10 to 15 years. There had been substantial investment in the site recently, including the Sir Robert Ogden Macmillan Centre and the MRI Scanner. New services were also being considered for location at the Friarage, such as Ophthalmology.

Cllr Jim Clark said that he felt confident that there were no plans to close the Friarage. Reassurances had been received from Siobhan McArdle, the Chief Executive at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, that the intention was for the Friarage, Darlington Memorial and the James Cook to work together to provide services for the people in the northern part of the county.

Daniel Harry then passed around a paper that had been received from Cllr Jack Dobson at Northallerton Town Council, which referred to medical services at the Friarage.

Cllr Jim Clark referred to the paper and stated that this would not be accepted by the committee until such time as legal advice could be sought. The concern was that it was not clear who the paper was originally from and so the contents could not be readily validated.

Cllr Kevin Hardisty said that local people were passionate about the Friarage and that the information that had been received at the meeting, concerning efforts to develop the hospital, was very welcome. The issue for South Tees remained one of getting the message out there and challenging the mis-information and rumour that was causing so much upset and distress locally. Cllr Kevin Hardisty stated his support for the work being done by South Tees, the engagement to date and the efforts of the speakers.

Janet Probert reiterated that the public engagement that had been undertaken to date was public engagement only and not a formal consultation.

Cllr Jim Clark noted that there was still some way to go yet and that a date for the launch of the formal consultation had been pencilled in for May 2018.

Janet Probert then gave an overview of two amendments to services at the Friarage that were relevant to the discussions, the standby ambulance that currently supports the nurse-led maternity service and the Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit.

Regarding the Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit, the service has been reviewed to understand how it could be delivered more effectively and efficiently. The service will still look after the same children but may look different.

Regarding the standby ambulance, Janet Probert said that a report had been circulated with the papers for the committee meeting outlining the rationale for the standby ambulance, how often it is used, how much it costs and what similar areas with nurse-led maternity services do. In summary, the standby ambulance is expensive (£693,000 per annum), used relatively infrequently (less than 1 a week) and one of a kind. It is increasingly difficult to justify having it, particularly when Yorkshire Ambulance Service would be able to undertake any emergency transport from the Friarage to the James Cook Hospital at Middlesbrough. Janet Probert confirmed that the ambulance would be withdrawn from 1 April 2018.

Daniel Harry circulated a paper copy of an email that had been received from County Councillor John Blackie on the day of the committee meeting, raising a number of concerns about the removal of the standby ambulance.

Cllr Jim Clark said that he understood why Cllr Jim Blackie was concerned but that there was insufficient evidence presented to the committee for the process to be stopped. Cllr Jim Clark re-iterated that the decisions made by the committee had to be evidence-led and not based upon unsubstantiated concerns, conjecture and assumptions.

Cllr Heather Moorhouse said that surely expectant mothers would be assessed early on as to whether they needed care at the James Cook, due to a particular risk, or whether it was appropriate that they stayed at the Friarage.

In summing up, Cllr Jim Clark thanked Janet Probert for bring this matter to the attention of the committee.

Resolved -

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- (a) Thank Janet Probert, Dr Adrian Clements and Dr James Dunbar for attending the committee
- (b) Request that every effort is made to engage with a broad range of people and not just those people that are usually involved in consultation and engagement events
- (c) Committee members encourage people in their area to take part in this and other consultation and engagement events on health services in and around the county
- (d) Request further updates are brought to the meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Mid Cycle Briefing on 26 January 2018 and the Committee meeting on 16 March 2018
- (e) Seek confirmation that the date that is being held for the launch of the consultation, 10am on 25 May 2018, can be confirmed.

Standby ambulance and Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit

- (a) Thank Janet Probert for bring these issues to the attention of the committee
- (b) The email received from Cllr John Blackie on the standby ambulance service at the Friarage to be circulated to all members of the committee
- (c) Request that Janet Probert provide an update, 6 months after the changes have been made, on any issues that have arisen.

28. Winter Pressure and Delayed Transfers of Care

Considered -

Presentation by Louise Wallace, Assistant Director of Health and Adult Services, providing an overview of the potential pressures upon the health and social care system associated with winter and what plans are put in place to mitigate them.

Louise Wallace introduced the presentation by highlighting a number of risks that contributed to an increase in hospital, including icy roads, slips and trips, increases in respiratory exacerbations and influenza. Some of the key elements of the presentation are summarised as follows:

- Winter pressures upon the NHS have been an issue for the past few years. Plans are in place and the NHS works closely with local government
- Activity is co-ordinated through the North Yorkshire Winter Health Strategy 2015-2020 and the North Yorkshire Seasonal Winter Health Strategic Partnership
- There are four A&E Boards in the county that are attended by Assistant Directors from Health and Adult Services. The A&E Boards each have a winter resilience plan, which has to be signed off by NHS England.
- Social care is available to participate in daily conference calls regarding managing demand and pressure in system pressure
- Delayed Transfers of Care (DToC) is a key measure that is used. There are improving trends locally.
- A key issue is building capacity in social care and to support people in the community so that there are no unnecessary readmissions to hospital.

Janet Probert said that it was important to focus upon prevention, identification of people at risk and early intervention that could support people in the community.

Hospital stays for older people beyond the need for immediate critical care could be risky and affect their long term health outcomes.

Cllr John Mann queried the role that the Out of Hours GP Service had to play and whether they were able to plan for peak demand over the winter period.

In response, Janet Probert said that the peak demand was well known and planned for. Also, that extended hours had been introduced in North Yorkshire across a number of key sites, which would help with the management of high demand for services and also offer an alternative to going to hospital.

Cllr John Ennis queried whether the progress that had been made with the reduction in DToCs had been at the expense of an increase in hospital re-admissions.

Janet Probert said that this did not appear to be the case. Also, that re-admissions were not a bad thing per se as medical staff often make a judgement that someone would be better off in their own home whilst accepting that their condition may then deteriorate and that they then need to be re-admitted to hospital.

Resolved -

- (a) Thank Louise Wallace for attending
- (b) Request that an overview of how well services have performance and managed demand over the 2017/18 winter period be brought back to a future meeting of the committee.

29. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for North Yorkshire 2018-21

Considered -

Report of Clare Beard, Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council updating on progress made with the development of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), identifying key issues and enabling the committee to comment as part of the 60 day public consultation.

Clare Beard introduced the report and made the following comments about the PNA:

- Engagement of key stakeholders in the development of the PNA has been good
- The PNA has not revealed any immediate concerns in terms of gaps in service delivery and access to community pharmacies
- Overall, North Yorkshire has better provision of community pharmacies than other areas of England
- There is an issue relating to access to community pharmacies in areas that neighbour North Yorkshire. As such, all neighbouring PNAs are under review
- Community pharmacies continue to play a key role in supporting self-care in the community
- The consultation will be open until midnight on 11 February 2018
- The final draft of the PNA will be published in March 2018 and go to the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off.

Cllr John Ennis queried whether all community pharmacies had private spaces set aside where confidential consultations could be held.

Clare Beard said that there was a commitment from community pharmacies in North Yorkshire to have these spaces in place wherever possible but that sometimes there were difficulties posed by the structure of the building.

Cllr Liz Colling, a member of Community Pharmacy North Yorkshire, stated that all but one community pharmacy in the county had a consultation area. One of the key issues, however, was ensuring the provision of hand washing facilities.

Cllr Andy Solloway noted that the PNA had shown that North Yorkshire had comparatively good provision of community pharmacies. As such, was there a risk that the PNA would be used by central government as evidence to reduce funding to the county.

In response, Clare Beard said that would not be that case and that the local market was healthy and expanding with new entrants coming in. The real challenge, which is as yet unquantifiable, is that from on-line pharmacies.

Resolved -

- (a) Thank Clare Beard for attending
- (b) Committee members encourage people in their area to take part in this and other consultation and engagement events on health services in and around the county
- (c) Request that the outcome of the consultation and any resultant changes to the PNA are brought back to the meeting of the committee on 16 March 2018.

30. Health and Social Care Workforce Planning

Considered -

The report of the Scrutiny Team Leader presenting the draft report of the joint scrutiny on health and social care workforce planning by the Scrutiny of Health Committee and the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee, for Members to review. In doing so, identifying any gaps, omissions or inaccuracies, and assuring themselves that the recommendations are specific, realistic and relevant to the evidence base presented in this report.

Daniel Harry summarised the key findings in the report and gave an overview of the recommendations. He noted a slight amendment to the recommendations at a national level, changing "The committees write to HM Government" to "The committees write to the Secretary of State for Health, the Chair of the House of Commons Select Committee on Health, the Shadow Secretary of State and North Yorkshire's MPs".

Daniel Harry suggested that members agree the report in principle, as had been the case at the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 14 December 2017, subject to any further minor amendments required. Daniel Harry suggested that members get back to him by 31 December 2017 with any necessary revisions.

Cllr Val Arnold, as a member of the task and finish group, said that the report reflected the discussions that had taken place and the evidence that had been submitted. Cllr Val Arnold asked that the work that Daniel Harry and Ray Busby had done to support this piece of work be noted.

Cllr John Ennis echoed the statement by Cllr Arnold and said that the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee members had supported the recommendations at their meeting of 14 December 2017.

Cllr Jim Clark said that the recommendations were strong but relevant and appropriate. The workforce pressures being faced across health and social care in the county need to be addressed, if there are to be services that are sustainable in the long term.

Resolved -

- (a) Endorse the report and its recommendations, with any further points of clarification or amendment being sent to Daniel Harry by 31 December 2017
- (b) Thank the members of the task and finish group, scrutiny officers and all those who contributed to the report for all of their work
- (c) The report to go to the next available meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration
- (d) Letters to the Secretary of State for Health, the Chair of the House of Commons Select Committee on Health, the Shadow Secretary of State and North Yorkshire's MPs to be written and sent as soon as possible, by the Chair of the Committee.

31. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Scrutiny Team Leader, North Yorkshire County Council, for the Committee to discuss and check that the Work Programme reflects the key issues that need to be addressed.

Resolved -

- (a) That the report be noted.
- (b) That any Committee Member that had an issue that they felt needed inclusion on the Work Programme send this to Daniel Harry so that it could be discussed by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Spokespersons at the next Mid Cycle Briefing.

The meeting concluded at 12:45

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