

Social Inclusion and Health Sub-Committee
21 NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Councillors: David Skipp (Chairman), Alan Britten, Matthew French, Liz Kitchen and Ben Staines

Natalie Brahma-Pearl, Director of Community Services

Apologies: Councillors: Roger Clarke and Tricia Youtan

Also Present: Councillors: Leonard Crosbie, Nigel Jupp, Kate Rowbottom, Claire Vickers

10 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Matthew French be appointed Vice-Chairman of the sub-committee for the rest of the Council Year.

11 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th June were approved as a correct record.

12 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

13 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

14 **HORSHAM HOSPITAL AND PRIMARY CARE DEVELOPMENT IN HORSHAM TOWN**

The Chairman of the sub-committee welcomed Dr Simon Dean, Locality Co-Chair Clinical Director and Dr Minesh Patel, Clinical Lead, of Horsham & Mids Sussex CCG, who had been invited to respond to questions and concerns regarding: Horsham Hospital, Primary Care Provision in Horsham and Patient Transport. The focus of the meeting was on Horsham town and the surrounding more built-up areas.

Dr Dean gave Members an overview of services that were being developed:

- The phlebotomy service at Horsham Hospital had been extended to help deal with demand. An appointment system was required to improve the

service and address parking problems at peak periods and funding for this was being sought (by SASH (Surrey and Sussex Healthcare)) with a view to introducing an appointment system after April 2017.

- Musculo-Skeletal services were being improved to include improved treatments for patients with muscle and joint conditions at Horsham Hospital and in approximately six weeks' time an infusion service for rheumatoid patients will be introduced.
- The Minor Injuries Unit at Horsham Hospital was currently being reviewed to improve the services offered there. The Director and Chairman of CCG confirmed that a key part of the strategy that the CCG were pursuing was to develop Horsham Hospital into a hub that would offer a more integrated service, including primary care.

Members were mindful of the growing population in and around Horsham and were advised that in order to build resilience practices were being encouraged to work together to share resources and increase efficiency.

In response to concerns about current capacity, Members were advised that there was currently some GP capacity, with some surgeries actively recruiting. Some surgeries had stopped taking on new patients, but this was a temporary measure.

Members discussed the level and nature of investment that would be required and Dr Patel stressed that efficiency was the main drive for evolving services, together with re-educating the public to facilitate a culture change away from the traditional GP/patient relationship. Whilst this was the case, seeking additional funding was an important aspect of the CCG's remit. Members discussed the NHS England funding process and noted recent bids for funding.

Members were advised that from April 2017 NHS England were introducing new funding arrangements which would allow the CCG more flexibility especially in relation to Primary Care. This is called "Delegated Commissioning", whereby some functions of NHS England would be delegated to the local area. The CCG would take this on in April 2017, subject to NHS England meeting the CCG's criteria regarding ring fencing of primary care budgets and some other issues. There was also work being undertaken as part of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) looking at the wider area and in particular secondary care services. The placed based plan produced as part of a recent submission to NHS England was in the public domain.

The Director and Chairman of CCG outlined different models that could be adopted in the future, in particular: the merging of practices to form a federal model where staff and services were shared across a wider area; creating super practices; and absorbing GP services into hospitals. The use of Horsham Hospital was a key part to the CCG's provisional strategy.

Members were advised that GPs within the area had agreed to 'Wave Two' in the process of working with the Community Trust and the Mental Health Trust in order to become a multi-specialist community provider.

Members discussed the larger residential developments that would lead to increased demand in certain localities. Dr Patel and the HDC Director of Community Services both stressed that creating new small-scale surgeries close to new developments was not a sustainable solution and the way forward was investment in integrating and developing existing services.

Whilst it was acknowledged that strategic forward planning was challenging because of the fragmented nature of the current situation, the Chairman of the sub-committee noted that GPs appeared to be more open to looking at ways of working together and hoped that the CCG were developing a strategy with specific deliverable targets.

The HDC Director of Community Services confirmed that the Council was working closely with the CCG and local GPs to help facilitate the changes that needed to be adopted to ensure a long term solution for the whole of Horsham.

- Dr Dean agreed to supply information regarding ophthalmology services in the Horsham area to the sub-committee.
- The Cabinet Member for Planning & Development questioned the commuted sum from the North Horsham Development towards health provision. Dr Patel agreed to look into this and provide a response.
- Dr Patel suggested that the Chairman of the sub-committee invite them back to a future meeting to talk about STP (Sustainability and Transformation Planning).

With regards to Patient Transport, Members welcomed the new arrangement with South Central Ambulance Service Trust (SCAS), which was taking over the service in phases with a view to running the service entirely by March 2017. The previous contractor, Coperforma, had failed to deliver a satisfactory service. Members were advised that information regarding the handover to the new provider was available on the Horsham and Midsussex CCG website.

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN