

**Social Inclusion and Health Sub-Committee**  
**6 MARCH 2017**

Present: Councillors: David Skipp (Chairman), Matthew French (Vice-Chairman), Alan Britten and Tricia Youtan

Apologies: Councillors: Roger Clarke, Liz Kitchen and Ben Staines

Also Present: David Coldwell, Leonard Crosbie and Nigel Jupp

15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November were approved as a correct record.

16 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

17 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

18 **SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN (STP)**

Dr Minesh Patel, Clinical Lead at Horsham and Mid-Sussex CCG and Dr Simon Dean, Locality Co-Chair Clinical Director were invited to the meeting of the Sub-Committee to provide Members with some further information on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

In early 2016 Sussex and East Surrey, encompassing areas including East Surrey, High Weald, East Sussex, Horsham, Mid-Sussex and the Coastal CCGs came together to create a sustainable NHS for the population in these areas or "footprint." It would transform the current health service and Michael Wilson, Chief Executive of East Surrey Hospital was elected Chairman of the local STP.

There were inevitable difficulties in bringing together the different parties along with financial issues, efficiency measures, transforming services and differences in the delivery of care across the organisations. The STP was looking to improve the service delivery and the quality of health and wellbeing across the population.

The Right Care programme which was a nationally delivered programme of care at the heart of the transformation plans was continuing in its process and was arriving at the point of opening up for public debate and clinical forums.

Members of the Sub-Committee expressed their concerns around the location of the Trauma centre at Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Trust, although it was noted that it had successfully brought together number of services the location was not considered to be ideal.

Members were informed that none of the hospital sites were facing closure, instead many of which were considered not to be used to their maximum potential and had a number of opportunities available to them under the new plan, such as the Princess Royal Hospital at Haywards Heath.

Members also noted that Place Based plans were being developed which were systems of care intended to be more proactive, rather than reactive, with a more targeted approach to helping people manage their social care.

Staff recruitment in the NHS was likely to get worse over the next four years, Dr Patel explained that they were looking to move forward with a 8am to 8pm weekday health care service and, in addition, for GPs to extend their surgeries to potentially a six day service, over the next two years. If GPs did not comply, the CCG would procure the service on the open market.

The STP would be looking into all aspects of health care, with the driver being the demand for the services. The current health care programme would not be sufficient going forward. Members were assured that the new STP would not lose sight of local issues and plans.

Members noted an accumulative four year deficit across the STP footprint of over £800 million, as part of the STP they would work towards clearing this.

Members questioned whether the NHS was at a point where it would be forced to charge patients for certain elements of care or services. Dr Patel explained that there was an element of wastage across the NHS and that there were many non-evidence based practices and all these elements should be looked at to ensure that patients were offered the right care plan, based on clinical evidence, before considering co-payment.

Personalised care plans would be developed, as each patients' needs were different and patients would be better informed under the new programme, in order to make the right decisions based on their personal needs.

Plans to develop Horsham Hospital into a "hub" were on going, all sites were being reviewed as part of the new model. Surrey and Sussex Health Care (SASH) was engaged with the Sussex Community Trust in regards to Horsham's Minor Injury Unit (MIU) and linking the services to other sites. Members noted that 60% of patients who attend the MIU walk out without any treatment, and instead provided only with advice or leaflets. 10% of patients were sent to their GPs.

Members welcomed the news that from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017, Horsham Hospital phlebotomy service would open for the extended hours of 8.00am to 4.00pm on Monday to Friday, this was a positive result arising from the work of the Sub-

Committee. However, the parking at the Hospital continued to be an on going problem, although an appointment service would not be provided at the phlebotomy department, with the extended opening hours it was anticipated that this would help reduce the parking problems.

At the last meeting of the sub-committee The Cabinet Member for Planning & Development questioned the commuted sum from the North Horsham Development towards health provision. Dr Patel explained that they had taken the maximum amount that they were advised was available at the time.

Information on the ophthalmology services in Horsham had been circulated to Members via email since the last meeting.

Members noted that GPs were engaged in the plans going forward.

The sub-committee agreed that it would invite Dr Patel and Dr Dean back to a future meeting to provide an update on progress in approximately six months time.

*The meeting closed at 7.13 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm*

CHAIRMAN