

Hinchingbrooke Hospital Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Process: Draft

1. Preliminary Work Sept 2006 – Feb 2007

- 1.1. Following growing public and member concern about the financial difficulties at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Cambridgeshire County Council Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASCSC) held a special scrutiny committee meeting on 18th October 2006, on the financial situation and future services at Hinchingbrooke Hospital. This meeting considered evidence from Jane Herbert, the Acting Chief Executive Hinchingbrooke Healthcare NHS Trust (HHCT); Paul Watson, Director of Commissioning, East of England Strategic Health Authority, and Chris Towns, Acting Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire Primary Care Trust (PCT).
- 1.2. Cambridgeshire County Council officers informally contacted the health scrutiny committees of all the authorities whose residents used Hinchingbrooke Hospital, to obtain an indication of which authorities might be interested in participating in a joint scrutiny committee.
- 1.3. Informal meetings between representatives of authorities that had expressed an interest in taking part in the joint committee, a representative of the Hinchingbrooke Hospital PPI Forum, and representatives of HHCT and Cambridgeshire PCT were held on 16th December 2006 and 2nd February 2007 to discuss the public consultation process and timescale. At those meetings, the councillors discussed draft terms of reference and activities for the joint committee.

2. The Formal Scrutiny

The joint scrutiny committee activities were as follows:

2.1. First Meeting: 28th February 2007

The Committee

- Elected Cllr Geoffrey Heathcock as Chairman, and Cllr Stephen Male as Vice Chairman.
- Agreed terms of reference
- Considered presentations on the proposals from:
 - Chris Banks, Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire PCT and Simon Wood, Interim Programme Director for Service Reconfiguration, East of England Strategic Health Authority (EoE SHA)
 - Dr Mark Sanderson, Chair-Elect and elective services lead of Huntingdonshire Consortium for Practice Based Commissioning (HuntsComm)
 - Mr Boon Lim, Medical Director, HHCT

- Considered a presentation on the consultation process from Karen Mason, Acting Director of Communications and Public Involvement, Cambridgeshire PCT

Further information on the proposals was given by Darren Leech, Project Director, HHCT; Tom Dutton, Asst Director, Strategic Planning, Cambridgeshire PCT; Sharron Cozens, Acting Lead for Older People's and Adults Services, Cambridgeshire PCT

2.2. Second meeting: 16th March 2007

The Committee considered:

- Reports from Cambridgeshire PCT and HHCT giving more detail on the proposals. Further information was given by:
 - HHCT: Darren Leech; Dr Boon Lim; Sue Smith, Chairman, HHCT Board; Karen Charman, Director of Human Resources and Communications;
 - Cambridgeshire PCT: Matthew Smith Assistant Director, Commissioning; Chris Banks: Rachel Harrison Asst Director of Finance; Janet Dullaghan, Chief Operations Officer, provider side,
 - Simon Wood EoE SHA
- Comments on the proposals from Mark Howe, Head of Adults Client Side Cambridgeshire County Council, on behalf of the County Council and Adult Social Care. Further information was given by Janet Dullaghan, and Darren Leech.
- An update on the consultation process given by Chris Banks

2.3. Third meeting: 2nd April 2007

The Committee

- Elected Cllr Kevin Reynolds as Vice-Chairman to replace Cllr Stephen Male

Considered:

- Reports from Cambridgeshire PCT and HHCT giving further detail on the proposals. Further information was given by:
 - HHCT Darren Leech
 - Cambridgeshire PCT: Chris Banks, Tom Dutton, Assistant Director, Strategic Planning; Janice Steed, Director of Strategic Development and Commissioning
 - EoE SHA: Simon Wood

- A presentation from Dr Dennis Cox, Professional Executive Committee Chair, Cambridgeshire PCT, on extending primary care. Further information was given by Dr Christine Macleod, Head of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Public Health Network, Janice Steed, and Dr Mark Sanderson
- A presentation from Judi Davis, Locality Chief Operating Officer Cambridgeshire, East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust, on Ambulance Service considerations in relation to the consultation proposals
- Information from Cllr Mac McGuire, Cabinet Lead Member for Transport and Delivery, and Paul Nelson, Local Passenger Transport manager, Cambridgeshire County Council, on the implications of the consultation proposals for the County Councils provision of transport. Further information was given by Janice Steed
- A GP perspective on the proposals from Dr Guy Watkins, Chief Executive, Cambridgeshire Local Medical Committee
- A presentation on the implications for social care of the proposals by Claire Bruin, Director of Adult Support Services, Cambridgeshire County Council; Vinny Logan, Board Nurse, and Sharron Cozens, Cambridgeshire PCT. Further information was given by Janice Steed
- An update of the consultation process given by Karen Mason, Cambridgeshire PCT
- Feedback from a sub-group of the Committee, Cllr Stephen Male, Cllr Peter Downes, Dr Angela Owen-Smith and Nick Roberts, who had met representatives of HHCT on behalf of the Committee on 22nd March 2007 to look at the financial and risk assessment background to the proposals.

3 Further Committee meetings

3.1 Friday April 11th 2007: To finalise the Committee's response to the consultation

Wednesday 18th July 2007 To hear Cambridgeshire PCT response to the Committee's comments, agree any further action, and review the wider consultation process.

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