

The **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** met at **WARWICK** on the **25th JANUARY, 2006**

Present:-

Members of the Committee:

County Councillors: Jerry Roodhouse (Chair)
Anne Forwood (Vice Chair)
Sarah Boad
Marion Haywood
Bob Hicks
Anita Macaulay
Frank McCarney
Helen McCarthy
Raj Randev

District Councillors: Richard Meredith (North
Warwickshire Borough
Council)
Bill Hancox (Nuneaton and
Bedworth Borough Council)
Michael Kinson (Warwick
District Council)

Other County Councillors:

Bob Stevens (Cabinet Portfolio Holder –
Performance Management)

Officers:

Victoria Gould – Principal Solicitor
Alwin McGibbon – Health Scrutiny Officer

Also Present:-

Danielle Cecchini (Rugby PCT)
Roger Copping (Member of the Patient and Public
Involvement Forum – South Warwickshire PCT)
Martin Eversfield (Member of the Patient and Public
Involvement Forum – Rugby)
David Gee (Member of the Patient and Public
Involvement Forum – South Warwickshire PCT)
Louise Humphries (South Warwickshire PCT)
Peter Jackson (Member of the Patient and Public
Involvement Forum – South Warwickshire PCT)
Peter Maddock (Rugby PCT)
Sue Morgan (South Warwickshire PCT)

1. **General**

(1) **Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor John Haynes. It was also noted that Councillor Helen McCarthy would not be able to attend the early part of the meeting because of a clash of County Council engagements. In addition Ann Beaufoy (Member of the Patient and Public Involvement Forum – North Warwickshire PCT) had indicated that she could not attend.

(2) **Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Personal interests were recorded in respect of the following members by virtue of being members of the Borough/District Council indicated:-

Councillor Bill Hancox – Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.
Councillor Michael Kinson – Warwick District Council.
Councillor Anita Macaulay – Stratford-on-Avon District Council.
Councillor Richard Meredith – North Warwickshire Borough Council.
Councillor Jerry Roodhouse – Rugby Borough Council.
Councillor Bob Stevens – Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

Councillor Anita Macaulay also disclosed a personal interest as a current user of the NHS.

2. **Local Delivery Plans**

(1) **South Warwickshire PCT**

The representatives of the South Warwickshire PCT made a presentation to members. The following points arose from the presentation and questions and answers session:-

- (i) South Warwickshire PCT was on line to meet key targets.
- (ii) GPs in South Warwickshire were keen to become involved with providing specialist services in their surgeries. The level of that involvement would vary for different practices.
- (iii) There was tension this year in connection with the activity around admission to hospital. It was proposed to provide more beds in Community Hospitals to prevent admissions to the acute sector hospitals.
- (iv) South Warwickshire PCT have done considerable work with Coventry University and others on promoting breastfeeding.
- (v) An example of diversity activity was the design of diabetes services to meet the specific needs of the Asian population in the south.
- (vi) Community Matrons would reduce the need for regular admission to hospital of those patients requiring a high level of service.

- (vii) Use was being made of weather forecasts from the Met Office to identify periods when there would be an increase in COPD problems.
- (viii) The Director of Public Health was working with local authorities on HIV awareness raising and prevention.
- (ix) There was a focus on primary care services with an aim of reducing the need for expensive secondary care.
- (x) The acute service review was likely to focus on provision on appropriate sites where there could be a concentration of people with the necessary skills and the best use could be made of high cost capital equipment. There was also an issue about those persons with special skills having a sufficient caseload to maintain their expertise.
- (xi) South Warwickshire PCT now had a falls co-ordinator.

The Chair thanked the presentation team.

(2) Rugby PCT

The representatives of the Rugby PCT made a presentation to members. The following points arose from the presentation and questions and answers session:-

- (i) The LDP did not show core service provision as it was concerned with incremental changes and development of services.
- (ii) The intention was to control growth in secondary care by focussing on primary care in the community.
- (iii) The LDP would dovetail with the plans of neighbouring NHS Trust.
- (iv) The simple breath test for identifying the existence of ulcers could be carried out at GP surgeries.
- (v) Rugby PCT looking at possibility of using GPs to expand the population of counsellors for depression.
- (vi) An Integrated Service Improvement Plan would identify the key change programme across the local health community.
- (vii) There were a number of issues impacting upon the LDP that required clarification:- (a) final guidance from the DoH, expected by the end of January 2006; (b) guidance on practice based commissioning; (c) changes to tariff and inflation uplift; (d) whether there would be flexibility on the 18 weeks milestone.
- (viii) The Rugby PCT was using Community Matrons to deal with patients with long term conditions.

The Chair thanked the presentation team.

(3) North Warwickshire PCT

The representatives of the North Warwickshire PCT made a presentation to members. The following points arose from the presentation and questions and answers session:-

- (i) Each PCT would have slight variations in local targets.
- (ii) There was twenty-four hour dental coverage in North Warwickshire.
- (iii) There were no plans for hospices.

The Chair thanked the presentation team.

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Chair

The Committee rose at 12.15 p.m.