

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

5th September 2007

Agenda

A meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **WEDNESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2007 at 10 a.m.**

The agenda will be:

1. General

- (1) Apologies for absence
- (2) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of a district or borough council is classed as a personal interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without making a declaration.

- (3) Minutes of the meetings held on the 11th July 2007.
- (4) Matter arising – Update on Paediatrics and Maternity Services

The Committee are reviewing paediatric and maternity services via visits as follows:-

- George Eliot Hospital – 17th October 2007
- University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire – 13th November 2007 (provisional)

2 Public Question Time (Standing Order 34)

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

For further information on the public question time please contact Phil Maull on 01926 412834 or e-mail philmaull@warwickshire.gov.uk.

3 West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust – Consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of Emergency Operations Centres in the West Midlands

Between the 2nd July and 1st October 2007, the West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust is consulting on proposals to re-configure the five existing emergency centres within the region into two regional centres and one support centre. A copy of the consultation document is attached for the Committee's consideration. The Trust will be represented at the meeting by its Chairman, Sir Graham Meldrum, CBE, OStJ and Keith Prior, Locality Director Coventry & Warwickshire.

4 Review of Childhood Obesity in Warwickshire – Final Report of the Childhood Obesity Panel

The aim of this review was to assess the extent of childhood obesity within the county, the causes of childhood obesity and the consequences of childhood obesity. The review looked at the services of the NHS to see what they did to help reduce the incidence of childhood obesity and also as part of the public health agenda it took into account the services provided by Borough and District Councils and relevant departments within the County Council. Comments from the Children, Young People and Families Directorate are also attached.

Recommendations

That the Committee considers:

- (1) the final report of the Childhood Obesity Panel.
- (2) the recommendations as laid out in section 19 of the report.

Councillor Tony Dixon, Chair of the Panel, intends to make a presentation to the Committee.

5 Rugby Mental Health Services

The Joint Panel visited mental health services in Rugby and at the Caludon Centre, Coventry. The evidence gathering meeting will take place at Rugby Town Hall on the 24th September 2007.

6 Responses to Recommendations

(1) Mental Health Panel – Phase II Recommendations

The Committee to receive a response from Sandy Taylor, Chief Executive, Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, to the recommendations contained in the Mental Health Panel – Phase II report. Copy letter from Sandy Taylor attached.

(2) Provision of information on the reimbursement of travel and parking costs for patients on benefits

A copy of a letter from the Chief Executive of the South Warwickshire General Hospitals NHS Trust is attached for information in response to the Committee's recommendation that acute trusts in Coventry and Warwickshire improve information on the reimbursement of travel and parking costs for patients on benefits. This recommendation was one of those that arose from the Acute Services Review.

7 Correspondence

(1) Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) Explained

The Department of Health has published an explanatory document about LINKs, the organizations that are to replace the Patients Forums. A copy of the document is attached for the Committee's information.

Warwickshire and Coventry are holding a stakeholder event on the 4th October 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Ryton on Dunsmore.

(2) Patient and Public Involvement Forum South Warwickshire General Hospitals – Inspection of Guy Ward, Willoughby Ward and Beaumont Ward, Warwick Hospital

The Committee to note copies of documentation supplied by the Patient and Public Involvement Forum South Warwickshire General Hospitals in respect of an Infection Control/Cleanliness Inspection of Guy Ward, Oken Ward, Willoughby Ward and Beaumont Ward, Warwick Hospital, carried out on the 9th June 2007. Copy documentation attached.

8 Future meetings and work programme to date

The attached chart sets out the current programme (subject to any addition or change and any suggestion made by Members at this and future meetings). A separate chart showing the panel programme is also attached.

Visit to the Leamington Spa Ambulance Control Centre on 10th October 2007 at 9 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 7 November 2007 at 10.00 am.

9. Any Other Items

Which the Chair decides are urgent.

JIM GRAHAM,
Chief Executive.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

County Councillors:- John Appleton, Sarah Boad (Vice Chair), John Haynes, Marion Haywood, Bob Hicks, Sue Main, Frank McCarney, Helen McCarthy, Raj Randev, Jerry Roodhouse (Chair), John Ross and Sid Tooth.

Cabinet Portfolio Holders:- County Councillors Bob Stevens (Performance Management) and Colin Hayfield (Adult and Community Services)

District and Borough Councillors (5-voting) One Member from each district/borough in Warwickshire. Each must be a member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee of their authority:

North Warwickshire Borough Council:	Councillor
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council:	Councillor Bill Hancox
Rugby Borough Council	Councillor Bill Sewell
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Councillor Anthony Dixon
Warwick District Council:	Councillor

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

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