

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2015**

PRESENT –

*His Worship the Mayor Councillor N. Ahmed
Councillor K. Hartley – Panel Leader (In the Chair)*

Panel Members - Councillors

*S. Benson
W. Blackburn
A. Mahmood
C. Wakeford*

Also in attendance:

<i>Councillor D. Whalley</i>	<i>Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing</i>
<i>Catriona Logan</i>	<i>East Lancashire Hospitals Trust</i>
<i>Helen Hedges</i>	<i>Critical Friends East Lancashire</i>
<i>Audrey Westwell</i>	<i>Pendle Seniors Group</i>
<i>L. Rowland</i>	<i>Committee Administrator (Pendle Borough Council)</i>

A further three members of the public attended the meeting.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors N. McEvoy and G. Roach and Rebecca Demaine (East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group).)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the minutes of meetings of the Panel held on 24th February and 30th June, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

2. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF DISTRICT NURSE PROVISION

Catriona Logan of the East Lancashire Hospitals Trust (ELHT) gave a presentation on Integrated Care provided by the ELHT and East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (ELCCG). The presentation included information on the following -

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs)

The INTs provided improved need-based care to patients and carers in their own home or place of residence by aligning teams around the patient via GP Practices. The Teams had accommodation

bases at Pendle Community Hospital, Colne Health Centre and Yarnspinners, Nelson with hot-desking in Barnoldswick and Earby.

Catriona provided information on progress to date and advised that feedback from patients, families and professionals had so far been positive.

Intensive Home Support Service (IHSS)

The IHSS was a reactive community based, multidisciplinary team which provided a step up from community services and primary care and a step down from hospital/intermediate care. The hours of service were 7.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. seven days a week. A falls response car, staffed by an occupational therapist and a paramedic had been piloted and had received excellent feedback. Medical Cover and the Nursing and Therapy presence in the Emergency Department were to be further developed.

Telemedicine

In partnership with Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, telemedicine units had been provided to 50 nursing and residential homes across the East Lancashire region, 19 of which were in Pendle. The units enabled direct consultation, via laptops, with an Advanced Nurse Practitioner with Consultant back up 24/7. Statistics provided for April to July 2015 illustrated that the majority of patients remained in their place of residence following a telemedicine call, preventing a hospital admission.

The Vanguard Programme

Catriona reported that Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and Partners, supported by ELHT and ELCCG, had been chosen to participate in the vanguard programme to develop a set of working models for integrated care which could be rolled out nationally when working successfully. Airedale NHS Foundation Trust and Partners was to concentrate on enhanced health in care homes, offering older people better, joined up health, care and rehabilitation services. The aim was to improve the access to NHS services for people in residential care homes, with a strong emphasis on telehealth, such as e-consultations.

Throughout the presentation Catriona answered questions where possible. She agreed to circulate any outstanding information and requested statistics, via Committee Services, following the meeting.

3. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

(a) Adult Social Care – Recommissioning of Homecare Services

At the last meeting of the Panel, Members had agreed to continue reviewing aspects of social care, with particular focus being placed on the re-organisation taking place at Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the proposed reduction in the number of accredited agencies in Pendle. A briefing note which provided further information on the proposals was submitted for consideration.

A discussion was held with regard to the implications of the proposals, with a number of questions being asked. County Councillor Tony Martin, the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services had not been available to attend the meeting to provide further information.

AGREED

That –

- (i) the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and/or appropriate officer of Lancashire County Council be invited to the next meeting of this Panel;
- (ii) in the meantime, they be asked to respond to the specific issues raised at this meeting.

(b) Eye Care Provision

Further to a review of eye care provision being included in the Panel's work programme, Members considered a briefing note from Committee Services. It was reported that the initial discussion that had taken place when agreeing to include the topic in the work programme was the availability of the 'Goldmann Field Analyser' as it had been understood that the nearest registered facility for this test was in Huddersfield.

The briefing note, together with a report from the ELCCG, provided information on the current ophthalmology services available and details on a new integrated eye service. This information confirmed that although Goldmann applanation tonometry is used throughout East Lancashire, both within optometry and ophthalmology services, the 'Goldmann Field Analyser', a specialist piece of equipment used for neuro ophthalmology was only available in specialist centres i.e. Huddersfield, and was not available through ELHT.

AGREED

That an appropriate representative from the ELCCG be invited to the next meeting of the Panel to provide further information on changes to eye care service provision.

4. NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE

Members were advised that the Council's Strategic Director had recently expressed the Council's concerns to the Director of Commissioning Operations over the performance of North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) in relation to 'Red 1' calls. His response, together with the NWAS R1, R2 and A19 performance figures from April to July, 2015 were submitted for information.

Regular updates would be provided to future meetings of the Panel.

It was also reported that arrangements to recruit a new Chief Executive had been put in place following an announcement that Bob Williams, the current Chief Executive was to retire on 31st March, 2016.

AGREED

That a representative of North West Ambulance Service be invited to the January meeting of this Panel.

5. DEVELOPING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

A monitoring report on the Scrutiny Review of Developing a Dementia Friendly Community in Pendle was submitted for information.

Councillor Whalley, the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing advised the Panel that Pendle's Older Person's Strategy was in the process of being updated and included several references to dementia. Once completed, the Strategy would be submitted to Council for approval.

Information was also provided with regard to Dementia Friend Champions training, which was to take place in December.

AGREED

- (1) That details of the Dementia Friend Champions training be circulated to all Members for information.
- (2) That a further monitoring report be submitted in six months' time.

6. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE

The Panel considered information on the Lancashire Wellbeing Service and its implementation, which had been provided by LCC.

Councillor Whalley, the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing also advised Members that discussions had been held over the potential to create a Health Promotion post to reduce health inequalities and improve public health in Pendle. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have someone that could identify gaps in funding and coordinate bids into different funding streams.

It was proposed that initially, the post be full time. The Panel was asked to support a funding bid to LCC for this proposal.

AGREED

That consideration of this request be deferred to the November meeting of this Panel. In the meantime further details on the proposed Health Promotion post be circulated to members of the Panel for information.

7. CHANGING PLACES

Committee Services provided an update on progress in finding a suitable location for a Changing Places toilet in Pendle. At the request of this Panel, consideration had been given to developing a facility at Stanley Villas, Albert Road, Colne. It was reported that LCC had requested information from the organisation that operated the building to enable them to assess its on-going financial viability and governance arrangements. Once this information had been provided an assessment would be made and a decision taken as to whether the facility could be funded by the County Council.

A discussion was held as to whether there would be any other suitable locations within Pendle.

Although it was acknowledged that Nelson Football Club had an issue with wheelchair access, it was suggested that this be put forward as a potential site for a Changing Places facility.

AGREED

That LCC be asked to consider Nelson Football Club as a location for the installation of a Changing Places toilet facility.

8. CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE

The minutes of the June meeting of the Pendle Locality Commissioning Steering Group were submitted for information. The Panel made reference to the Dementia Booklet which had now received final approval and asked that this be circulated to members of the Panel when available.

Members were also provided with details of Patient Participation Groups for GP practices in Pendle.

9. WORK PLAN

The Panel's work plan 2015/16 was submitted for information.

CHAIRMAN _____