

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 17TH NOVEMBER, 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*

*G. Roach
C. Wakeford*

Also in attendance:

*Councillor D. Whalley
L. Rowland*

*Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing
Committee Administrator (Pendle Borough Council)*

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N. McEvoy.)



1. MINUTES

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 22nd September, 2015 be approved as a correct record.

2. SCRUTINY REVIEWS

(a) Adult Social Care – Recommissioning of Homecare Services

Committee Services submitted a briefing note which provided an update on Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) proposals to recommission homecare services for older adults and people with a physical disability and provided answers to questions raised at the last meeting.

The Panel was advised that, since the start of the project, it had become clear that the process itself would be vulnerable to challenge and, in the event of a successful challenge, it was likely that a new process would be required. LCC had therefore taken the decision to discontinue the procurement of the homecare framework. As this decision had been taken very late in the process, the Panel was concerned about the effect on the agencies concerned and asked that further questions be put to LCC.

It was expected that a new procurement process would commence in the next three months. However, Members anticipated that a recent announcement on drastic budget cuts at LCC may affect these plans. LCC savings proposals were due to be discussed at a Cabinet meeting on 26th November.

AGREED

That an update on progress with the recommissioning of homecare services and further information on the timescale in which agencies were notified of the discontinuation of the procurement process be sought from LCC for submission to the January meeting of this Panel.

(b) Eye Care Provision

Members considered a briefing note which provided information on the redesign of Ophthalmology and the development of the new integrated eye service, which had been carried out by East Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Clinical Commissioning Groups. Councillor Blackburn provided an overview of a 'reflection event' that he had attended as representative of the Panel, together with the Committee Administrator, which had been arranged to celebrate the success of the implementation and to further explore opportunities going forward. It was understood that information on the impact of the change would be available in approximately 4 to 6 months' time.

AGREED

That any available information demonstrating the success, or otherwise, of the new integrated eye service be obtained for submission to the February meeting of this Panel.

3. REVIEW MONITORING

Scrutiny Review of District Nurse Provision – Implementation of Integrated Care

The Panel considered a briefing note which provided further information on issues raised at the last meeting.

AGREED

That representatives of the East Lancashire Hospitals Trust and the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to attend the February meeting of this Panel.

4. SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS

At a previous meeting of the Panel, Members had been advised that LCC was in the process of obtaining the required permissions to allow the use of a film that was made during the course of a joint review of the Adult Social Care Complaints Procedure to raise awareness of improvements required within adult social care.

Unfortunately, due to legal reasons it had been established that LCC could not be associated with the film, therefore the film could not be used for its intended purpose.

AGREED

That the position be noted.

5. REVIEW PLANNING

Mental Health in the Community, Care Homes and Mental Health Wards

Further to a Scrutiny Review of Mental Health in the Community, Care Homes and Mental Health Wards being included in the Panel's work programme, Members considered the scope of the review.

AGREED

That the Committee Administrator be requested to draft a review plan on the Scrutiny Review of Mental Health in the Community, Care Homes and Mental Health Wards for agreement by the Panel and arrange for appropriate witnesses to be invited to future meetings.

**6. PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE –
PROPOSAL FOR A DEDICATED HEALTH PROMOTION POST**

Further to a request from this Panel, the Localities, Communities and Policies Officer submitted a report which provided an update on a proposal for a dedicated health promotion post hosted by the Council to help support the delivery of its public health work.

It was reported that unfortunately, due to financial pressures, the Council had been unable to fund or match fund such a post. Lancashire County Council, although supportive of the concept, had also been unable to fund a dedicated district health promotion resource.

However, recognising the value of such a role, alternative models for delivery were being pursued. This included obtaining an overview of activities and a better understanding of the current health and wellbeing provision in Pendle. This would allow for promotion of existing activities; help identify any gaps in provision; and put the Council in a better position to influence future commissioning.

The Pendle Health and Wellbeing Action Plan was also being developed.

AGREED

That the Localities, Communities and Policies Officer be requested to provide an update on the work in identifying alternative models for delivery of public health work to the February meeting of the Panel.

7. CORPORATE PEER REVIEW (HEALTH AND WELLBEING)

It was reported that the Council had recently undergone a voluntary, free of charge Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC). This was a supportive but challenging 'critical friend' approach to assist councils and their partners in celebrating their strengths and identifying their own area for improvement.

As part of the process, a meeting had been held to discuss health and wellbeing issues at which Member representatives and officers of the Council had been present. A number of issues had been discussed including the difficulties associated with cross county working; the partnership arrangements currently in place to address Pendle priorities; and how the Council fed into the East Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership and ultimately the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Council's work to support the Dementia Friends campaign and the role of Member Champions had also been discussed. The peers had been particularly interested in the Council's commitment

to creating a new mental health champion role and had been keen to share this information with other authorities.

It was planned to present the outcome of the CPC to Council on 17th December 2015.

AGREED

That the outcome of the Corporate Peer Challenge in respect of health and social care issues be reported to the January meeting of this Panel.

8. CARE QUALITY COMMISSION

The Panel had been invited to share its views on a discussion document published by the Care Quality Commission on its strategy for 2016-21 entitled 'Building on Strong Foundations: Shaping the future of health and care quality regulation'. Views on how to further develop their approach to hospital inspections were also being sought.

The Panel felt that improvements could be made to the hospital inspection process by carrying out routine spot checks, focusing on one or two quality areas each time, in addition to the comprehensive inspections that were carried out.

AGREED

That the views of the Panel be forwarded to the Care Quality Commission for consideration.

9. CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE

The minutes of the August meeting of the Pendle Locality Commissioning Steering Group and copies of the 'Advance Care Planning Guide' (previously referred to as the 'End of Life Booklet') were submitted for information.

AGREED

That, in light of the Panel's Scrutiny Review of Mental Health in the Community, Care Homes and Mental Health Wards, Dr Stuart Berry be invited to attend the next meeting of the Panel to provide information on the provision and availability of mental health services in the area.

10. WORK PLAN

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

AGREED

That, considering the decisions made at this meeting, the work plan be updated as appropriate.

CHAIRMAN _____