

Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee

Co-optee Report – January 2018

It has been an interesting six months on LCC's Health Scrutiny, with changes to the lead team following the County Council election results which brought in Councillor Peter Britcliffe as Chair of the Committee and Councillor Jenny Purcell as Deputy Chair.

The Committee has met three times in the last six months – 19th September, 31st October, and 12th December. I was, sadly, unable to attend the December meeting due to an accident, however I did watch the proceedings on the webcast which is available for each meeting at the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=182>

As has been discussed on many occasions at this meeting and our own Health and Social Care Panel, the main discussion point continues to be the Sustainability and Transformation Plans, or Partnership as it has now been renamed. Dr Amanda Doyle OBE, Lead on the STP for Lancashire and South Cumbria, presented an update at the September meeting and addressed the current status, focus, and involvements with public bodies and, in particular, Councillors. She also stated that local people would be “involved through the Local Delivery Plans”.

In October we received a lengthy report from Peter Mulcahy of North West Ambulance Service on their preparations for winter, and also discussed mental health provision, winter planning for care homes, and supporting the “Stay Well For Winter” campaign which can be seen at www.nhs.uk/staywell.

In December the Committee focussed on Mental Health services in Lancashire and Suicide Prevention. A number of concerns were raised, including by the Leader of Pendle Council. I'll report more at the meeting following the minutes being released.

Lastly, a further meeting is to be held on the same day as our Scrutiny Management team meeting, so I'll report verbally on that meeting. We'll be looking at Adult Social Care and Delayed Transfers of Care.