

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, NELSON
ON 12TH DECEMBER, 2017**

PRESENT –

Councillor B. Newman –Deputy Panel Leader (In the Chair)

Panel Members - Councillors

K. Turner
S. Wicks

Also in attendance:

*Councillor Ken Hartley
Yvonne Hope
Lynne Rowland*

*Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing
Critical Friends East Lancashire
Committee Administrator (Pendle Borough Council)*

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor W. Blackburn and Helen Hedges (Critical Friends East Lancashire).)

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MINUTES

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Panel held on 17th October, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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SCRUTINY REVIEWS

(a) Publicity re. Organ Donation

Further to a review of publicity around organ donation being included in the Panel's work programme, a briefing note was submitted for consideration.

The topic had been chosen for review following a suggestion from Yvonne Hope of Critical Friends East Lancashire who asked if more could be done to encourage people to become involved in the organ donation process. It was felt that the Council and East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group did little to publicise the need for donors.

The briefing note provided information on the management of the NHS Organ Donor Register and statistics which highlighted the fact that more donors were needed. A list of facts relating to organ donation was also included.

It was noted that, at present, information on organ donation was primarily provided by the NHS. Its Blood and Transplant website provided considerable information on the work that they did.

However, the service was keen to make partnerships with other organisations that could reach new audiences and help keep blood donation at the forefront of people's minds and help change perceptions of organ donation.

A number of councils currently had partnerships with the NHS Blood and Transplant Service.

Help could also be provided without an official partnership. This was supported by access to promotional materials for individuals and organisations to use such as a header for a website page; leaflets in various languages; social media graphics; and posters.

The current system relied on people registering to donate. However, it was noted that a proposal to replace 'opting in' with 'opting out' was due to go out to consultation on 19th December.

Nevertheless, the Panel felt that it could help in the meantime and that a positive first step would be to encourage all Councillors to join the Organ Donor Register. It was therefore proposed that a motion be put to the February 2018 Council meeting.

AGREED

That the Leader of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel be asked, on behalf of the Panel, to submit a motion to the February 2018 Council meeting encouraging all Councillors to join the Organ Donor Register.

(b) Highlighting the Symptoms of Sepsis

A briefing note was submitted which provided further information on the Panel's review on highlighting the symptoms of sepsis.

To date, the Council had helped promote World Sepsis Day which had taken place in September of this year. In addition, the latest Scrutiny Bulletin featured a front page article on sepsis and the signs and symptoms to look out for.

A copy of the information was submitted as an appendix to the report.

26. TOGETHER A HEALTHIER FUTURE UPDATE

The Panel was advised of a draft plan for health and care services in the area, developed under the Together a Healthier Future programme.

The draft plan had been published on 5th December and, over an eight week period, people were being invited to comment on the proposals via an online survey.

A summary of the proposals was circulated at the meeting. This, together with the full plan and an 'easy read' version could be accessed via the Together a Healthier Future website, as could all the latest news on the programme.

There was some concern amongst Members over the length of the draft plan and the language used within the document, which made it difficult to understand. It was felt that this would discourage people from responding to the survey.

An update on the Pennine Lancashire Local Delivery Partnership would be provided by an appropriate representative at the next meeting of the Panel.

27. PENDLE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The notes of the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board meeting held on 26th October, 2017 were submitted for information. The Partnership's Action Plan was also circulated.

Councillor K. Hartley made particular reference to a presentation that had been delivered by Burnley Football Club in the Community (BFCitC). An extensive overview of the work being undertaken by BFCitC had been provided and he suggested that the Panel may wish to consider inviting a representative of BFCitC to present to a future meeting of the Panel.

AGREED

That consideration be given to inviting a representative of Burnley Football Club in the Community to a future meeting of the Panel.

28. CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE

The minutes of the Pendle Locality Clinical Commissioning Steering Group held on 7th September, 2017 were submitted for information.

29. WORK PLAN

The Panel's Work Plan 2017/18 was submitted for information.

Reference was made to a Community Care Navigator Project in Rossendale which aimed to reduce the number of GP appointments being taken up by people that didn't require medical treatment.

It was thought that this system was to be introduced in Pendle in the New Year. It had been rumoured that the Care Navigators in Rossendale had received very little training and this gave cause for concern.

AGREED

That the Panel keep a watchful eye on any developments in Pendle with regard to the introduction of a Community Care Navigator scheme.

CHAIRMAN _____