

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel was held on 23 June 2014.

PRESENT: Councillors Biswas, Davison, Dryden, Hubbard and P Purvis (as substitute for Hussain) and N J Walker (as substitute for Cole).

OFFICERS: J Bennington, E Pout and B Roberts.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Clark, Cole, Hussain and Mrs H Pearson.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

14/1 CHAIR OF HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL - APPOINTMENT

The Deputy Monitoring Officer/Legal Services Manager sought nominations for Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel pro tem.

AGREED that Councillor Dryden be appointed Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the meeting.

14/2 WELCOME - COUNCILLOR HUBBARD - HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

The Chair welcomed Councillor Hubbard to his first meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel since his appointment at the Annual Meeting of Council held on 14 May 2014.

NOTED**14/3 VICE-CHAIR OF HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL - APPOINTMENT**

The Chair sought nominations for Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

ORDERED that Councillor Biswas be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

14/4 MINUTES - HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL 23 APRIL 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 23 April 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

14/5 HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME 2014/2015

The Scrutiny Support Officer submitted a report regarding potential topics gained from a number of sources for future investigation by the Panel during the 2014/2015 Municipal Year a further update on which was circulated at the meeting.

Panel updates and issues carried over from last year included:-

- (i) Winter Pressures update.
- (ii) Quality Standards in the Independent Sector.
- (iii) Update on Healthcare Associated Infections.
- (iv) Dementia update.
- (v) NHS Finances - financial pressures facing NHS with particular regard to South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

The Panel's attention was drawn to recommendations and/or issues arising from previous reviews which included:-

- (vi) Doctors - Clinical Commissioning Group - how the health service was assessing the situation and planning for the future supply and demand of GPs.
- (vii) Review of the pharmacy at James Cook University Hospital.
- (viii) Longer Opening Hours for GPs surgeries - receive a position statement on the topic of longer opening times from the Local Medical Committee with a view to undertaking a further investigation of the issue if considered appropriate.

In considering the potential scrutiny topics the Panel was mindful of issues where scrutiny could make an impact and add value to local health services.

Additionally, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board confirmed that she had requested that scrutiny panels consider how they could be involved with, and influence, the Council's Change Programme.

As part of the overall arrangements and once approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board it was suggested that in accordance with usual practice local NHS services and local media be advised of the Panel's work programme.

AGREED that the following items form the basis of the scrutiny work programme for the Health Scrutiny Panel 2014/2015:-

- (a) Continue to receive regular updates on Healthcare Associated Infections.
- (b) Receive information on local NHS finances.
- (c) Receive an update on Neurological Services.
- (d) Review of pharmacy at James Cook University Hospital and impact upon hospital discharge arrangements.
- (e) Access to GPs with particular regard to longer opening hours at GP surgeries.
- (f) Continue to receive updates on Winter Pressures.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

In a report of the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel Members were advised of the key matters considered and action taken arising from meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 29 April, 27 May and 9 June 2014.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS - DATES OF PANEL MEETINGS

The Chair referred to a schedule of potential dates and timings for future meetings of the Panel and sought Members' preferences.

AGREED that following further consultation with the Chair a schedule of future meetings be circulated to the Panel.