
HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel was held on 30 January 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors E Dryden (Chair), L McGloin and M Walters

APOLOGIES: Councillor Biswas, Brady, Hellaoui, McGee and Hobson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Linda Lewis
Caroline Breheny – Democratic Services Officer

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

2. **MINUTES - HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL – 19 DECEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19 December were approved as a correct record.

3. **MINUTES – HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD – 11 JULY & 6 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the Health and Well Being Board were noted by the panel and the following points highlighted:-

- A Children's Trust Board was to be established with responsibility for the commissioning of integrated services for children, young people and their families. The report was approved by the Council's Executive on 5 December and would

4. **CARILLION – THE IMPACT ON SOUTH TEES NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

The Director of Programmes and Care at South Tees CCG and the Governing Body GP at South Tees CCG were in attendance at the meeting to provide information in respect of the recent decision for Resolution Health Centre to be closed on 31 March 2018. It was explained that Resolution Health Centre was a GP practice in Middlesbrough which delivered essential, additional and enhanced services via an Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Contract to a registered 5642 patients. The CCG and NHS England had previously agreed a contract extension with South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, the current provider. The contract had been due to end on 31st March 2016, however following a failed procurement in October 2016, the contract was extended with the current provider for a further 12 months.

During discussion the following points were raised:-

- The CCG were supporting patients with the closure of Resolution Health Centre. Patients received a letter week commencing 4 December 2017 advising that due to the failed procurement the CCG had made the difficult decision to close the practice. Patients had been provided with a list of practices that were currently registering new patients.
- The CCG and NHS England monitored re-registering and any patient that had not re-registered 3 months after the closure would be sent a reminder letter.

AGREED that the work undertaken by South Tees CCG in response to NHS England's General Practice 5 year Forward View (GPFV) be shared with the panel.

5. **DRAFT FINAL REPORT – BREAST RADIOLOGY SERVICES**

The Deputy Director of Finance at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and Chief Officer and Director of Finance at South Tees CCG were in attendance to provide a

presentation on the financial implications of the DDTHRW STP for acute service delivery in Middlesbrough. The Chair made reference to a meeting of the DDTHRW STP Joint OSC on 8 November at which the STP Lead Officer had acknowledged that the NHS was 'broken and underfunded'. The DDTHRW STP plan effectively no longer existed. The Deputy Director of Finance at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust advised that the world had moved on significantly over the last 2 years and it was not about ignoring what had previously been produced but rather recognising that the NHS was facing a different landscape, with new challenges, and there was probably a need for a refreshed plan. As alluded to at the Joint OSC there were also an opportunity in certain areas to undertake work across Cumbria and the North East that would benefit from additional focus. It was acknowledged that the STP footprint was being revisited and much of the work around what was needed on a South Tees basis was already being undertaken.

AGREED as follows:-

1. That the following data be requested from South Tees CCG for inclusion in the panel's Final Report: -
 - a) *2ww cancer waiting times performance [suspected cancer] April 2016 to present day* showing numbers of South Tees CCG patients (per month i.e. 320/322 alongside the %) attending North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust for diagnosis.
 - b) Number of above patients requiring treatment, how many received their first / subsequent treatment at North Tees University Hospital? How many received their first / subsequent treatment at James Cook University Hospital?
 - c) The number / percentages of the above cohorts receiving treatment in 31, 62 days.
 - d) *2ww cancer waiting times performance [systematic]* – number of patients requiring treatment, how many received their first / subsequent treatment at North Tees University Hospital? How many received their first / subsequent treatment at James Cook University Hospital?
 - e) The number / percentages of the above cohorts receiving treatment in 31, 62 days.
2. That the report be resubmitted to the next meeting of the panel with the above data included.

6. **RESPIRE OPPORTUNITIES AND SHORT BREAKS JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Chair made reference to the work undertaken by the Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in respect of South Tees and HaST CCGs' current consultation on the future of respite provision for people with learning disabilities, complex needs and autism.

It was advised that a meeting of the Joint OSC was held on 5 January in Stockton. At that meeting the CCG's provided an update on the decision taken at the CCG's Governing Body in Common meeting, held on 1 February 2018. The CCG's had taken the decision to progress to implementation Option 2.

The view was expressed that this decision was worrying both in terms of the proposed changes to the assessment criteria and the impact that the changes in provision would have on very vulnerable adults. There was a potential that some people would no longer qualify for bed based respite and numerous questions remained regarding the suitability and accessibility of flexible community bed based respite. Particularly for those with the most profound and severe needs. The panel was advised that although bed based respite at Bankfields and Aysgarth would continue the current offer would be reduced.

In light of the CCG's decision each individual local authority now needed to consider its position in respect of the next steps in the process. The power to refer the matter to the Secretary of State had not been delegated to the Joint OSC and therefore each constituent authority retained that power. During the negotiation period consideration would need to be given to the possible concessions that could be made to help ensure the best possible outcome for all parties. In order to assist discussion the Chair requested that the parent/carer

representative from Bankfield's be invited to attend the panel's next meeting to contribute to that debate. The point was made that Bankfields was a purpose built specialist facility and the panel was keen to ensure that those requiring bed based respite received the best quality care.

AGREED that an invite be provided to the parent/carer representative from Bankfields and Executive Member for Adult Health, Social Care and Public Health to attend the next meeting of the panel.

7. **ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

ROSEBERRY PARK – UPDATE

The Chair advised that there had been a presentation at the recent meeting of the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in respect of a number of serious construction defects at Roseberry Park. This included a number of fire safety issues. As a matter of precaution elderly patients had recently been transferred to Sandwell Park Hospital in Hartlepool. The Committee was reassured that efforts had been made to support patients and their families during the move to minimise the disruption caused.