

SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was held on 22 July 2014.

PRESENT: Redcar and Cleveland Council
Councillors Goddard and Mrs Wall.

Middlesbrough Council
Councillors Biswas, Dryden, Junier and Walker.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Craig Blair, Associate Director of Commissioning, Delivery and Operations, South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Brendan McCarron, Consultant Physician, South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Paul Parsons, Communications and Engagement Manager, North of England Commissioning Support
Julie Stevens, Commissioning and Delivery Manager, South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Janet Walker, Locality Lead GP (Eston), South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
Councillor Mrs Forster, Redcar and Cleveland Council.

OFFICERS: E Pout (Middlesbrough Council) and M Adams, L Donaghue, A Pearson and P Rice (Redcar and Cleveland Council).

1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR 2014/15**

RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Junier and duly seconded by Councillor Goddard, Councillor Mrs Wall be appointed as Chair of the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR 2014/15**

RESOLVED that on the successful motion of Councillor Junier and duly seconded by Councillor Mrs Wall, Councillors Dryden and Goddard be appointed as Vice Chairs of the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15.

3 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillor Pearson (Middlesbrough Council) and Councillors Jeffries, Halton and Ovens (Redcar and Cleveland Council).

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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

5 **MINUTES - SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the meeting of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee held on 7 April 2014 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

6 **DRAFT PROTOCOLS: SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE – REPORT OF THE CORPORATE RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE MANAGER**

The Corporate Research and Intelligence Manager submitted a report the purpose of which was to introduce the draft protocol for the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Members to comment on, amend and approve.

The Protocol was in place as a framework for assisting with the joint committee arrangements.

This Protocol had been developed as a framework for carrying out scrutiny of relevant health service providers and commissioners in Redcar & Cleveland and Middlesbrough under

powers for local authorities to scrutinise the NHS contained in the Health and Social Care Act 2001, the NHS Act 2006 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The experience of all those involved in health scrutiny would inform the development of the protocol. The protocol would be reviewed at the first meeting of a new municipal year and shared for information with all stakeholders.

AGREED that:

1. The draft protocol be approved.
2. Middlesbrough Borough Council continues to administer the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

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INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT AND PROACTIVE CARE OF THE VULNERABLE AND ELDERLY (IMProVE) PROGRAMME – PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS BY SOUTH TEES CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

Representatives from the South Tees CCG gave a presentation on the IMProVE Programme for Members' information. Members acknowledged that there were system wide financial pressures that needed to be addressed. The population is getting older and South Tees experiences higher than the England average for almost all disease prevalence. Both Local Authorities have higher admissions to residential care, an increasing number of unplanned admissions and a quarter of emergency admissions are from people aged 75 or over.

The CCG outlined the case for change, including details of the reviews that had been undertaken in relation to the estate, the workforce, models of care and accessibility including transport.

The estate review had been completed using standard criteria applied by NHS property services and confirmed that Carter Bequest and Guisborough Hospitals were in the greatest need of improvement with Carter Bequest being unable to achieve the required standard without being rebuilt. Currently £1.9m was being spent on empty space which could be reinvested into delivering services.

Members commented that bus routes had changed, limiting access to hospitals. They highlighted some concerns regarding difficulties with local transport services with particular regard to Redcar and East Cleveland and also getting from Middlesbrough to Redcar using public transport. Arrangements needed to be made with the bus companies to ensure residents had access to services.

Redcar Primary Care Hospital had been identified as the best facility to host community services such as stroke rehabilitation, making best use of the wonderful facilities it had available, but were currently not being used to their full potential.

There would be a phased approach to delivering the changes which would involve putting new services in place and testing them before moving existing services, making step by step decisions about the changes that are being made and the impact they have on patients and that the introduction of these changes will happen over the next 2 years with all services in place by April 2016.

A Member raised concern about the bed base reduction and felt that the questionnaire had been designed to encourage particular answers, however other Members commented that the consultation had been excellent and they had really felt a part of the process having had the opportunity to input in to the questionnaire and suggest people/organisations the CCG should include in their consultation.

Members commented that the timescales to scrutinise the consultation were very tight and they would value the opportunity to reflect on elements of the proposals in more detail over time. Additionally, they wished to review the results of the consultation and hear comments from other stakeholders before formally commenting on the CCG's proposals themselves.

Members questioned whether there was a need to involve North Yorkshire as part of the discussions given that some aspects of the proposals could affect their residents. The CCG stated that they had presented to North Yorkshire but they had declined offers of further presentations. They had received all communication relating to IMProVE and had declined to be part of the scrutiny process.

Members commented that the consultation could include giving the presentation to the Neighbourhood Action Partnerships. The CCG advised that there had been a widespread consultation opportunities and they had responded to additional requests to deliver more local and targeted consultation opportunities and would continue to do so within the timescales of the consultation.

AGREED that:

1. The presentation be noted.
2. A plan and timetable for future scrutiny engagement be arranged with the CCG.