

SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee was held on 12 July 2019.

PRESENT: Councillors A Hellaoui, C Brady (Substitute for S Holyoake), C Jackson, C Hannaway (Substitute for L Quartermain) J McTigue, D Rooney, S Smith, P Storey and L Westbury and G Wilson

OFFICERS: Craig Blair - Director of Strategic Planning and Performance, ST CCG
Caroline Breheny - Democratic Services Officer, Middlesbrough Council
Edward Kunonga - Joint Director of Public Health
Alison Pearson - Governance Manager, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor S Holyoake and Councillor L Quartermain .

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR PRO TEM

Nominations were sought for the appointment of a Chair Pro Tem of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

Councillor D Rooney was nominated and seconded and, following a vote, appointed as Chair Pro Tem of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

AGREED that Councillor D Rooney be appointed as Chair Pro Tem of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee until amended by the Committee.

2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

Nominations were sought for the appointment of Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

Councillor A Hellaoui was nominated and seconded and, following a vote, appointed as Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

AGREED that Councillor A Hellaoui be appointed as Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR OF SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

Nominations were sought for the appointment of a Vice Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee to represent Middlesbrough Borough Council.

Councillor D Rooney was nominated, seconded, and appointed as Middlesbrough Borough Council's Vice Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

Nominations were sought for the appointment of a Vice Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee to represent Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

Councillor L Westbury was nominated, seconded, and appointed as Redcar and Cleveland borough Council's Vice Chair of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

4 MINUTES - SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT MEETING - 15 MARCH 2019

The minutes of the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15 March 2019 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

5 REVIEW OF SOUTH TEES JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY PROTOCOL

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the draft protocol for the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee to Members for their approval. It was advised that the propotocol

was a framework for assisting with the joint committee arrangements for carrying out scrutiny of relevant health service providers and commissioners in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, under powers contained in the Health and Social Care Act 2001, the NHS Act 2006 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

AGREED that the draft protocol be approved.

6 **SOUTH TEES NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - UPDATE**

The Democratic Services Officer advised the Committee that unfortunately representatives from South Tees NHS Foundation Trust had been unable to attend today to provide Members with an update.

AGREED that an invite be extended to the Chief Executive and Director of Nursing at South Tees NHS Foundation Trust to attend the Committee's next meeting, as scheduled for 13 September 2019.

7 **CCG MERGER PROPOSAL**

The Director of Strategic Planning and Performance at STCCG was in attendance to advise the Committee in respect of proposals for new clinical commissioning groups for Tees Valley and Durham Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

The Committee was advised that there were currently five CCG's covering Teesside, Darlington and Durham and this included: - NHS Darlington CCG, NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG, NHS North Durham CCG and NHS South Tees CCG. Between them, they planned, bought and monitored NHS services for a population of over 1.2m people. South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group's patient population was 293,000.

In terms of the work undertaken by the CCG's it was explained that CCG's commissioned most hospital and healthcare services in the local area including planned hospital care, rehabilitative care, urgent and emergency care, most community health services, mental health services and learning disability services. It was emphasised that the merger proposals would not affect any of these services or people's ability to use them.

It was advised that the reasons for wanting to make the changes were outlined in the Long Term Plan and included: - a requirement for fewer CCG's, the creation of 'strategic' commissioning organisations, a reduction in CCG running costs of 20 per cent (to be redirected into Primary Care), a need to focus on transforming services across providers to provide better outcomes for patients and to reduce inequalities. In October 2018 Dr Neil O'Brien was appointed as the Accountable Officer for the 5 CCG's and a shared management team was put in place. The 5 CCG's were already working at scale whilst retaining a strong focus on local communities.

The Committee was informed that four possible options had been considered in terms of the proposed merger structure and the preferred option involved the establishment of two CCGs, a single Tees Valley CCG and a single Durham CCG with a shared management structure. It was stated that this proposal was not about any other NHS organisations or any health or care services provided by the NHS or local councils.

In response to queries from the Committee the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance expressed the view that a reduction of 20 per cent in running costs were achievable. The establishment of two single CCG's would also ensure there was greater consistency, help make resources go further and deliver fairer outcomes for patients no matter where they lived.

The expected benefits included creating a stronger, clearer and more consistent commissioning voice for the area, having the ability to transform patient pathways across locally linked providers and eliminate the significant administrative burden involved in running five statutory organisations.

In terms of next steps it was explained that the CCG's were currently working with local Healthwatch organisations, talking to partners, providers and local Councils, as well as MPs and other CCGs to gather their views on the proposals. These views would be used to inform the decisions of the Governing Bodies, which were due to meet at the end of August. If a decision was taken to submit an application to NHS England as required, NHS England would advise as to whether the new CCG's can be established from April 2020.

The Director of Strategic Planning and Performance advised that the CCC's were keen to hear from all stakeholders in respect of the emerging preferred option, as well as on the new name(s) of the organisation(s). The contact details for local Healthwatch organisations were provided and any views Members received from the public could be forwarded directly to the contacts listed.

AGREED that the information be noted and any views received forwarded to STCCG / ST Healthwatch at the earliest opportunity.

8 **LIVE WELL SOUTH TEES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD.**

The Joint Director of Public Health was in attendance to brief the Committee on the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board, its vision and priorities and discuss with Members how the Board would interact with the Committee.

In terms of background it was explained that the formal approval was given in 2018 by Middlesbrough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Council to establish a single Health and Wellbeing Board, which is chaired jointly by the leader of Redcar and Cleveland Council and the Deputy Mayor of Middlesbrough Council. The first formal meeting of the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board for 2019/20 would be held on 26 September 2019 and the Board would meet on a quarterly basis.

The vision for the single Health and Wellbeing Board was to: Empower the citizens of South Tees to live longer and healthier lives. With a focus on the following areas:-

- a. Inequalities - Addressing the underlying causes of inequalities across the local communities
- b. Integration and Collaboration - across planning, commissioning and service delivery
- c. Information and Data - data sharing, shared evidence, community information, and information given to people.

It was proposed that a quarterly update on the Board's work programme and performance indicators would be presented to the Committee. The Board's emerging work programme was attached at Appendix 2 and the Performance Framework was also attached at Appendix 3 for information.

AGREED as follows:-

- a) That the arrangements of the Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board, its emerging priorities and work programme be noted.
- b) That the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee receive quarterly updates on the Board's work programme and performance indicators.

9 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee is keen to add value through any review work it undertakes and Members considered potential areas of interest to add to the Committee's 2019/20 work programme.

- Chronic pain is a big issue for people across South Tees and impacts significantly on people's quality of life. There is also a need to develop a much more detailed understanding of opioid dependency and to what degree it is becoming a high priority issue across South Tees.
- National policy in respect of the NHS could move at a very fast pace so there was a

need to build flexibility into the Committee's work programmes in order to respond to emerging issues.

In terms of the Committee's forthcoming September meeting it was agreed that the following matters be considered:-

- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Update
- The establishment of Primary Care Networks locally
- Live Well South Tees Health and Well Being Board - Update
- Advancing our health; prevention in the 2020s - consultation document

AGREED that the above items be added to the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee's 2019/20 work programme.