

## **Lancashire County Council**

### **Health Scrutiny Committee**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017 at 10.30 am  
in Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present:**

County Councillor Peter Britcliffe (Chair)

#### **County Councillors**

J Purcell	C Edwards
J Burrows	M Iqbal
S Clarke	M Pattison
Ms L Collinge	P Steen
G Dowding	C Towneley

#### **Co-opted members**

Councillor David Borrow, (Preston City Council)  
Councillor Colin Hartley, (Lancaster City Council)  
Councillor Bridget Hilton, (Ribbles Valley Borough Council)  
Councillor G Hodson, (West Lancashire Borough Council)  
Councillor Hasina Khan, (Chorley Borough Council)  
Councillor Julie Robinson, (Wyre Borough Council)

County Councillor Stephen Clarke replaced County Councillor Eddie Pope and Councillor David Borrow replaced Councillor Roy Leeming.

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Barbara Ashworth, Wayne Blackburn and Matthew Tomlinson.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

County Councillor Lizzi Collinge disclosed a non-pecuniary interest as her post was funded by Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and her husband worked for NHS England.

#### **3. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 31 October 2017**

**Resolved:** That the minutes from the meeting held on 31 October 2017 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

## **5. Suicide Prevention in Lancashire**

It was agreed by the Chair to bring Item 5 – Suicide Prevention in Lancashire forward in the meeting. Chris Lee, Public Health Specialist (Behaviour Change), was welcomed to the meeting and provided an overview of the key work that had been undertaken to date. A copy of the presentation was provided with the agenda papers.

The Committee noted that on 4 April 2017, the Chair of the House of Commons Health Committee, Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, wrote to all Chairs of Health Scrutiny Committees to recommend that all Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees be involved in ensuring effective implementation of local authorities' suicide prevention plans and that this should be established as a key role of these Committees.

It was also noted that short term outcome no.3 under leadership within the Lancashire and South Cumbria STP Suicide Prevention Logic Model (Action Plan) set out to identify Elected Members from all Local Authorities [within the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint] to take on the role of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Champion. In considering these points it was;

**Resolved:** That:

1. The Leader nominate a member Champion for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention;
2. The Leader and Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing write to all district councils in Lancashire to consider identifying an elected member for the role of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Champion;
3. Options for Elected Member Champion involvement in the newly formed Lancashire Suicide Prevention Partnership be considered;
4. A training session on Mental Health awareness be arranged for all the appointed Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Champions and any County Councillors who wish to attend;
5. A progress report be presented to the Health Scrutiny Steering Group in six months' time with attendance from the Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Champions; and
6. Progress be monitored by the Committee on an annual basis with an update report to be presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee in December 2018.

## **4. Improvements to Mental Health provision in Lancashire**

The Chair welcomed from the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT), Bev Liddle, Team Leader; Alistair Rose, Projects Director; and Steve Winterson, Engagement Director, to the meeting. They presented to the Committee on the planned changes for mental health inpatient provision in the Pennine Lancashire and Central Lancashire areas. A copy of the presentation was provided with the agenda papers.

The planned changes represented the next phase of improvements to mental health provision in Lancashire that commenced with a formal consultation in

2006, which was formally signed off by the Joint Primary Care Trust, the Joint Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn Mental Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in Spring 2017 and the launch of a ten year programme of reconfiguration.

There were two main challenges in Lancashire. Recruitment of staff was one. The other was the demand on services. From the presentation it was noted that in Lancashire, GP referrals were 2.7 x the national average. The Committee was informed that this was not because GPs were doing anything wrong, but how the Trust can support a GP to address the mental health need at that point such as placing mental health nurses into practices. It was reported that referrals had reduced to 2.2x the national average and that officers expected the number to continue to reduce.

Lancashire had slightly below the mean number of beds for its population. However, the planned changes would allow people to be referred closer to home and speed up access to services particularly in the criminal justice system. Enhanced community services for those people who would not require an inpatient bed was key to the success of reconfiguration.

It was reported that the planned changes would be completed by the end of 2018.

**Resolved:** That the;

1. Planned changes for a site in Pennine Lancashire remain the original proposal as previously supported by the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 13 November 2012 be noted; and
2. Planned changes for a site in Central Lancashire to be located at the former mental health inpatient accommodation the Chorley Hospital site be supported.

## **6. Health Scrutiny Steering Group Report, Revised Purpose and Work Plan 2017/18**

The report set out an overview of matters presented and considered by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meeting held on 15 November 2017, including a revised purpose for the Group for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year. A revised work plan was also presented.

A request to place the Healthy Child Programme contract on the work plan was made. It was reported that the scrutiny function could not intervene in this matter. The tender process was currently in a legal standstill period to allow any unsuccessful bidders to lodge a formal appeal. The County Council had yet to publicly announce the successful bidder depending on the outcome of any subsequent appeals lodged.

It was suggested that the Healthy Child Programme contract be referred to the January 2018 meeting of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group.

**Resolved:** That the;

1. Report of the Steering Group be received;
2. Revised purpose of the Steering Group for the remainder of the 2017/18 municipal year be agreed;
3. Revised work plan for the Committee for 2017/18 be noted; and
4. Healthy Child Programme be referred to the next scheduled meeting of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group in January 2018, subject to the legal position at that time.

**7. Urgent Business**

There were no items of Urgent Business.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee will take place on Tuesday 23 January 2018 at 10.30am in Cabinet Room C (The Duke of Lancaster Room) at the County Hall, Preston.

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