

Meeting of the Full Council – 23 May 2013

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting 5 March 2013

Chair: County Councillor Maggie Skilling

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the County Council's web site via the following link:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=182>

Cabinet Member Response to the Dementia Pathway Task Group

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services provided a formal response to the recommendations of 'Living Well with Dementia in Lancashire', the Dementia Care Pathway Task Group report a copy of which was attached to the report presented.

Health Scrutiny - Legacy and Future Work Plan

The Steering Group of the Health Scrutiny Committee had produced a report detailing some of the successes achieved and to consider what the key priorities for health scrutiny should be over the coming months. A summary of all the topics discussed by both the Committee and the Steering Group was attached to the report.

In terms of future priorities and topics for inclusion in a work plan, members considered priorities for additional or new scrutiny and the following topics were suggested:

- University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust
- Health reforms
- Restructuring within the NHS
- The Liverpool Care Pathway
- Training for the provision of dementia care and care homes for the elderly
- Dementia friendly councils and cities (within and outside the UK)
- Communication - ensuring that people knew where to get help
- Clinical Commissioning Groups and how they fulfil their new roles

It was explained that much work had been ongoing through the Steering Group, on behalf of the Committee, with the CCGs, Acute Trusts and other providers to build relationships moving forward. It was also intended to explore the opportunity to have an independent expert to offer advice and insight to the Committee, which would be helpful when the Committee was considering information provided by the NHS.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 8 January the Steering Group had met to discuss the consultation on specialised services currently being undertaken by the NHS Commissioning Board.

On 29 January the Steering Group had met to discuss and provide a response to the consultation on the short breaks strategy carried out by the Children & Young People's Directorate.

It was reported also that on 26 February the Steering Group had met with representatives from Lancashire North CCG, Fylde and Wyre CCG and West Lancs CCG to discuss how best they could share information and work together with scrutiny in the future.

A summary of each meeting was attached to the report.

Minutes of the Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee

The Joint Lancashire Health Scrutiny Committee had met on 22 January 2013. The agenda and minutes of that meeting were available via the following link for information.

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=684>