

Meeting of the Full Council – 15 May 2014

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting 4 March and 22 April 2014

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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4 March 2014

Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust

The Chair welcomed officers from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust (the Trust) who had been invited to attend Committee to provide members with information on:

- Performance
- Winter pressures
- Challenges facing the Trust

Following the discussion it was agreed that:

- i. The Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust be asked to identify how it would engage with Scrutiny in a more meaningful way;
- ii. The additional information requested by the Committee during the course of this meeting be provided by the Trust;
- iii. The Committee be provided with a copy of the Trust's response to the Care Quality Commission.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 20 December the Steering Group had received an update on the Health & Care Strategy from Fylde & Wyre CCG and an update on the Domiciliary Care Review from the Adult, Community Services and Public Health Directorate. A summary of the meeting was set out at Appendix A to the report presented.

It was noted that whilst the county council could not specify a 'living wage' hourly rate for domiciliary care, it was suggested that the county council's own procurement terms might provide for contracts to be entered into with only those providers who pay a living wage. It was agreed that this possibility be explored further.

On 31 January the Steering Group had met with East Lancashire CCG to discuss their system to gather soft intelligence. A summary of the meeting was set out at Appendix B to the report now presented.

22 April 2014

Cabinet Member Response to the Care Complaints Task Group

The Committee received the final response to the recommendations of the Care Complaints Task Group..

The recommendations of the Care Complaints Task Group report had been accepted in full. The Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing Directorate had produced an action plan, endorsed by County Councillor Martin, which was included in Appendix A to the report presented.

It was agreed that an update on progress towards achieving a single point of access for people who wish to complain be provided to the Steering Group in six months' time.

Report of the NHS Health Check Task Group

The Committee received the report of the NHS Health Check Task Group.

It was agreed that the recommendations of the Task Group, as set out in the report at Appendix A be supported and that the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing be asked to provide an interim response to the task group's report within three months.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 21 February the Steering Group had received an update from Debs Harkins, Director of Health Protection and Policy, on Public Health issues. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

On 14 March the Steering Group had met with Dr Jay Chillala from Central Manchester University Hospitals and Julian Blackhouse from the Institute of Diabetes to discuss the issue of diabetes. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix B to the report presented.