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Health OSC Steering Group Friday 13 June 2014 – Scrutiny Chairs Room (B14a) 2.00pm

Present:

- County Councillor Steve Holgate
- County Councillor Fabian Craig-Wilson
- County Councillor Margaret Brindle

Also:

- County Councillor Richard Newman-Thompson
- County Councillor Darren Clifford

Apologies:

- County Councillor Mohammed Iqbal

Notes of last meeting

The notes of the Steering Group meeting held on 2 May were agreed as correct

UHMBT – CQC Inspection

Phil Woodford, Deputy Director of Corporate Affairs from University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust attended Steering Group about:

- Recent CQC inspection and impending report
- Medical Director – following step down of George Nasmyth
- Chair of the Board – following resignation of John Cowdall

Members had been provided with recent copies of press releases relating to their CQC inspection and changes at the Trust for information.

Although the meeting with the Trust was already scheduled the Chair made the comment that it was fortuitous that the very recent developments at the Trust could also be discussed even if all the content of the draft CQC reports would possibly not be minuted for confidentiality reasons.

Discussions were based on the draft report as the Trust had not yet seen the final version and the main points were:

- There will be a report per hospital site and then an overall one for the Trust, and 'Ofsted' style ratings will be published.
- Phil informed members on the detail of the draft reports and the process around receipt of and response to the issues raised. The Trust submit evidence to CQC around mechanisms to address the issues and Phil fed back to members' examples of the evidence provided.
- Members asked a number of questions on the draft report which included topics such as staffing, specific departments, leadership and organisational

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culture. Responses were provided by Phil to the best of his ability at the present time.

- The CQC will be holding a quality summit – Wendy to contact them to determine whether HSC representatives are to be invited.
- The Trust will produce an action plan for each element of the report.

Press releases –

- John Cowdall – regret expressed by some members on the resignation of the Chair
- George Nasmyth – came out of semi-retirement to help the Trust out and indicated at the time that it would be a short term appointment. The Trust had been previously aware of the deadline but unfortunately it wasn't announced at the time.

Next steps:

- Phil to provide updates on the content of the draft reports as issues arise
- The Trust are meeting with local MPs
- BCT programme? – Joint Committee updates to ensure clarity of messages
- Published final report? – embargoed for Monday 23rd June.
- Action plan/progress updates – to be shared with the Committee as developed.

The Chair assured the Trust that members are supportive and keen to know areas where they can help with the process – possibly express those sentiments in a press release, visit individual departments and ensure that local members are up to date with the facts.

Key message that members expressed and wanted the Trust to take on board is the use of language in their communications – confusion leads to misunderstanding.

Work plan – work in progress

The current work plan for the Committee and Steering Group was attached for comment and update.

Confirmed that will work on the Starting, Living & Ageing Well basis therefore the July Committee will look at public health implications of early years services and services available to pregnant mothers (lifestyle issues etc)

Further development of the Steering Group work plan is required – hospital discharge issues to be added after further investigation has been carried out on what the current position is

Dates of future meetings

- 4 July – Richard Jones, NHS England (Lancashire Area Team) and Tony Pounder, LCC re Home Care procurement update and Care Act Implementation challenges
- 25 July – CCG Commissioning & NWAS 5 year plan
- 15 August - tba