

Lancashire County Council

Health Scrutiny Committee - Steering Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 18 January, 2016 at 2.00 pm in Room B18b, County Hall - County Hall, Preston

Present:

County Councillor Steven Holgate (Chair)

County Councillors

M Brindle

Y Motala

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from CC Fabian Craig-Wilson

2. Notes of the last meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 7 December were agreed as correct

3. Actions from previous meetings

Members briefly discussed updates on actions from previous Steering Group and Committee meetings, these included:

- HL event – 10 February
- CSSC
- CfPS Inquiry day – 4 March
- Nursing Shortage Task Group – membership to be requested
- Meetings with Richard Cooke re liaison between HSC and HWB

4. Commissioning Support Unit

Maureen Harrison and Carl Ashworth from the Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit attended to speak to members. The topics they covered included:

- CSU and its current role
- Function - how do they fit in to the wider services
- How does it work across Lancashire

Carl provided some background on how they support the CCGs

- Specialised skills that are centralised and accessed by many CCGs
- April 2013 – were 23 CSUs now 6
- Employed by NHSE
- They provide services for 33 CCGs – 6m population
- Bid for opportunity to provide services (up against other NHS orgs and private sector organisations)

- CC Holgate asked how the CSU creates efficiencies (amongst CCGs) – some services that are centralised are clearly better VFM. Ongoing dialogue with the CCGs to see where additional efficiencies can be made.
- Will the CSU become an arm's length organisation from the NHS? – All gone quiet on this front, so not clear what the future will be. If they are required to go down that route they are well placed and prepared to do so.

The position in Lancashire

- Provide services to all 6 CCGs
- Gave some examples of the specific areas of work they provide support to – BCF, vascular services, LD, joint health & social care sector strategy. Carl to share information on the Collaborative Commissioning Board re work streams undertaken that report to that Board. Looking at a piece of working regarding care homes, nursing homes and domiciliary care, extra care housing is also included within the scope.
- Touched on how Healthier Lancashire fits in with all other activity.
- CC Motala commented that it's difficult to ensure that the focus on 5 year plans doesn't overshadow the quality of the services currently provided.
- Briefly discussed the issue of how individuals with learning disabilities who require low level support are assisted to live in the community – long term sustainability issue for new types of care models.
- Had a similar discussion on the challenges facing mental health services. – CC Holgate suggested that the CSU use their business intelligence to gather data on the capacity of the whole mental system before an issue becomes a public concern.
- Members welcomed the idea that support services were still being provided within Lancashire by an NHS organisations as opposed to a private sector organisation focused on profit.
- CC Brindle raised a number of topics – cost, care, collaboration, competition, communication etc. – concerns that the whole gambit of issues becomes too 'heavy' and not deliverable because trying to do too much all at the same time.
- Maureen talked about the 'self-care' agenda within LNCCG to educate people on how to maintain good health and manage any long term conditions more effectively – she felt strongly that local communities are eager to learn more and the challenge is to work out how to sustain the resourcing of this type of engagement.
- CC Brindle shared a flyer from a Burnley health group with officers and members - as an example of how local communities can get the word round on all types of different health issues.

Members thanked officers for their time and asked that any updates on county wide issues are provided, particularly in relation to Healthier Lancashire.

5. Work plan

A copy of the latest work plan was attached for information/amendment

AOB

Margaret gave an update on the Victoria Care Home (one she has expressed concerns about) – many issues don't appear to be resolved such as not clear about the role of the previous owner. It will be changing its name and they offered an invitation for her to revisit any time she likes.

6. Date of next meeting

The dates are topics of future Steering Group meetings are:

- 8 February -
 - Mental Health Programme
 - Care for adults with LD (provisional) - ELCCG
- 7 March – WLCCG – Community Health Services procurement
- 18 April - tbc

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