

Meeting of the Full Council – 13 October 2016

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 20 September 2016

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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

[Health Scrutiny Committee](#)

Transforming Care - Proposed redesign of Learning Disability services in the North West

Mary Hardie, Andrew Simpson and Lesley Patel were welcomed from NHS England North specialised commissioning team to deliver a presentation on the progress of the engagement process with stakeholders on proposals relating to services for adults with learning disabilities.

Resolved: The Health Scrutiny Committee noted and commented on the engagement process.

Emergency Care Crisis - Chorley

On 13 April, Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust notified a number of stakeholders and the public that they had taken the decision to temporarily close the A&E Department at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital and introduce an Urgent Care Service which would only be open between the hours of 8am and 8pm with a GP Out of Hours service overnight. The reason given by the Trust for the decision was due to insufficient numbers of middle grade doctors required to deliver a safe service. The temporary change came into effect on Monday 18 April 2016.

The Health Scrutiny Committee consequently held a series of meetings to establish how the situation came to be, what steps needed to be taken by the Trust to resolve the situation, and what lessons could be learnt from the NHS for the future.

The report produced and circulated to Committee Members outlined the background, findings, conclusions and recommendations following investigations from the Committee.

Resolved: The Health Scrutiny Committee approved the recommendations contained within the report attached at Appendix A (subject to amendments suggested).