

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Minutes of the meeting held at Guildhall at 11.00 am

Present

Members:

Michael Hudson - Deputy Chairman (in the Chair)

Wendy Mead

Vivienne Littlechild

Steve Stevenson

Deputy Edward Lord

Officers:

Simon Cribbens - Assistant Director, Partnerships Commissioning, Community and Children's Services

Ian Tweedie - Adult Social Care Service Manager, Community and Children's Services

Ellie Ward - Integration Programme Manager, Community and Children's Services

Ruth Calderwood - Air Quality Team Manager, Markets and Consumer Protection

Julie Mayer - Town Clerks

Rob Speight - Bart's Health NHS Trust

Andrew Attfield

David Maher - City and Hackney, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Eugene Jones - East London, NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Waleed Fawzi - East London, NHS Foundation Trust

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from the Chairman, Christopher Boden and Michael Hudson, Deputy Chairman, took the Chair.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 16th July 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising:

Access to chiropody services for elderly/less mobile clients

Following a raised at the last meeting, the Assistant Director had liaised with the commissioner and provider of such services and Members suggested that they be invited to a future meeting.

Members were reminded of the Committee's wider scrutiny remit, which did not include individual casework, and asked if the Director of Community and Children's Services could provide a guidance note, for all Members, advising them how to progress casework on health matters generally.

Training Support for Carers

The Assistant Director advised meeting that training support was offered on an individual basis and tailored to specific needs. Details of the support groups and activities for carers will be shared with Members.

Potential Topics for Further Scrutiny

A Member suggested that the following be included:

- GP services: The Chairman suggested, and Members agreed, that a representative of the Neaman practice should be invited to attend the Committee to give an update on delivery, sustainability and other issues at the Practice. It would provide an opportunity to address a question raised at the Community and Children's Services Committee in relation to urgent appointments. An invitation will be extended to the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Community and Children's Services and Health and Wellbeing Committees.
- A review of sexual health services in the City.
- Reporting any untoward incidents within the health providers which work with the City Corporation.

4. FORWARD PLAN AND POTENTIAL TOPICS - 2020

Members noted the Committee's Forward Plan and potential topics for meetings in 2020, together with the discussion set out above in respect of future potential items.

5. BARTS AIR QUALITY

The Committee welcomed two Public Health Directors from Barts NHS Trust to the Committee, following Members' discussion on air pollution at St Bartholomew's Hospital at the last meeting. The Directors briefly explained the workings of the combustion plant in the energy centre. Members noted that they were working with Skansa, and holding monthly review meetings, to keep emissions of pollutants at an appropriate level. Members also noted that Barts had met with City Corporation officers in August and, whilst there had been some drop in emission levels during the summer, they had recently picked up a little.

During the discussion, the following points were noted:

1. Members expressed concern that the works had been ongoing for some time. before the matter had come to the attention of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee. Furthermore, the area surrounding Barts is already densely populated. Members accepted that all of the London hospitals are in areas of high pollution generally and noted that the Trust provided information for vulnerable patient groups in respect of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. However, the Trust also had a responsibility to promote walking, as a healthy lifestyle choice. There

was some discussion on the various apps available, which identified higher pollution areas, particularly 'CityAir'.

2. Ideally, Barts would like a higher stack to the plant but were limited by St Paul's heights. Engineers were considering work to the flue, in order to increase exit velocity and increase dispersal. Engineers had considered alternative control systems but there were no compatible versions available and the system in use was the lowest emitting of its kind. Further options included stand-by generators, which ran on diesel oil but were used less frequently, and the new types of bio-fuel available for these. The site will be replacing all communal lighting with LED bulbs.
3. The Royal London and Whipps Cross have 'Clean Air Hospital Plans' which are being rolled out across all 5 London hospitals and Whitechapel Hospital has an anti-idling transport policy. The Trust has an in-house transport fleet and were commissioning cleaner vehicles wherever possible. Active travel for health workers and doctors is encouraged and new secure cycling storage bays had been purchased.
4. The City Corporation's Air Quality Manager had offered to install lamp post monitoring at Barts next week, which would provide continuous monitoring and not just monthly averages. Members noted that lamp post monitoring was in place at the other 5 London hospitals.

In concluding, the Public Health Directors at Barts assured Members that they took the issue of air pollution very seriously and would continue to work with the Committee to keep levels as low as possible. Whilst acknowledging their actions and the circumstances set out above, Members felt that levels were still higher than desirable.

6. CITY AND HACKNEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

Members received a report of the Independent Chair of the City and Hackney Safeguarding Adults Board, which was presented by the Adult Social Care Service Manager. Members noted that one of the statutory duties of the Board was to complete an Annual Report outlining its achievements and to provide a forward look to the following year's priorities. Members particularly noted the focus on rough sleeping, as a strategic priority. In respect of the difficulties in identifying former safeguarding clients to share their experiences, and whilst fully understanding the reasons behind this, the Healthwatch Co-optee offered to try and identify someone willing to participate.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

7. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG)

Members received a report of the Head of Performance, City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group, which provided headline assessments against indicators for the 2018/19 CCG Annual Assessment, the headline ratings for

CCGs in North East London and areas for future focus. Members commended an excellent report and noted that the City and Hackney was one of only 24 CCGs nationally rating as outstanding and just one of three in London.

In response to a question about tackling isolation and loneliness, the Assistant Director advised that the City Corporation commissioned 'social prescribing' as part of early intervention and noted a Members suggestion about the various free events at the Barbican and Guildhall School.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

8. NORTH EAST LONDON LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION

Members received a presentation from the East London Health and Care Partnership (ELHCP), presenting their local response to the NHS Long Term Plan and next steps. Members noted that this would also receive Scrutiny at the Joint Inner North East London Scrutiny Committee. It was on today's agenda due to the Plan's timescale for submission.

Members noted the priority in relation to workforce and expressed concerns about pressures on existing staff that may be exacerbated by the larger footprint of the ELHCP. In response, the officers confirmed the CCG's commitment to promoting work/life balance and were keen to explore pathways from local schools into healthcare professions.

In concluding, Members noted that the plan was iterative, would be subject to regular monitoring and further suggestions were welcomed.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

9. DELAYED TRANSFER OF CARE (DTC)

Members received a report of the Director of Community and Children's Services which provided a high-level update on the occurrence of Delayed Transfers of Care (DToCs), from hospital to continuing health care/social care provision, for residents within the City of London.

Members particularly noted Appendix 2 to the report, setting out 'awaiting completion of assessment' as the largest factor in delays. As this was attributed to the NHS, it was difficult for City Corporation officers to challenge the data without knowing the detail behind it. Members noted that a national target had been set for no more than 15% of assessments taking place within hospitals. Members also noted how the City Corporation's appointment of a Care Navigator had been key in achieving good social care figures and officers were able to challenge and correct these where necessary. In concluding, officers advised that they would continue to monitor the situation and report regularly to Members.

RESOLVED, that – the report be noted.

10. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

In response to a question about defibrillators, which had been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2019, Members noted a recent incident in which a Barbican resident had suffered a heart attack on the podium. The nearest defibrillator had not been available as it was stored in an 'out-of-hours' location.

The HR Health and Safety Manger had not been available to attend this meeting and Members noted the minute from the HWB had resolved that: - *'The City Corporation take no further action regarding the installation or promotion of additional public access defibrillators in the City, where there was no first aid need'*. The Health and Safety Manager had further advised that they continued to work internally with stakeholders to maintain and update the survey of corporate defibrillators. This had led to additional defibrillators for some sites based on first aid need.

Whilst not wishing to make a formal representation to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Members suggested that defibrillators could be placed in the car park offices at Golden Lane and the Barbican and asked if there was one installed in the Golden Lane Gym. Members noted that the City Police vehicles carried them and they were very easy to use, with no training required.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no other business.

12. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED – That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item no

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Paragraph no

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13. PROPOSAL IN RESPECT OF TWO IN-PATIENT WARDS WITHIN EAST LONDON NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Members received a report of the Director of Strategic Service Transformation, East London NHS Foundation Trust

14. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 1pm

Chairman

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