

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 28th March, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ridley (Chairman)
Councillor J D Davies (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Barlow, K Finch, Mrs Harley, Ms Harris, Miller, C Wilson and Ms Angela Hill

Officers

Assistant Director of Law and Governance (Lead Officer to the Committee),
Assistant Director of Housing Strategy and Private Sector and the Scrutiny Officer
(Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal
(Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Also in Attendance

Mr Richard Beeken – Director of Operations and Transformation (Dudley Group)
Ms Yvonne O'Connor – Deputy Nursing Director (Dudley Group)
Mr Steve Corton – Head of Community Engagement, Dudley Primary Care Trust
Ms Mandy Green – Communications Manager (Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust)
Ms Marsha Ingram – Acting Director of People and Corporate Affairs (Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust)
Dr Mayada – Public Health Sexual Lead
Ms Jacky O'Sullivan – Service Transformation Programme Director
Ms Kimara Sharpe – Senior Responsible Officer (Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group)

54 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Kettle.

55 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Ms A Hill declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item No 6 (Quality Accounts for Dudley Group of Hospitals Foundation Trust and Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust in view of her being the Chair of a user group that provided services to patients on the Dementia Ward at Bushey Fields.

Councillor Wilson declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item No 12 (The Development of New Health Facilities in Lye and Pensnett) in view of him being the Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

Councillors Barlow and Ms Harris declared personal interests in respect of agenda item No 12 (The Development of New Health Facilities in Lye and Pensnett) in view of them being Members of the Development Control Committee.

56 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26th January 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

57 PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

58 QUALITY ACCOUNTS FOR DUDLEY GROUP OF HOSPITALS FOUNDATION TRUST AND DUDLEY WALSALL MENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP TRUST

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on progress made with regard to the Dudley Group of Hospitals Foundation Trust and Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust against quality improvement priorities identified in their 2011/12 Quality Accounts. The Quality Account Summary for 2011/12 for the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust had been circulated separately to the agenda.

Following the presentation of the part of the report by the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust and arising from a query it was agreed that information detailing the number of complaints received including those made against staff and the pertaining dates be circulated to all Members of the Committee. Ms Ingram undertook to circulate to Members of the Committee information that was to be submitted to the Patient Experience Board in May as that document contained the information requested.

In response to a query about measuring tools and quality indicators used with regard to high impact actions, Ms Ingram indicated that outcomes were scrutinised in detail on a monthly basis and that from the following month a safety thermometer would be used as a tool for measuring and monitoring. It was further reported that information relating to performance measures, particularly those involving falls, was publicly made available.

Following the presentation of the part of the report by the Dudley Group of Hospitals and in responding to queries from Members, in particular with regard to nutrition, it was reported that every patient that attended hospital had a nutrition assessment, measures were monitored on a monthly basis and that nutritional advice workers had been employed to undertake this work and that they also assisted in physically helping to feed patients. In response to a query about quantifiable data it was reported that specific indicators for this data were not available but that records were kept about patients with regard to whether meals had been eaten, times of eating, drinks consumed and the quantities consumed.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the Quality Accounts for Dudley Group of Hospitals Foundation Trust and Dudley Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, be noted.

59 SERVICE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME PROGRESS REPORT

A report of the Service Transformation Programme Director Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust was submitted on the Trust's progress with its service transformation.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust's progress with its service transformation, be noted.

60 TRANSFER OF SEXUAL HEALTH PROVISION

A report of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust was submitted on progress of the integration of the Dudley Group's Genitourinary Medicine Department (GUM) and the Community Contraception and Sexual Health (CASH) teams following the transfer of Community Services into the Acute Trust.

Arising from the presentation of the report, and in response to queries from Members, it was reported that the central clinic was adequate in providing services to the people in the North of the Borough, that the clinics had been placed in those locations to accommodate hotspots and that a marketing strategy was in place to inform residents of the changes.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the integration of the Dudley Group's Genitourinary Medicine Department and the Community Contraception and Sexual Health teams following the transfer of Community Services into the Acute Trust, be noted.

61 MATERNITY SERVICES UPDATE

A verbal report of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust was given by the Director of Operations and Transformation on progress made with regard to maternity services.

In presenting the report the Director of Operations and Transformation explained to the Committee the problems that had incurred in Dudley and that owing to demand exceeding capacity urgent action had to be taken. A strategy had been drawn up and following discussions regarding the demand being placed upon maternity services in Dudley it had been agreed that one hundred and forty women, identified as being in the low risk category that were registered with Sandwell General Practitioner (GP) practices, would have their care transferred to City Hospital. It had also been agreed that bookings would not be taken from Sandwell GP's for patients that lived more than a journey time of an hour away from Russells Hall Hospital and that this cap would be effective from 1st April, 2012 until 31st March, 2013. However, it was pointed out that there were exceptions for certain people including those that were disabled and those with complex cases.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the verbal report, on maternity services, be noted.

62 DUDLEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP – UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT

A report of the Senior Responsible Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, was submitted on progress in the development of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group and key tasks for the Group in the coming months.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, on progress made in terms of the development of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, be noted.
- (2) That the role that the Clinical Commissioning Group would be expected to play in the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board in terms of its future commissioning strategies, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, be noted.
- (3) That the requirements of the Clinical Commissioning Group authorisation process be noted.

63 PATIENT ENGAGEMENT IN THE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

A report of the Senior Responsible Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group was submitted on the consultation process to be undertaken by the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure the long-term effectiveness of patient engagement in local health decisions.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the consultation process to be undertaken by the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, be noted.

64 THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HEALTH FACILITIES IN LYE AND PENSNETT

A report of the Chief Financial Officer, NHS Dudley was submitted on the development of new health facilities in Lye and Pensnett.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the development of new health facilities in Lye and Pensnett, be noted.

65 CARING FOR CARERS

A verbal report on the Caring for Carers review was given by the Scrutiny Officer.

The Scrutiny Officer reported on the workshop that had been held on 21st March, 2012 as part of the Caring for Carers review. The review group had made a number of recommendations and a report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the verbal report on the Caring for Carers Review be noted.

66 PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the provision work programme for the 2012/12 municipal year.

Arising from the presentation of the report a Member requested that consideration be given to Member development and that briefings should be offered to Members on particular areas to broaden or widen their knowledge.

The Chairman suggested that a briefing session be held prior to the first meeting of the next Municipal Year, particularly so that new Members could be informed and briefed on pertinent issues.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the provisional work programme for 2012/13, be noted.
- (2) That the Lead Officer to the Committee be requested to arrange a briefing session for all Members of the Committee prior to the first meeting of the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

The meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN