

# **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **MINUTES**

of the meeting held on **25 JANUARY 2012** at Loxley House from 2.30 pm to 4.03 pm

#### **Membership**

- ✓ Councillor G Klein (Chair)
  - ✓ Councillor M Bryan (Vice-Chair) (minutes 13 to 17(b) inclusive\)
  - ✓ Councillor M Aslam
  - ✓ Councillor A Choudhry
  - ✓ Councillor E Dewinton (substitute for Councillor Choudhry)
  - ✓ Councillor C McCulloch
  - ✓ Councillor B Ottewell
  - ✓ Councillor J Packer
  - ✓ Councillor S Parton
  - ✓ Councillor S Piper (minutes 13 to 16(b) inclusive)
  - ✓ Councillor T Spencer
- ✓ indicates presence at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

- Ms S Smith - Assistant Director of Joint Commissioning ) NHS Nottingham City  
 ) Clinical Commissioning  
 ) Group
- Ms S Kirkwood - Assistant Director ) Nottingham CityCare  
 ) Partnership
- Mr N McMenamain - Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator ) Nottingham City Council  
Ms C Ziane-Pryor - Constitutional Services )
- Mr R Henderson ) East Midlands Ambulance Service (observing)  
Mr A Spice )

#### **13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McCulloch, on other Council business, Councillor Choudhry and Councillor Spencer.

#### **14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

#### **15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 December 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **16 TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES - UPDATE**

### **(a) Report of Head of Democratic Services**

Further to Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee minute 52 dated 26 January 2011, consideration was given to a report of the Head of Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated.

The report summarised the developments in transforming Community Services to date.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

### **(b) Presentation of Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group**

Consideration was given to the presentation delivered by Ms Smith, Assistant Director of Joint Commissioning for NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group, copies of which had been circulated.

The Panel's questions and comments were responded to as follows:

- there were adequate numbers of midwives working in the community and providing a good service;
- community midwives were not expected to stand in to cover delivery suite staffing gaps but all midwives were expected to have some experience in the delivery suites;
- the value of continuity of community midwives for citizens was recognised and although not fully achieved throughout the whole treatment, was improving;
- it was reported that there would be an extension of patient choice of any qualified provider measures to cover community services, which central government believed would lead to improved quality and patient experience. Ms Smith expressed the view that there was a difficulty in respect of potentially conflicting pressures to collaborate on one hand, and to compete on the other;
- 'Talking Therapies' which provided low level counselling services, had transferred to Nottingham CityCare a month later than other services, in May 2011, not May 2012 as listed in the presentation;
- 'Talking Therapies' was the subject of a new service delivery model, with increased efficiencies and economies of scale. Ms Smith acknowledged that there had been difficulties in establishing the appropriate model at the local level, as this had involved putting into practice a policy developed centrally by the Department of Health. While there were staffing implications, the staff involved had been kept 'on board'. Further alterations to the structure were predicted once the needs of citizens were assessed against the current provision;
- the Acute Trusts were to take responsibility for supporting people once discharged although CityCare did provide specialist nurses to some organisations.

The Panel welcomed the generally successful transition to date, but undertook to consider progress on talking therapies, midwifery and podiatry services, and the effect of extending patient choice measures in September/October 2012.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that a further update on Transforming Community Services be requested from the Clinical Commissioning Group, for this Panel in September/October 2012, with a focus on progress on talking therapies, midwifery and podiatry services, and the effect of extending patient choice of any qualified provider measures to community services;**
- (2) that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Smith be recorded for her presentation and attendance.**

*The Panel adjourned from 3.10pm to 3.30pm.*

**17 QUALITY ACCOUNT 2011/12, CITYCARE PARTNERSHIP**

**(a) Report of Head of Democratic Services**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report outlined purpose of quality accounts and the role the Health Scrutiny Panel in ensuring quality of service and public accountability.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**(a) Presentation of Nottingham CityCare Partnership**

Consideration was given to the presentation by Mrs Kirkwood, Assistant Director of CityCare Partnership, a copy of which was submitted to the website agenda following the meeting.

Healthcare provider organisations were to involve their stakeholders in identifying priorities for its Quality Account in regard to patient safety, clinical effectiveness and patient experience. This Committee was to comment on the draft Quality Accounts of Nottingham CityCare Partnership, enabling it to respond or action accordingly prior to the commenting on the final document before publication in June 2012.

The presentation outlined the review of quality priorities for 2011/12, identified possible further priorities for 2012/13, and outlined the consultation development process of the Quality Accounts.

The Panel's comments and questions were responded to as follows:

- o discharge/transfer arrangements had been reviewed and were now co-ordinated by middle to senior managers to help smooth the process. Communications between hospitals and community services were being addressed but required further work;

- an integrated care pilot had been trialled at Clifton Cornerstone involving physiotherapy and occupational therapy where issues were raised immediately, and this was now established as a service;
- service providers were to competitively tender against each other but at the same time were expected to collaborate. At times this was difficult but the partnership was doing its best;
- contracts and figures were applied to every aspect of the Partnership's work, including root cause analysis, action plans and monitoring. If any specific statistical or financial information was required by the Panel, it could be provided.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Nottingham CityCare Partnership be requested to submit the final Quality Account document to the Panel's May 2012 meeting;**
- (2) that the thanks of the Panel to Mrs Kirkwood for her presentation and attendance, be recorded.**

## **18 WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Democratic Services, copies of which had been circulated.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the work currently scheduled to the end of the municipal year, be noted and that consideration of the Nottingham City Pilot of registering with a GP Practice of Choice be submitted to the 28 March 2012 meeting of the Panel;**
- (2) that unless informed of business to be transacted in the provisional meeting slot of 29 February 2012, the next formal meeting be held on 28 March 2012.**