

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MONDAY 17 JANUARY, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Davis, Mrs. M.A. (Chairman)
Adamson, G. (Vice-Chairman)

Ansell, Mrs. P.A.

Staffordshire County
Council Representative: Councillor J. Rowley

30. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D.J. Bennett, Mrs. A.F. Bernard, B. Williams and Mr. J. Davis, Staffordshire LINK Representative.

31. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of South Staffs Healthcare NHS Trust	Personal
Adamson, G.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Adamson, G.	Member of Mid Staffs Cancer User Forum	Personal
Adamson, G.	Volunteer with Age Concern	Personal

32. Minutes

Arising from consideration of the Minutes the Chairman referred to Minute 25, paragraph 5 and requested that Mr. Stuart Rees, District Director (Cannock Chase and South Staffs), Social Care and Health be invited to the next meeting to provide an update following his previous presentation regarding Social Care and Health.

The Chairman referred to Minute 27 and advised that the Review of the Licensing Policy had been agreed at Council on 8 December, 2010.

She then referred to Minute 29 Healthcare and pointed out that the Committee were previously unhappy with the lack of information being received in respect of the proposal for a new health centre. The Chairman then welcomed Ms. Nikki Brooks, South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) to give an update to Members on the current position.

Ms. Brooks circulated a proposed plan of the new health centre to Members of the Committee and advised that there had been no representation from the PCT at the Committee in previous months given that there had been numerous changes to the plans over the past 6 months. However, the PCT would be submitting the final business case to the Health Authority for approval. A planning application would be submitted sometime this week or next for the footprints subject to the necessary approvals. Should the approvals be granted, the new health centre would take approximately 18 months to build.

She then referred to the plan and reported that the building would consist of 3 floors. The ground floor would accommodate PCT provider services who were currently located in Crown House, Cannock. Those services would include baby clinics, smoking clinics and contraception advice. The minor injuries and GP services would occupy the remaining section, although if they did not move the service physiotherapy would accommodate the space and the minor injuries could stay in Cannock Hospital. The Chairman appeared concerned that if the minor injuries unit was closed at Cannock Hospital the service provided at the new health centre would be as good.

Ms. Brooks advised that the top floor would be accommodated by contraception and sexual health staff and would be a base for administration. She also advised Members that only 2 GPs would be moving into the new health centre as Dr Verma was moving to Chase Practice and the Nile Surgery, Cannock had just signed a new lease for a further 3 years.

A Member was keen to know if the consortium agreed the proposals given that the health centre would take approximately 18 months to build and by which time the PCT may be disbanded. Ms. Brooks advised that the consortium were happy with the proposals.

Ms. Brooks advised the Committee that the current out of hour's contract was due to expire in 2012, and the PCT were currently considering this although they were looking to have only one provider.

A Member asked if GPs had shown any interest in the out of hour's contract. Ms. Brooks advised that a tender would go out for the service and the service would only be for the Cannock Chase area. It was therefore more likely that local GPs would participate in the out of hours service.

Ms. Brooks indicated that the PCT proposed that there would be 47 parking spaces at the new health centre, and discussions had been held with the Planning Department who thought it would be sufficient. She also advised that a transport survey had been carried out.

Ms. Brooks referred to the x-ray department currently located in the hospital and stated that this department was not accessible to minor injuries and any patient in need of an x-ray would be sent to Stafford Hospital. She advised that the PCT were currently liaising with the x-ray department in order to allow minor injuries to utilise the x-ray department given that only 10% of patients would use the service.

She referred to the plan and indicated that the developer would try to utilise some vacant space and approach an independent dispensing pharmacy to see if they were interested in occupying it. She also advised the Committee that Arriva would not commit to anything when the health centre was originally planned although further discussions would now take place with regard to re-routing a bus service past the Health Centre.

RESOLVED:

- (A) That Mr. Stuart Rees, District Director (Cannock Chase and South Staffs), Social Care and Health be invited to the next meeting to provide an update regarding Social Care and Health.
- (B) That Ms. Nikki Brooks be invited to a future meeting when more information is received in respect of the Minor Injuries department at Cannock Chase Hospital.
- (C) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

33. Items Arising from Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee held on 30 November, 2010 and 10 January, 2011

Meeting held on 30 November, 2010

Transformation

The Chairman reported that transformation work was going ahead, although there was some concern. She reported that South Staffs PCT commissioned services from other health trusts and advised that the contract for adults with learning difficulties was to be reduced and concern had been expressed with the loss of service.

Bucknall Hospital, Stoke-On-Trent

The Chairman reported that the Hospital would be vacated in March 2012 and the services would transfer.

She also reported that the following items were discussed:-

- Sexual Health Strategy for Staffordshire
- Cardiac Rehabilitation
- Malnutrition
- Coton House, Stafford – Patient move to Shrewsbury for detoxifying only
- Transforming Community Services
- Application from Royal Wolverhampton Hospital for Foundation Trust Status.

Heart Attack Victims

Councillor J. Rowley, Staffordshire County Council circulated and referred to a press article regarding heart attack victims. He reported that overall only 38% of heart patients attended rehabilitation programmes and indicated that Norton Canes had the highest rate of heart

attack in the Country. He advised the Committee that a review would be undertaken and when finalised he would ensure that the Committee received it.

Members noted that it was crucial for those who had suffered a heart attack to attend rehabilitation and discussed the causes associated with it.

Meeting held on 10 January, 2011

Transforming Community Services

The Chairman reported that Staffordshire and Stoke-On-Trent would become a new Trust as of 1 July, 2011, although the transfer of accounts would be part year and existing staff would remain employed by the PCT until 1 July.

She advised that a period of engagement had been undertaken with staff and the public although GPs had expressed concern that the engagement was too short. Therefore, further engagement would be undertaken.

The Chairman indicated that the Robert Peel Hospital, Tamworth and Samuel Johnson Hospital, Lichfield could transfer under the Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

She advised that the new Chief Executive of the PCT would be appointed by the end of the month although Members appeared keen for someone local to be in post. There had been concern raised in respect of the nominations for the Executive posts due to the risk that by 2013 GPs could de-commission from Social Services and go to private providers.

Sexual Health Agenda

The Chairman advised that a sum of money would be ring fenced for work to be undertaken in respect of sexual health. She also reported that teenage conception was at a low in Staffordshire, although there was currently concern with the number of people with sexually transmitted diseases. She also indicated that the figure for terminations within Staffordshire was 72%.

She also advised on other up and coming items which included a stroke service review and Chlamydia screening.

West Midlands Ambulance Service

The Chairman reported that calls had increased over the Christmas period and were approximately 20-30% up on certain days. She advised that the public were being urged to try and avoid going to A&E unless absolutely necessary.

East Staffordshire Borough Council

The Chairman advised that Members at East Staffs would be undertaking some work on obesity and activities for older people.

Lichfield District Council

The Chairman reported that Burntwood Health Centre had become very popular with local people and was well subscribed to; therefore Lichfield District Council would be undertaking some work with regard to this.

34. Psychology Services for Cancer Patients.

The Chairman reported that in December she and Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health had met with Sue Price and Leese Edwards, South Staffordshire PCT and Tina Randall, Health Scrutiny Manager from Staffordshire County Council with regard to the provision of psychology services for cancer patients.

The Head of Environmental Health explained that there were 3 cancer networks and a number of providers for community services such as Starfish, Staffordshire. Starfish provided a range of psychological and social interventions to people experiencing common mental health problems at levels 1 and 2 with 50% funding being provided by MacMillan Cancer Support. If patients required level 3 or 4 psychology services, Shropshire and South Staffordshire Healthcare Foundation Trust (SSSHFT) was the only local provider and the service was based only on an assessment of needs. There was a single point of access, and no differentiation between cancer patients and other patients.

He reported that the contract was managed by the Joint Commissioning Unit and indicated that contract monitoring meetings were open for Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee to attend and there was input from GPs into the contract monitoring arrangements. He advised that assurances were given that there were no proposals to cut the services. Furthermore, SSSHFT had been awarded the national contract to provide psychological services to injured military personnel returning from Afghanistan.

The Head of Environmental Health advised the Committee that he had spoken with Tina Randall, Staffordshire County Council and she had requested specific examples of where the psychology service had failed which could then be pursued with the PCT.

A Member advised the Committee that the psychology service provided in Staffordshire would now see a reduction in its service. The Chairman advised that the Committee would see what outcome was received from Sue Price, South Staffordshire PCT before querying why psychology services time had been reduced, in light of more referrals being received.

The Head of Environmental Health advised that he would liaise with Officers at Staffordshire County Council in respect of seeking the views of the Greater Midlands Cancer Network.

35. West Midlands Ambulance Service – Application for Foundation Trust Status

The Chairman reported that a consultation would be held by West Midlands Ambulance Service on Thursday 20 January 2011 at 2:30 p.m. regarding their application for Foundation Trust Status and advised that all Councils had been requested to send a representative to the meeting.

She indicated that the West Midlands Ambulance Service was keen to regain the Patient Transport Services contracts, and commented that they would be taking on a number of ideas from Staffordshire including that of ensuring ambulances were well stocked and clean at the end of a shift.

The Chairman reported that an invite had been extended to send a delegation to the Joint Accountability Service on 23 February, 2011, to be held between 5-7.30 p.m. at Staffordshire County Council. The meetings would be chaired by Local Authorities and 5 places for Members were available. Members that were interested in attending were asked to contact the Head of Environmental Health.

36. Future Work Programme Items

The following items would form part of Future Work Programme Items:-

- Hospital Aftercare – invites to be extended to Stuart Rees District Director (Cannock Chase and South Staffs), Social Care and Health and a representative from Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust
- Young Carers
- Older People – budgets/pensions

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.).