

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 7 JUNE, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Bernard, Mrs. A. F. (Chairman)

Holder, M.J. (Vice-Chairman)

Ball, G.D.

Grice, Mrs. D.

Also Present:

Councillor P. Jones, Staffordshire County Council Representative

Mr. J. Davies, Staffordshire LINK Representative

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.N. Davies and G.N. Molineux.

2. 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>
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Member of Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Holder, M.J.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal

3. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 April, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

4. Appointment of Representative to Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee

Consideration was given to the appointment of the Council's representative to Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for the 2011-12 Municipal Year.

AGREED:

That Councillor Mrs. A.F. Bernard be appointed as the Council's representative to Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for the 2011-12 Municipal Year.

5. Items Arising from Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on 6 June, 2011

The Chairman reported on the County Council's work programme and the links between both Council's health related issues.

She reported that Mr. Griffiths of South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) discussed the consultation regarding the merge between Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust.

6. Determination of Work Programme

Consideration was given to the Committee's work programme for 2011-12.

The Chairman was keen to seek ideas from the Committee for the forthcoming work programme. A number of possible topics were discussed which included:-

- Scrutinising of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust – Stafford Hospital

A Member reported on the poor publicity that Cannock Hospital received as a consequence of being part of the same Trust. She also discussed the poor service at Stafford Hospital with regard to patients waiting for meals.

The Chairman referred to a report which was being undertaken by Staffordshire County Council in respect of nutrition within Stafford Hospital and suggested that a representative from the PCT could be invited to a future meeting to discuss this. It was also suggested that it may be worth obtaining performance figures from Cannock Hospital.

A Member commented that a full public enquiry was already being undertaken into the failings of Stafford Hospital and the Committee could be over scrutinising on this matter. The Head of Environmental Health concurred with this and suggested that it may be worth waiting to see what the outcome was of the public enquiry taking place.

- Birmingham Children's Hospital

The Chairman reported that she would like to invite a Governor from the Hospital to discuss the services that they offered to children within the District. She commented that there was a link between the hospital and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAHMS) which offered specialist mental health services to children within the local community. She explained that following the report 'Tip of the Iceberg' in respect of mental health, she was keen to see how this had impacted upon mental health services locally.

- Government's Proposals – Health

A Member referred to the Government's proposals to revise some of the current healthcare reforms; however there was currently no details and suggested that the Committee may

want to be involved with work the County Council may undertake in respect of this.

- GP Commissioning Consortia

Members were keen to be updated on what progress had been made from the PCT to the establishment of GP commissioning consortiums.

Mr. J. Davies, LINK representative reported that the PCT and local GP's met recently and was surprised with the amount of work that had already been undertaken. It was suggested that the Committee may wish to extend an invite to a representative of a GP consortium.

- Drug and Alcohol Misuse

The Chairman referred to the current problem of misuse of drugs and alcohol within the District and was keen to receive statistics on the problem. She also enquired as to whether there were any incentives offered to people who wished to try and rehabilitate.

Mr. S. Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health reported on the following ongoing items from the 2010/11 work programme as part of this years work programme:

- Update on discharge of patients from hospital and making sure care packages were in place
- Update on psychology services for cancer patients

Mr. Davies reported that the LINK AGM would be taking place tomorrow and an emphasis would be placed on providing a link between the public and those that provided healthcare. He indicated that he would be happy to make a presentation to the Committee in respect of items from the Annual Report and it was agreed that this would take place at the next meeting on 19 July, 2011.

AGREED:

- (A) That Mr. Davies, LINK would give a presentation at the next Health Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 19 July, 2011 in respect of items from the Annual Report.
- (B) That the work programme for 2011-12 consist of the following topics:
 - (a) Performance reports from Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust in respect of Cannock Chase hospital
 - (b) Services provided by Birmingham Children's Hospital and CAMHS
 - (c) Progress with the Cannock Chase GP Commissioning Consortium
 - (d) Services provided in the District to tackle Drug and Alcohol Misuse
 - (e) Update on discharge of Patients from Hospital
 - (f) Update on Psychology Services for cancer patients

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.).