

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2005 AT 3.30 P.M.

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)
Molineux, G.N. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G. Jones, R.
Davies, Mrs. M.A. Mitchell, C.

By Invitation:

Councillor Mrs. J.A. Johnson - South Staffordshire Council
Councillor M.C. Harris – South Staffordshire Council
R. Wilson – Patient and Public Involvement Forum
Mrs. S. Wilson – Cannock Chase Primary Care Trust (PCT)

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M.C. Stretton and A. Williams. Apologies were also received from Councillor Mrs. S. Woodward, representing Staffordshire County Council, Mr. Crawshaw and Mrs. Harry of Mid-Staffs General Hospitals NHS Trust.)

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Head of Policy and Performance advised Members that Mr. Crawshaw, Director of Partnerships and Service Development and Mrs. Harry, Director of Clinical Standards of Mid-Staffs General Hospitals NHS Trust had forwarded his apologies for the meeting.

36. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

Member	Nature of Interest	Type
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of Staffordshire Ambulance Trust	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Community Partnership	Personal

37. Minutes

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2005 be approved as a correct record.

Arising from the Minutes the following was reported:-

Minute 35, Cannock Chase Hospital

Councillor Alcott raised concern that the local press had misinterpreted what was discussed at the last Health Select Committee meeting regarding the closure of the Lea Hall Ward at Cannock Chase Hospital. Councillor Alcott explained that at the last meeting of the Health Select Committee a discussion took place between Members regarding quick patient care in the hospital, therefore, freeing up much needed beds for other people.

The Head of Policy and Performance reported that she had received a response from Mid Staffordshire General Hospital's NHS Trust in response to a letter sent from Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee.

38. Cannock Chase PCT – 'Annual Health Check' Presentation

Mrs. S. Wilson, Deputy Director of Nursing and Clinical Governance at Cannock Chase Primary Care Trust gave a brief presentation to Members of the Committee regarding the 'Annual Health Check'.

Mrs. Wilson distributed a copy of the Standards to Members of the Committee that set out seven domains which the Trust was required to conform to and included the following:-

- Safety
- Clinical and Cost Effectiveness
- Governance
- Patient Focus
- Accessible and Responsive Care
- Care Environment and Amenities
- Public Health

Mrs. Wilson explained to Members that processes were in place in order to conform to each of the seven domains.

Members agreed that a positive response should be sent to Cannock Chase PCT as part of the consultation process

39. Oral Update from Representative on Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Alcott reported that documentation from Staffordshire County Council had previously been circulated to Members of the Select Committee.

South Staffordshire Healthcare NHS Trust

It was reported that with regard to the South Staffordshire Healthcare NHS Trust public consultation, very little had been reported on the provision of services for patients.

Dentistry

It was reported that a paper was circulated to Members of the Committee, which contained information relating to the lack of dentists' emergency cover in the event of an emergency and contained other information such as the levels of decay in youngsters in the County.

Cancer Screening

It was reported that a cancer screening review paper had been circulated which provided details of the lack of screening for prostate cancer, and noted that this was the second most common cancer.

Commission for Patient Led NHS and Commission for Patient Led NHS Seeking Stakeholders

Councillor Alcott reported on the planned merger with the West Midlands.

40. Health Centre Development at Chase Leisure Centre

The Head of Policy and Performance reported that the Primary Care Trust was still considering the site at Cardinal Way. A report would be submitted to Cabinet in November and the Health Select Committee requested that they should have the opportunity to review the report first, if not a recommendation should be contained within the report for it to come to the Committee.

Councillor Mrs. Davis reported that problems still persisted with CISWO.

CHAIRMAN