

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2005 AT 3.30 P.M.

IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)

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

By Invitation: Mrs. J.A. Johnson – South Staffordshire Council
R. Willson – Patient and Public Involvement Forum

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G.N. Molineux, S.M. Hewitt and A. Williams. Apologies were also received from Mrs. S. Woodward, representing Staffordshire County Council, M.C. Harris, representing South Staffordshire Council, Mrs. D. Evans, representing Lichfield District Council and Mrs. J. Harry, representing Mid Staffs General Hospital NHS Trust).

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

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Beddows, J.	Member of Norton Canes Health Centre	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of Staffordshire Ambulance Trust	Personal

46. Minutes

RESOLVED:

The Minutes of the meetings held on 17 October, 3 and 10 November, 2005, be approved as a correct record.

47. Cannock Chase Hospital

Members welcomed Mr. Andrew Crawshaw, Director of Partnerships and Service Development from Mid Staffs General Hospitals NHS Trust.

Mr. Crawshaw explained that he or a representative from Mid Staffs General Hospitals NHS Trust would be attending future meetings of the Health Select Committee.

He reported that Mr. Martin Yeates, Chief Executive, and Mrs. Jan Harry, Director of Clinical Standards, held a public meeting regarding the compilation of a draft service specification for Cannock Chase Hospital. A second public meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 30 November, 2005.

Mr. Crawshaw explained that currently the NHS Trust was compiling a draft service specification with regard to Cannock Chase Hospital and this would be included in the business plan. The two themes identified were: -

- To consider Cannock Chase Hospital as the Primary Care hub, to include services such as dentistry
- To consider muscular skeletal services which would include rheumatoid and orthopaedic services and a hydrotherapy suite.

Councillor Alcott suggested that the Trust could have meetings with Cannock Chase Council, Lichfield, Southern Staffs and Stafford, with Officers and Members once or twice a year regarding future plans.

A number of issues were discussed between Members of the Committee including people's perceptions of health care, aftercare and ward closures.

Mr. Crawshaw explained that with regard to Foundation Trust status a 2 star Trust can apply for the status. However, Monitor (the organisation that monitor Foundation Trusts) states that the standards of the Trust cannot be lowered. With regards to consultation, the hospital was required to produce a list of all services currently provided by the Trust, and that any changes to this list would be considered to be a substantial variation and overview and scrutiny committees would need to be consulted.

Councillor Alcott requested information relating to the following: -

- How much of the Trust's budget is used to run Cannock Chase Hospital?
- Will there be private companies using wards for private patients?

Mr. Crawshaw explained that with regard to the budget for Cannock, he would be able to gain the information from John Newsham for the next meeting.

He also explained that currently the NHS is competing against independent sector companies who are subsidised by the Government. However, no plans currently existed to put a private company into Lea Hall Ward at Cannock Chase Hospital.

Members raised concern with regard to the use of agency and bank staff workers and the cost associated with employing them.

Mr. Crawshaw commented that bank staff are those that currently work for the hospital, who at present may only work part-time and are looking for additional hours and agency staff are no longer being employed.

48. Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee

Councillor Alcott reported that three presentations were given at the last meeting of Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

He explained that one of the presentations focused on a new Mental Health Trust in Birmingham to build secure accommodation for 85 patients. Patients would be taken from a range of areas including the West Midlands and Staffordshire.

Some discussion took place regarding outreach workers, community psychiatric nursing and the cost to the Police for detaining mental health patients.

49. Health Centre Development at Chase Leisure Centre

The Head of Policy and Performance reported that a report was due to be considered by Members on the sale of the land at Cardinal Way. Members requested that the Health Select Committee be consulted once the planning application had been submitted.

50. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The Head of Policy and Performance reported that she and the Health Leader, Councillor Mrs. A. Bernard attended a meeting at Staffordshire Carers Partnership Board to present the recommendations from the Health Select Committee regarding care in the community. She informed the Select Committee that Leisure Services were meeting with carers' representatives to discuss the possibility of using leisure facilities for carers

The Head of Policy and Performance circulated the work programme for the Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for Members to consider when determining the work programme for the Select Committee

CHAIRMAN