

Health Scrutiny Panel

Minutes - 12 September 2019

Attendance

Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel

Cllr Obaida Ahmed
Tracy Cresswell
Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal
Cllr Lynne Moran
Cllr Phil Page (Chair)
Cllr Paul Singh (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Wendy Thompson
Dana Tooby

In Attendance

Cllr Sohail Khan
Cllr Jane Stevenson
Cllr Jonathan Crofts

Witnesses

Eleanor Smith MP
Stuart Anderson (Prospective Conservative Parliamentary Candidate)
Helen Hibbs (Chief Officer - CCG)
Steven Marshall (Director of Strategy and Transformation CCG)
Anja Ellersiek (Campaign Group to save Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery)
Representative from NHS England
Sue Sephton (Practice Manager Tettenhall Medical Practice)
X 2 GP's from Tettenhall Medical Practice

Employees

Martin Stevens (Scrutiny Officer) (Minutes)
John Denley (Director for Public Health)
Julia Cleary (Scrutiny and Systems Manager)
Heather Harper (Apprentice Systems Officer)
Earl Piggott-Smith (Scrutiny Officer)
Amy Pote (Apprentice Systems Officer)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

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| 1 | Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Susan Roberts MBE, Cllr Paul Brookfield and Sheila Gill. |
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The Health Scrutiny Panel were made aware that Sheila Gill had recently suffered a family bereavement and sent their condolences to her.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Bhupinder Gakhal declared a non-pecuniary interest on the item on the consultation on the Tettenhall Wood Road GP Surgery as he worked in the Constituency Office for Eleanor Smith MP.

Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal declared a non-pecuniary interest on the item on the consultation on the Tettenhall Wood Road GP Surgery.

3 Minutes of previous meeting

Resolved: That the minutes of the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 6 June 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4 Matters Arising

The Director for Public Health remarked that the latest suicide figures for the Wolverhampton area had recently been released. He was pleased to report that suicides had decreased in Wolverhampton which was against the national trend. In Wolverhampton suicides had dropped from 23 to 15.

Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal requested a meeting with the Director for Strategy and Transformation of the CCG regarding clarification of the Accident and Emergency figures he had recently submitted to the Health Scrutiny Panel by email. The Director for Strategy and Transformation agreed to hold a meeting with the Councillor.

5 Tettenhall Wood GP Surgery Consultation

The Chairman gave an opening statement explaining the purpose and role of the Health Scrutiny Committee. He also explained that there was a comments box at the venue, which people could use to submit comments about the consultation on the Tettenhall Wood Road GP Surgery. There were also hard copies available of the official consultation for those that hadn't already completed it. He and the Vice-Chair had visited the Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery on 3 September to see the facilities, car parking arrangements and to meet some of the medical staff. He had made available at the venue a map showing all the public transport routes in Wolverhampton and Members had before them a map showing the location of the two surgeries run by the Tettenhall medical practice.

The Panel received statements from the Accountable Officer at the CCG (Helen Hibbs), a representative from the campaign to save the Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery (Anja Ellersiek), Eleanor Smith MP, Mr Stuart Anderson (Conservative prospective candidate for Wolverhampton South West Parliamentary Seat), Local Councillors – Cllr Sohail Khan, Cllr Jane Stevenson, Cllr Jonathan Crofts, Panel Member and Local Member – Cllr Wendy Thompson, a representative from the medical practice and a representative from NHS England.

The Campaign to save the Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery had also submitted a written statement to the Panel Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. The GP Practice Manager after a request from the Chair of the Panel had

submitted a spreadsheet showing the age groupings of patients that used the two surgeries run by the Tettenhall Medical Practice.

After a detailed discussion the Panel,

Resolved Unanimously: -

- A) That Wolverhampton CCG use all their best endeavours, working in collaboration with the Tettenhall Medical Practice, to keep the Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery open.
- B) That the Health Scrutiny Panel be formally notified by the CCG of the outcome of the planned Primary Care Commissioning Committee scheduled for November.
- C) That the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel write to the relevant Council Officers to see what steps can be taken to help improve the current car parking arrangements at the Tettenhall Wood Road Surgery.

6 The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust - Quality Accounts

Representatives from the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust gave a presentation on the final quality accounts. A copy of the presentation slides had been circulated with the agenda and are attached to the signed minutes.

7 National Audit End of Life Care

Representatives from the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust gave a presentation on the National Audit of End of Life Care, a copy of the report circulated with the agenda is attached to the signed minutes.

Cllr Khan asked when the Panel would receive a report reviewing the impact of the new Medical Examiner role. The Scrutiny Officer confirmed that a report was scheduled to be received by the Panel at their meeting in January 2020.

8 Verbal Update on Brexit Preparations

Health partners gave a verbal update on their preparations for Brexit.

The Director for Public Health commented that they were treating Brexit as any emergency planning preparedness or continuity type exercise. There were five sub groups relating to different parts of the Council, that were looking at their preparedness. One of those was related to Health and Social Care.

The CCG Chief Accountable Officer gave an update on the preparations the CCG were undertaking. They were making sure that good plans were in place for Brexit and were contributing to the meetings being held on the subject.

The Deputy Chief Nurse of the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust gave an update on the preparations the Trust were making. Their risk assessment was being updated every two weeks. They were used to managing shortages of drugs with pharmacies.

9 Work Programme

Resolved: That the Health Scrutiny Work Programme be agreed.

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