

# Health Scrutiny Panel

## Minutes - 24 May 2018

### Attendance

#### Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel

Cllr Obaida Ahmed  
Tracey Cresswell  
Shelia Gill  
Cllr Jasbir Jaspal (Chair)  
Cllr Milkinderpal Jaspal  
Cllr Asha Mattu  
Cllr Paul Singh (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Martin Waite

#### In Attendance

David Loughton CBE  
Jeremy Vanes  
Stephen Marshall

Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust  
Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust  
Wolverhampton CCG

#### Employees

John Denley  
Lina Martino  
Earl Piggott-Smith  
Ankush Mittal

Director of Public Health  
Consultant in Public Health  
Scrutiny Officer  
Consultant in Public Health

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## Part 1 – items open to the press and public

*Item No.*      *Title*

- 1      **Apologies**  
Apologies for absence were received from the following:  
  
Cllr Caroline Siarkiewicz  
Dana Tooby
- 2      **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest recorded
- 3      **Minutes of previous meeting**  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record and was signed by the Chair.
- 4      **Matters Arising**  
Agenda Item 5: Winter Planning Report 2017/18 – Update Report

Scrutiny Officer advised the panel that Dr Odum's briefing paper on the evaluation and effectiveness of winter preparedness plans will be presented to the panel on 19 July 2018.

Agenda Item 7: Update on the work of the suicide prevention stakeholder forum.

Scrutiny Officer advised the panel that information requested was sent in April – further copies available on request.

**5 Health Scrutiny Panel Work Programme**

Earl Piggott-Smith, Scrutiny Officer, presented the work programme report and invited comments on the plan. The panel were advised to submit any ideas for future agenda items and they will be considered by the Chair and Vice Chair.

The panel were advised that a visit to West Midlands Ambulance Service had been suggested. The panel were asked to advise the scrutiny officer if they are interested in attending.

Tracey Cresswell advised the panel that the Healthwatch Annual report will be ready for the panel meeting on 19 July 2018. The panel agreed to revise the draft work programme.

Resolved:

The panel work programme to be updated.

**6 The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust Quality Account 2017/18 report**

Jeremy Vanes, Chair – The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWHT), presented a draft of the Quality Accounts 2017/18 report. The Chair outlined the background to the purpose of the document and commented on progress made against priorities set at the start of the year and the plans for 2018/19.

The Chair advised the panel that a formal report will be published on NHS website and a paper version of the draft would be available. The Chair added there have been further changes made to the draft since the report was sent to the panel. The Chair advised the panel that the draft report is externally audited to check the accuracy of the content before it is published. The Chair added that the deadline is 7 June 2018 for health scrutiny to comment on the document.

The Chair commented that the hospital is awaiting the results of a recent Care Quality Commission inspection report on the use of hospital resources and overall efficiency which will give a different view of its overall performance.

The Chair highlighted key sections of the document to help panel members understand the progress made by the hospital in meeting key priorities and performance against national measures.

The Chair invited panel members to comment on the draft report. A summary of the comments is given below:

- The vision and values section have no details – Chair advised that this section has been completed and included in the latest draft document.

- The panel share concerns about staff vacancy rates and acknowledged the work done to fill gaps to deliver safe and effective care to patients. The Chair advised the panel that progress made to stabilise staffing levels and that 50 nurses from the Philippines had been trained to meet shortages.
- The panel discussed the issue of the number and type of serious and reportable incidents during the year and the reasons. The panel wanted assurance about the impact of actions taken to reduce the likelihood of them happening again in the future. The Chair commented on safety thermometer – harm free care chart which shows current progress towards the target and how the hospital coped during the winter period.
- The panel noted the progress on improving infection control and reducing the number of pressure injuries. The Chair advised the panel of initiatives aimed at helping staff to maintain safety critical systems and to continue functioning at an optimal level during periods of high stress.
- The panel discussed the advice given to people help them get ready for discharge as part of efforts to reduce delays. The Chair commented on work done to encourage people to declare their ethnic origin to help the hospital compare its performance against published standards. RWHT provide mandatory training package on diversity to both existing staff and as part of the induction programme for new staff.
- The panel discussed progress since the introduction of vertical integration – which involves GP practices being integrated with the RWHT through sub-contracting arrangements. The panel discussed the results detailed in the Live GP Dashboard and the implications for improving future practice and policy.
- David Loughton, Chief Executive, RWHT, commented on the high risk to the hospital of achieving workforce planning targets and that despite extra funding from NHS there is a national shortage of staff with the necessary mix of skills and experience.
- The panel queried the reason for the placement of a young person on adult ward following treatment and lack of information in the hospital about where the public can get advice. The Chief Executive accepted that the situation is not ideal for the person and agreed to meet separately to discuss further. The Chief Executive commented on the work of PALS service and positive feedback on the quality of the service. The members of the panel were advised that information about the service is advertised across the hospital and there are leaflets which explain their role. The Chief Executive asked members of the panel to contact him if there are concerns about the service and agreed to review how the service is publicised.
- The panel discussed the idea of extending visiting times but accepted the need to have times when visiting times. The panel discussed the issue of parking and problems caused for patients, visitors, residents and staff. The delays cause problems for WMAS .The Chief Executive commented on the delay in reaching an agreement with CWC to get planning permission to build extra car park capacity to help relieve pressure on service. John Denley, Director of Public, agreed to follow this issue up and report back to a future meeting.
- The panel discussed the impact of the removal of the student bursary on efforts to create the workforce to meet future demands. The Chief Executive agreed that the changes had been a false economy and had created problems in recruitment and retention across the health sector. The Chief Executive had raised the issue with the Secretary of State for Health and the staff shortages across a range of health professions

- The panel discussed the benefits of having and sharing information about the performance of the GPs working in vertical integration and how it could be used to improve the patient experience.
- Stephen Marshall, Director of Strategy & Transformation, WCCG commented on the issue of reaching an agreement about the sharing of patient data following Health Act 2012 and the work being done to achieve equity of service.

The Chair asked the panel that any comments on the draft quality accounts should be sent to scrutiny officer asap so that it can be included in the response.

Resolved:

1. The panel agreed that a response to draft quality accounts will be sent to RWHT before the 7 June 2018.
2. The Chair and Vice Chair to agree a final draft which will be shared with the panel.

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### **Wolverhampton Hot Food Takeaway Supplementary Planning Document Consultation**

Lina Merino, Consultant in Public Health, introduced the report on revised guidance on appropriate locations for new hot food takeaways. The Consultant in Public Health explained the background to the consultation document and gave highlights to the representations received.

The Consultant in Public Health gave a short presentation which gave details about the proposal and added that the guidance only applies to new applications to open hot food takeaways

The panel queried the data which gave a summary of the link between the number of children assessed as being obese in Year 6 and the number of hot food takeaways within 400m of school gates. The panel queried strength of the link when results for Fallings Park and Oxley are compared.

John Denley, Director of Public Health, commented that the proposals are aimed at reducing access and consumption of unhealthy foods as part of the wider vision for the service. The Consultant in Public Health added they plans are aimed at encouraging people to make better health choices and to improve their health. The panel commented on the issue of concentration of hot food takeaways outside the 400m limit but located on the walking route to schools. The panel queried if this issue will be considered by planning when granting planning applications.

The Director of Public Health commented that the plans have had a good media coverage and led to local businesses to discuss their plans for opening hot food takeaways and change their offer to more healthier options. The Chief Executive commented on the changes in the food offer introduced at Greggs and the positive discussions and added that the location is now used to test new healthy products and profits have increased.

Resolved:

The panel endorse the proposed changes to the planning guidance and would like its comments considered in the final draft before it is approved.

- 8      **Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Quality Accounts 2017/18**  
The panel agreed to note the response to the Quality Accounts report.
- 9      **West Midlands Ambulance Service Quality Accounts 2017/18**  
The panel agreed to note the response to the Quality Accounts report.