

Attendance

Members of the Panel

Cllr Claire Darke (chair)
Cllr Ian Claymore
Cllr Susan Constable
Cllr Milkinder Jaspal
Cllr Zahid Shah
Cllr Paul Singh

Other Councillors

Employees

Earl Piggott-Smith
Ros Jervis
Adam Hadley

Scrutiny Officer
Director of Public Health for Wolverhampton
Scrutiny and Transparency Manager

Other attendees

Dr Helen Hibbs
Clare Barratt
Sharon Sidhu

Chief Officer (NHS WCC Group)
Development Manager Wolverhampton CCG
Commissioning Solutions & Development Manager (Planned
Care)Wolverhampton CCG

Apologies

No apologies for the meeting

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Action</i>
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MEETING BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Apologies**

No apologies were received

2. **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest received.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting (19 December 2013)**

The panel discussed the minutes of 19 December and agreed that they be amended to include a reference to inviting the members of The Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust Board to a future meeting of the panel.

Resolved:

The acting Chair of Royal Wolverhampton Hospital Trust to be invited to a future meeting of the panel. The aim of the meeting will be to update the panel on current issues affecting the hospital.

Earl Piggott-Smith

4. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

DECISION ITEMS

5. **Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group – Infertility Policy**

Clare Barratt briefed the panel on the proposals to consult with the public about plans to harmonise infertility policies across Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country. Clare referred to the consultation document tabled at the meeting inviting the public to give their views on the infertility services and the planned changes.

Clare outlined the work done with representatives from across the different Clinical Commissioning Groups to agree a set of proposed changes that that would be presented to the public to comment.

Clare outlined the range of opportunities for the public to comment on the proposals and invited members of the panel to attend the events. Clare explained that is a six week engagement plan for the public; in addition there are more specific sessions for groups to comment on the plans. Clare commented on the age limits for male and females and explained there is no proposed change to the criteria for considering applications from couples who were previously smokers.

The panel welcomed the opportunity to comment on the plans and supported the aim of developing a harmonised infertility policy.

The panel queried the number of families likely to be affected by the proposed changes. Clare explained that 60-80 couples would be affected by the change.

The panel queried whether the consultation events would include details of the success rates of the different fertility treatments options and the likely impact of support for people unable to conceive after six cycles of self-funded donor insemination at a HFEA registered clinic. Clare confirmed that such details would be presented in information to the public.

The panel queried whether the policy would be reviewed in the event of new approved procedures that may be developed in the future. Clare confirmed that the policy would be reviewed in response to any revised guidance.

Resolved:

The panel welcomed the report and supported the recommendation to undertake a public engagement exercise which aims to harmonise infertility policy across Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Region.

6. Community Dermatology Engagement Plan

Sharon Sidhu briefed the panel on plans to consult with the public about the procurement of a new community dermatology service. Sharon explained the reasons for undertaking the consultation and engagement. Sharon explained the plan to use open a pop up shop in the town centre for two days.

The panel welcomed the report and supported the planned consultation.

The panel queried the reasons for choosing the Science Park as a location. Sharon explained that the focus group events would take place at the Science Park where the CCG is based.

The panel queried how many people currently using the dermatology service. Sharon explained that the new service would result in approximately 2300 people being suitable for management in a community dermatology service annually. Sharon reported that a member of Healthwatch Wolverhampton has been involved in one of the focus groups and has expressed an interest in being involved further in the procurement. .

Sharon explained that the new service will be operational from 1 April 2015. The contract will be awarded to the new provider in October to enable the new provider to mobilise by the 1st April 2015.

Ros Jervis queried the cost of the contract. Sharon confirmed that the contract value was £1.5 million.

Resolved:

The panel welcomed the report and supported the planned consultation on the proposal procurement of the community dermatology service. The panel supported the planned consultation exercise.

11. Draft health scrutiny panel work programme 2014/15
[Earl Piggott-Smith]

Earl Piggott-Smith presented to a report detailing the agenda for future meetings of the panel. The panel were invited to suggest topics they would like added to the work programme.

The panel requested an update on plans for redeveloping GP practices. A sub group of the panel had investigated the matter, but there were concerns about the progress in addressing the concerns about the poor standard of GP accommodation.

Resolved:

That a meeting be arranged to get a details of progress since the panel referred the matter to the Health and Wellbeing Board and invite representatives of key partners to give evidence.

Earl Piggott-
Smith