

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 16th June, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr M Frankland (vice Cllr Baker), Cllr R Gibson (vice Cllr Mrs Nesbitt), Cllr Julia Roberts, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley.

Officers: G Birtle, F Shayler (LD).

Also in attendance: Cllr G Dadd, Cllr J Blackie, B Hunter (North Yorkshire County Council).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Baker, Cockerill, Mrs Nesbitt, Sherris.

H Declarations of Interest

14/08

None

H Draft Minutes - 19th May 2008

15/08

The draft minutes of 19th May 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

H Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - Consultation Review

16/08

Members would be conducting a time limited consultation review of Momentum : Pathways to Healthcare. This would be a joint review taking on board representations from North Yorkshire County Council. Hartlepool would also be conducting their own review taking on representations from Durham County Council. A joint meeting of all of the Authorities would be held at the beginning and at the end of the reviews to gather all of the evidence together. The first phase of the consultation period to be reviewed was the 'Location and Functional Content' of the new hospital.

Members were provided with a draft Scope and Project Plan for the review. Members held discussion on the witnesses they would like to hear evidence from. It was felt that evidence should be heard from Carole Langrick, Clinicians (Nick Roper/Carl Parker), the Practice Based Commissioning Board, Unions (UNISON/UNITE), members of the public (SCRGA/Viewpoint), Transport Services.

Members also wished to received confirmation that the Ambulance Trust were being consulted on the proposals. The Scrutiny Officer would make enquiries and provide an update.

It was requested that a press release be made to encourage public participation in the review.

Three meetings had been arranged in order to conduct the review, however other meetings may be required in order to receive all of the evidence. The meetings would be held as follows:-

Monday, 23rd June at 4.00pm
Monday, 14th July at 4.00pm
Monday, 4th August at 4.00pm

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan be approved.

H **North Tees Health Centre Development**

17/08

This matter was deferred to the next meeting.

H **Alcohol Services**

18/08

Members were provided with an action plan update following their review of Alcohol Services.

Members requested a copy of the Alcohol Strategy once it had been developed by the Alcohol Strategy Group.

The Chairman highlighted a number of areas where progress had been made since the Committee's recommendations. Members were particularly pleased that initial scoping was taking place to widen the DAT (Drugs Action Team) to a DAAT (Drugs, Alcohol and Action Team) and requested that they be provided with regular updates on progress made.

Members requested further information with regard to how many detoxification schemes would be established further to the PCT providing funding for those schemes for 2 years. The Scrutiny Officer would investigate and inform Members of the outcome.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The Action Plan be noted.
2. A copy of the Alcohol Strategy be provided once it had been completed.
3. The information on detoxification schemes be provided by the Scrutiny Officer.

H **Work Programme**

19/08

Members held discussion on their work programme.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

H **Chairman's Update**

20/08

The Chairman had no update for Members on this occasion.