

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING 8TH NOVEMBER, 2011.

Present – Councillors Murray (Chairman), Chadwick (Vice-Chairman), L. Byrne, Mrs Fairclough (substitute for Councillor A. Walsh), Greenhalgh (substitute for Councillor Barrow), Iqbal, Morgan, Peacock, Radlett, and A. Wilkinson.

Also in attendance:-

Councillor Morris	-	Chair RBH NHS Foundation Trust
Councillor Mrs Thomas	-	Executive Member for Corporate Resources and Health
Mr A. Taylor	-	NHS Bolton
Mr. T. Evans	-	NHS Bolton
Mrs. C. Palmer	-	NHS Bolton
Ms. J. Rigby	-	GM Neurosciences Network Director
Mrs L. Doherty	-	RBH NHS Foundation Trust
Ms B Andrew	-	RBH NHS Foundation Trust
Mr. G. Raphael	-	RBH NHS Foundation Trust
Mrs. J. Wright	-	GM West Mental Health Foundation Trust
Mrs. L. Dormer	-	GM West Mental Health Foundation Trust
Dr. A. Seabourne	-	GM West Mental Health Foundation Trust
Ms. S. Long	-	Interim Accountable Officer, Bolton Health Consortium
Dr.G.Ogden	-	Urgent Care Lead, Bolton Health Consortium
Mr. J. Rutherford	-	Director of Adults and Community Services

Councillor Murray in the Chair

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Resolved – That the Work Programme be approved.

16. PROPOSALS FOR CHANGING AND IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN BOLTON

Councillors Murray and Morgan declared a personal interest in the next following item

Representatives of the Greater Manchester West Mental Health Foundation Trust gave a presentation outlining draft proposals for the rationalisation of all health and social care services provided to people aged over 65 who might have functional or organic mental health problems in Bolton.

In Bolton there were currently three inpatient wards for older people all based at Royal Bolton Hospital. The wards provided 50 beds in total (15 in Hawthorne House, 20 in Redwood Ward and 15 in Hazelwood Ward) of which 35 were for people with an organic illness such as dementia and 15 beds were for people with a functional illness such as depression or anxiety. Following national benchmarking, an analysis of bed occupancy rates and mapping of local needs, it was proposed to close Hawthorne House provide 35 beds overall, via two wards, with 20 beds in Redwood Ward for people with organic illness and 15 beds in Hazelwood Ward for people with functional illness who also had complex physical health care needs.

The reduction in inpatient beds would generate savings from the Trust's estates/building related costs and enable the Trust to increase nursing levels on the remaining wards and provide an enhanced in-reach and outreach service to care homes across Bolton. The Trust had also identified significant capital monies of £846,000 to improve the ward environment for the two wards that would be used which would incorporate dementia design principles and standards.

The matter had been considered by the Greater Manchester West Mental Health Foundation Trust Joint Scrutiny Committee, at its meeting on 17th October, 2011, which had expressed some reservations about the process in the light of national data which suggested that the demand for inpatient facilities for

elderly people with mental health issues would increase in the foreseeable future.

However, the Joint Scrutiny Committee understood the Trust's requirements to make financial savings and supported, in principle, the proposals contained in the report, subject to a report being submitted to the Joint Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16th January, 2012, outlining the results of the consultation exercise.

Members were advised that the Mental Health Trust proposed to undertake a wide ranging consultation exercise on the proposals, with comments and views being requested by early January, 2012.

Members sought clarification/further information on the following matters:-

- An assurance that the review was clinically lead;
- As demographic information suggested that there was a need to increase capacity would the review ensure that there was sufficient capacity to meet future demand;
- An assurance that community enhancement proposals would not be compromised; and
- Had the Mental Health Foundation Trust considered what it would do with Hawthorne House.

Resolved – That a report being submitted to the Committee at its meeting on 12th January, 2012, outlining the results of the consultation exercise

17. URGENT CARE REDESIGN

Susan Long, Interim Accountable Officer, Bolton Health Consortium and Dr. George Ogden, Urgent Care Lead, Bolton Health Consortium gave a presentation on a proposal to redesign the current urgent care service provision.

Currently, urgent care services were provided via a number of access points. The redesign proposals would result in the service being provided from a single site at Royal Bolton

Hospital.

The presentation went on to detail the rationale behind the proposal, the benefits which would accrue to the Bolton public, the implications of the redesign proposals and the timescales involved.

In their deliberations Members sought clarification/information on the following points:-

- Whether the proposals would resolve the major problems when trying to access GP services;
- The position of Bolton One in the redesign process;
- The necessity to re-engage with the public in regard to the proposals; and
- The perceived transport problems involved in having an out of town urgent care facility.

Resolved – (i) That the presentation be noted.

(ii) That a report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee detailing the results of the consultation exercise

18. PROGRESS ON MEETING QIPP CHALLENGE

Annette Walker, Interim Finance Director, NHS Bolton and Gary Raphael, Finance Director Royal Bolton Hospital NHS Foundation Trust gave presentations on the progress being made by their individual organisations in meeting their 2011/12 QIPP targets.

Both NHS Bolton and Royal Bolton Hospital were confident that they would achieve their target income although NHS Bolton had identified medicines management as being an area of medium risk.

Members sought further information as to how the prescribing of medicines could be made more efficient and which organisation would, in future, be responsible for monitoring prescribing patterns.

Resolved – That the current positions of NHS Bolton and Royal Bolton hospital NHS Foundation Trust in meeting their QIPP challenges, be noted.

19. MEMBERS' BUSINESS

The Committee received the minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester West Mental Health Foundation Trust Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 17th October, 2011.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 1.00pm and ended at 3.00pm)