
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 APRIL 2007

Present - Councillors Morgan (Chair), Greenhalgh (Vice-Chair), L. Byrne, Connell, Mrs. Fairclough, Hamilton, Hollick, Hornby, Hussain (as substitute for Councillor A. Wilkinson), Lord, R. Ronson, Mrs. Rothwell, J. Silvester, Spencer.

Councillor Morris - Chair, Bolton Hospital Trust

Also in attendance:-

Ms. A. Gannon - Director of Health and Social Care Integration; Ms. B. Andrews - Director of Corporate Services, Hospital Trust; Mr. T. Evans - Interim Chief Executive Bolton PCT; Mr. M. Maguire - Bolton PCT; Ms. H. Dobrowolska - Assistant Chief Executive Bolton PCT; Ms. M. Leyland - Bolton NHS Hospitals Trust; and Mr. J. Addison - Scrutiny Support Manager.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burrows, Clare and A. Wilkinson and from Mr. J. Fillingham.

Councillor Councillor Morgan in the Chair

48 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6th March, 2007, were submitted and signed as a correct record.

49 BOLTON PRIMARY CARE TRUST - STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FINAL DECLARATION

The Committee received a detailed presentation on the Bolton Primary Care Trust self declaration of performance. The presentation set out the background to the declaration and that the PCT was rated on the use of resources and quality with the ratings being published in October, 2007.

Members were informed that the declaration was split into

seven domains. The presentation provided details of performance against the following seven domains:-

- safety; - clinical and cost effectiveness; - governance;
- patient focus; - accessible and responsive care; - care, environment and amenities; and - public health.

It was reiterated that it was not the role of the Committee to "sign off" the declaration, but to comment on the performance of the trust against core standards.

The Committee was advised that it could choose whether or not to make a commentary on the declaration.

Resolved - That a commentary on the declaration be submitted to the Primary Care Trust within the next 7 days

50 BOLTON HOSPITALS NHS TRUST - STANDARDS FOR HEALTH FINAL DECLARATION

The Committee received a detailed presentation on the Bolton Hospitals NHS Trust self declaration of performance. The presentation set out the background to the declaration and that the PCT was rated on the use of resources and quality with the ratings being published in October,2007.

Members were informed that the declaration was split into seven domains. The presentation provided details of performance against the following seven domains:-

- safety; - clinical and cost effectiveness; - governance;
- patient focus; - accessible and responsive care; - care, environment and amenities; and - public health.

It was reiterated that it was not the role of the Committee to "sign off" the declaration, but to comment on the performance of the trust against core standards.

The Committee, in complimenting the Trust on the work done to reduce incidences of MRSA, enquired when the hospital would be introducing MRSA rapid screening. The Committee also welcomed the upgrading of wards C1 and C3.

Resolved - That a commentary on the final declaration be submitted within the next 7 days

51 BOLTON, SALFORD AND TRAFFORD MENTAL HEALTH TRUST ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report reminding Members that, at its meeting on 13th February, 2006, the Committee agreed to delegate authority to a Joint Committee established to undertake all the necessary functions of a Joint Committee established in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 of the Health and

Social Care Act 2001.

The Committee then considered the proceedings of a meeting of the Joint Committee held on 27th March, 2007, together with a draft commentary on investigations carried out into core standards where the Joint Committee felt that it could make valid, evidence based comment.

Resolved - That the proceedings of the Joint Committee, together with the draft commentary, be noted.

52 RESPONSE TO BOLTON PCT AND ICATS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report attached to which was the response of Bolton Primary Care Trust to the Committee's resolution of 6th February, 2007, (Minute38) in relation to the introduction of Integrated Clinical Assessment and Treatment Services (ICATS).

Tim Evans, Interim Chief Executive, Bolton PCT, spoke to his response and advised that he was mindful that the issues in relation to ICATS had arisen as a result of the need to improve communication between the Committee and the PCT.

The Committee sought clarification on the location of independent sector ICATS services and it was stressed that the Committee expected to be consulted as to final locations.

Concern was expressed in regard to the consultation process especially in relation to General Practitioners.

The PCT acknowledged the concerns of GPs and advised that a series of events would be conducted in the Spring and Summer to address these.

Clarification was also sought on the financial impact on Bolton Hospital as a result of the introduction of ICATS although the Committee welcomed the availability of transitional funding.

The Committee also sought clarification that the introduction of ICATS would not have a detrimental impact on the skill levels of staff at Bolton Hospital

Resolved - (i) That the response of the Bolton PCT to the Committee's resolution in respect of ICAT proposals be noted.

(ii) That Bolton PCT be advised that the Committee would expect to be fully consulted on the location of ICATS

53 VOTE OF THANKS

Resolved - That the Chairman and Vice- Chairman be thanked for the efficient manner in which they have

conducted the business of the Committee during the last municipal year.
(The meeting started at 9.30am and ended at 11.00am)