

**GREAT YARMOUTH AND WAVENEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 October 2014**

Present:

Colin Aldred	Norfolk County Council
Alison Cackett	Waveney District Council
Michael Carttiss (Chairman)	Norfolk County Council
Michael Ladd	Suffolk County Council
Bert Poole	Suffolk County Council
Shirley Weymouth	Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Also Present:

Kim Arber	NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG
Rebecca Driver	Director of Engagement, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG
Michael Scott	Chief Executive, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust
Andy Evans	Chief Executive, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG
Alan Murray	Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care and Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Suffolk County Council
Maureen Orr	Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager, Norfolk County Council
Paul Banjo	Democratic Services, Suffolk County Council
Tim Shaw	Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council

1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

There were no apologies for absence

2 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 July 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Public Participation Session

There were no applications to speak in the Public Participation Session.

The Chairman did, however, agree to hear from Alan Murray, the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care and Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Suffolk County Council, who spoke when the Joint Committee considered items 5 and 6 on the agenda.

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5 Adult and Dementia Mental Health Services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney

5.1 The Joint Committee received a report from the Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager at Norfolk County Council which included evidence from Andy Evans, Chief Executive, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG and Michael Scott, Chief Executive, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust. The Joint Committee also heard from Suffolk County Councillor Alan Murray.

5.2 Andy Evans and Michael Scott explained how the proposed new approach to Adult and Dementia Mental Health Services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney would lead to three local centres of excellence on two sites, including the further development of crisis resolution and home treatment teams and dementia intensive support teams that provided services across the whole of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area. In reply to questions, they said that the consolidation of all inpatient services at Northgate Hospital was expected to take 9 to 12 months to complete and reduce the number of adult acute mental health beds in the locality from 28 to 20 beds. It was pointed out that the 36 beds at Carlton Court for ongoing care for older people with complex mental health needs would remain open. In addition, Laurel Ward at Carlton Court would re-open with up to 10 beds for older people with complex mental health needs and stay open until the right kind of services were available in the community to support these patients.

5.3 In reply to further questions, the witnesses pointed out that 6 beds in local nursing homes in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area would continue to be used after the closure of Larkspur Ward at Carlton Court and that a small number of patients would still have to travel to Norwich for dementia assessment. It was pointed out that dementia patients needing to travel to Norwich would not be expected to make their own travel arrangements. It was noted that there would be 10 acute mental health beds opening for patients outside the locality, in Norwich. Andy Evans added that there were plans for the new and improved services at Carlton Court to include beds and services for younger people with mental health needs.

5.4 County Cllr Alan Murray said that Suffolk County Council fully supported the CCG's proposals for Adult and Dementia Mental Health Services and looked forward to hearing further from the CCG and its partners about improvements in services for young people with mental health needs, including the CCG's plans

for making Carlton Court a Centre of Excellence for Children's Mental Health Services. Alan Murray also explained developments regarding policing and mental health services in Suffolk where a street triage initiative had been introduced on a trial basis that involved mental health staff accompanying the police car in a triage car and encouraged the CCG and Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust to consider a similar service in Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

5.5 The Joint Committee noted that the proposed changes to adult and mental health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney were a substantial change to service. The Joint Committee also welcomed that the changes were intended to make for an equality of service provision throughout the area.

5.6 The Joint Committee agreed unanimously that:-

- (a) It was satisfied that the consultation on the proposals had been adequate in relation to content and time allowed; and
- (b) It was satisfied that the CCG's final proposals were in the interests of the health service in its area.

5.7 The Joint Committee agreed unanimously to inform the CCG that it did not intend to make a report to the Secretary of State under Section 23 paragraph (9) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

6 NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG Five year Plan for Achieving Health and Care Integration

6.1 The Joint Committee received a report and presentation from Andy Evans Chief Executive, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG, about the CCG's vision for the next five years and its intentions for an integrated care system in Great Yarmouth and Waveney. It was pointed out that more detailed information about the CCG's intentions could be found in the CCG's two year Operating Plan.

6.2 Andy Evans said that the CCG was working closely with its commissioning partners to put together a detailed timetable of activities that would lead to closer integration of health and care services. He said that these activities would include combining budgets (the Better Care fund would be a key enabler), streamlining the management of teams and co-locating teams. He said that the Joint Committee would be kept informed of developments.

6.3 Andy Evans agreed to take up a suggestion from Alan Murray that the CCG should share with Suffolk County Council the CCG's assessment of its IT system's compatibility with that of its commissioning partners. Andy Evans added that significant progress had been made on this issue over the last 12 months but more work remained to be done.

6.4 The Joint Committee agreed to accept Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG's summary of its five year strategic plan.

Alison Cackett asked for it be recorded in the minutes that she would have

preferred the Joint Committee to have had a more in-depth discussion of the CCG's five year plan before agreeing to accept it. In response the Chairman pointed out in accepting the CCG's summary of its five year strategic plan the Committee was not committed to prior approval of specific proposals that would be considered in detail during the formal consultation process as and when appropriate.

7 Information Only Items

7.1 The Joint Committee noted information on the following subjects:

- An update on progress towards developing seven day services including timescales.
- The move of the Out of Hours GP base from the Nelson Medical Centre, Great Yarmouth to the James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- The James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust two year transformation plan.

8 Forward Work Programme

8.1 The Joint Committee agreed the following items for the forward work programme:-

8.2 6 February 2015 – the Chairman and the Chief Executive of the James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust should to be invited to speak about the hospital's two year transformation plan (a summary of which was included in the "information only items" mentioned above). It was agreed that the report should include:-

- Progress with the transformation programme
- Progress towards 7 day service
- Progress with streamlining / improving processes, e.g. the patient appointment system.

8.3 8 April 2015 – Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG and Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust should be asked to present a report on progress with the changes to adult and dementia mental health services and the establishment of the children's service at Carlton Court.

This report should also include information on the trend in out of area placements of mental health patients (i.e. the numbers of patients from other areas who have been placed in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area; the numbers of patients from the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area who have been placed in other areas).

8.4 The health scrutiny officers were asked to approach Healthwatch in Norfolk and Suffolk about the possibility of Healthwatch monitoring the effect of the changes to mental health services in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area after they have been implemented (i.e. in approximately one year's time) and reporting back to the Joint Committee in due course.

8.5 In reply to a member question, Maureen Orr, Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager at Norfolk County Council, advised that the issue of female genital mutilation in Norfolk was more of a criminal justice issue than a health service issue and therefore outside of the remit of this Joint Committee.

9 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

10 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

10.1 It was noted that the Committee would be meeting at Great Yarmouth Borough Council at 10.30 am on the following dates:

6 February 2015

8 April 2015

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm.

CHAIRMAN



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