

**GREAT YARMOUTH AND WAVENEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 October 2012**

**Present:**

John Bracey	Broadland District Council
Peter Byatt	Waveney District Council
Michael Carttiss (Chairman)	Norfolk County Council
Marlene Fairhead	Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh	Norfolk County Council
Tony Goldson	Suffolk County Council
Alan Murray	Suffolk County Council
Colin Walker	Suffolk Coastal District Council

**Also Present:**

Rebecca Driver	Director of Engagement, HealthEast
David Hill	Chief Executive, James Paget NHS University Hospital Trust
Theresa Harden	Democratic Services (Suffolk)
Keith Cogdell	Scrutiny Support Manager, Norfolk County Council
Tim Shaw	Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council
Barbara Robinson	Member of the public

**1 Election of Chairman**

Resolved

That Michael Carttiss be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

**2 Election of Vice-Chairman**

Resolved

That Alan Murray be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

**3 Apology for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from David Harrison, Norfolk County Council.

**4 Public Participation Session**

The Chairman agreed to allow Barbara Robinson, a member of the public, to speak in the public participation session.

Barbara Robinson explained the latest developments with ME/CFS Services in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area. She said that following a meeting

between local NHS commissioners and managers from across the Eastern region with patient and carer representatives, a firm commitment had emerged from the local NHS management to establish a new consultant led ME/CFS service. The local NHS management had also agreed to work alongside patients and carers in the selection of a lead consultant and in developing the kind of service that patients wanted.

Barbara Robinson went on to say that due to staffing changes at NHS Norfolk and Waveney there had been a delay in the delivery of the new signed off service specification for ME and CFS, but the good news was that Norfolk's Clinical Commissioning Groups had recently agreed the service specification in principle and NHS Norfolk planned to look at this matter again very soon. Barbara Robinson added that all concerned wanted to prevent any unnecessary delays in the implementation of the new service and that she was continuing to press the NHS for a detailed review after the new service had been in place for six months. She said the main outstanding difficulty was finding a suitable consultant to lead the new service and deal with what she described as six hundred new referrals in the area each year.

Barbara Robinson said that she would like to place on record her thanks to Shirley Weymouth, a previous member of the Committee, for all the hard work and support that she had provided on this matter.

It was pointed out that the tendering process for the new service was being led by NHS Norfolk and Waveney.

It was suggested that Barbara Robinson might like to contact the community radio station for the Framlingham area which could be willing to run a local news story on the issue of ME and CFS of a similar style to that of previous news stories that they had run on other health related matters.

It was agreed that the Committee should receive an update on ME/CFS at a future meeting, to which all the relevant NHS bodies should be invited to attend.

## **5 Declaration of Interest**

It was noted that Tony Goldson of Suffolk County Council was a Governor at the James Paget Hospital.

## **6 Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **7 Update from James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust on Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections and New Governance and Accountability Structure**

The Committee received a suggested approach from the Business Manager, Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council, to an update on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections and the new governance and accountability

structure for the James Paget University Hospital.

David Hill, Interim Chief Executive at the James Paget Hospital, spoke about the CQC inspections of the hospital since April 2011 and the new monitoring and assurance framework that had been introduced as a result. He said that the hospital was now fully compliant with the Health and Social Care regulations and there were no outstanding concerns against any of the CQC outcomes. The Interim Chief Executive said that he had put in place a quality safety assurance framework that he considered would provide a system of audit, peer review and mock CQC inspections with external stake holders to ensure on-going compliance with all future CQC outcomes. He said that the Board of Directors were reviewing data that was produced by this system at its monthly meetings.

In reply to questions, David Hill said that several changes had taken place at Director level and Divisional Managers were reporting directly to him.

David Hill said that in his opinion ambulance turnaround times at the hospital would not be improved by introducing a system of fines for slow turnarounds, which could end up making matters worse.

Members spoke about how the James Paget Hospital was highly regarded by the public and the local news media which was very supportive of the significant changes at board and leadership level including changes of Chairman, Chief Executive, Medical Director and Director of Nursing.

The Committee did not consider it necessary to receive a further report about the James Paget Hospital before late 2013, unless in the meantime Norfolk Link or Suffolk Link wanted to bring any issues of concern to the Committee's attention.

## **8 Update on HealthEast Authorisation and Next Steps**

The Committee received a suggested approach from the Business Manager, Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council to a report from Rebecca Driver, Director of Engagement for HealthEast about the next steps in the authorisation process for HealthEast, the CCG for the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area.

Rebecca Driver said the purpose of the authorisation process was to make sure that each CCG was fit for purpose and HealthEast expected to hear in early December 2012 whether it was "fully authorised" or "authorised with conditions". Rebecca Driver expected HealthEast to be "fully authorised" and to become the accountable statutory body from 1 April 2013, replacing part of NHS Norfolk and Waveney as the Commissioner of Health Services for the people of Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

The Committee agreed to receive at a future meeting yet to be determined a written update from HealthEast on the progress that it is making in the discharge of its statutory responsibilities for commissioning health care services from 1 April 2013.

## **9 Information Only Items**

The Committee noted information on the following subjects:

- (i) Belton Branch Surgery – Update on work with local people/transport operators.
- (ii) Suffolk Health Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group on Continuing Health Care funding.

## 10 Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme with the following additions:

- Autism Services for adults and children to be considered as two separate reports at the next meeting in January 2013.
- An update on the provision of hospital beds at Carlton Court, Lowestoft to be placed on the agenda for the January 2013 meeting, for information purposes only.
- An update on the proposed new ME/CFS Service to be reported to a future meeting to which all the relevant NHS bodies should be invited to attend (which meeting this will be has yet to be determined).
- The provision of out of hours services to be considered at a future meeting (which meeting this will be has yet to be determined).
- An update from the James Paget University Hospital Trust on its new governance and accountability structure to be brought before the Committee sometime in late 2013.
- An update on progress that HealthEast is making in the discharge of its statutory responsibilities for commissioning health care services from 1 April 2013, to be reported to the Committee at a time yet to be determined.

## 11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

## 12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee should be held in the Great Yarmouth area on Tuesday, 29 January 2013 at 10.30am.

The meeting concluded at 12.40pm.

**CHAIRMAN**



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