

**GREAT YARMOUTH AND WAVENEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23 July 2014**

Present:

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

Also Present:

Patricia Hagan	Children's Commissioner, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group
Michael Bateman	Interim Head of Special Educational Needs, Norfolk County Council
Marie Heeney	Educational Psychologist, Suffolk Children's Services
Dr Sue Ellis	Consultant Psychologist, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust
Andy Evans	Chief Executive, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG
Alan Murray	Cabinet Member for Health and Care, Suffolk County Council
Dr Tony Rollo	Chairman, Healthwatch Suffolk
Lorraine Rollo	Senior Engagement and Communications Manager, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG
Maureen Orr	Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager
Karen Heywood	Democratic Support and Scrutiny Team Manager
Paul Banjo	Democratic Services, Suffolk County Council
Tim Shaw	Committee Officer, Norfolk County Council

1 Election of Chairman

Resolved

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

(Michael Carttiss in the Chair)

2 Election of Vice-Chairman

Resolved

That Michael Ladd be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing year.

3 Public Participation Session

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

4 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

5 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

6 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 February 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 Services for Children with Autism in Great Yarmouth and Waveney

The Committee received a suggested approach from the Business Manager, Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council, to an update on Services for Children with Autism in Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

The Committee received evidence from Patricia Hagan, Children's Commissioner, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group, Michael Bateman, Interim Head of Special Educational Needs, Norfolk County Council, Marie Heeney, Educational Psychologist, Suffolk Children's Services and Dr Sue Ellis, Consultant Psychologist, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust.

In the course of discussion members asked questions about waiting times, the increased number of diagnosed cases, capacity and resourcing, funding, and the breadth of responsibility in special and mainstream schools, and in the local authorities. It was noted that the way in which children's services and health services for children with autism were managed differed widely across Norfolk and Suffolk. The Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG used a different diagnostic pathway to that used elsewhere in Norfolk and Suffolk. The CCG had commissioned a market research company to examine how it should engage with families of children diagnosed with autism and how it could achieve a more consistent model of service delivery across its area. It was said that the findings would be used by the CCG to support the redesign of local pathways when planning future services for children and young people with autism.

The Committee requested an information item in approximately 9 months time (i.e. to the meeting scheduled for 8 April 2015) on:-

- Progress with plans to move to a single access for referrals and single assessment to treatment processes so that Great Yarmouth and Waveney became one team with one pathway.
- Joint working with Children's and Young People's Services at Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils, Public Health and Adult Social Services to facilitate the development of a seamless pathway for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorders age 0-25.
- An assurance that the pathway used across both Great Yarmouth and Waveney included seeking parents' consent to contact Autism Anglia on their behalf when children were diagnosed.

8 Consultation on the future of adult and dementia mental health services provided by Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust (NSFT) in Great Yarmouth and Waveney

The Committee received a suggested approach from the Business Manager, Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council to a report about the consultation on the future of adult and dementia mental health services provided by Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust in Great Yarmouth and Waveney. The Committee also received a report that was due to be considered by HealthEast's Governing Body on Thursday 24 July 2014. This report contained HealthEast's initial responses to the public consultation on the future of adult and dementia mental health services provided by NSFT in Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

The Committee heard from Alan Murray, Cabinet Member for Health and Care, Suffolk County Council, who explained the impact that mental health had on families and society in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area and the whole of Norfolk and Suffolk, why there was a pressing need for enhanced adult and dementia mental health services and how multiple organisations and agencies across the two counties were affected by the future of mental health services. Alan Murray stated that there was a need to demonstrate that alternative community facilities were in place and seen to be working.

The Committee received evidence from Andy Evans, Chief Executive, NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG. He said that the CCG was spending more on adult and dementia mental health services than neighbouring CCGs partly due to the fact that 8 out of the 28 inpatient beds at Northgate and Carlton Court were taken by patients from outside the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area. The CCG recognised it had obligations to all the patients who had been placed in its care and that there were good reasons why these patients were being cared for in the locality and that "out of area" beds should be funded by the appropriate CCGs. It was acknowledged that the interests of people from across Norfolk and Suffolk and the wider NHS needed to be considered by the CCGs in addition to the interests of their own localities. Andy Evans added that the CCG could consider reopening some of the already closed beds, until the community outreach was in place.

Members spoke about the impact the proposed changes in bed capacity would have on family carers and about how they would prefer the new service to have at least an equivalent number of beds to that which it had at present. The chairman commented that formal consultation with the Committee would take place after the 24 September 2014 CCG proposals were made known.

The Committee noted Andy Evans' commitment that the CCG would not reduce bed numbers before central Norfolk CCGs had made provision for the patients from their area who currently used beds in the Great Yarmouth and Waveney area.

The Committee agreed to make two comments to Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG:-

1. Arrangements should be made so that other CCGs fund patients from their area who are placed in Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG mental health beds.
2. There should be a transition process to ensure that suitable and sufficient alternative provision is in place and working in the community before mental health bed closures are undertaken.

Great Yarmouth and Waveney CCG was invited to report to the Committee on 8 October 2014 with:-

1. Its response to the comments above
2. Its decision regarding the future configuration of adult and dementia mental health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney, together with the evidence supporting that decision.

It was noted that on 8 October 2014 the Committee would notify the CCG whether or not it intends to exercise its powers in relation to the consultation in line with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 and the guidance published in 2014.

9 Information Only Items

The Committee noted information on the following subjects (some of this information had been circulated to Members separately from the agenda):

- (i) Update on developing health services in Lowestoft.
- (ii) Update on Commissioning activity-Five Year strategy and two year Operational Plan
- (iii) Great Yarmouth and Waveney Out of Hours Service April 2014
- (iv) Myalgic encephalomyelitis/ myalgic encephalopathy (ME) and chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) Services for Norfolk and Suffolk patients: update on service development work
- (v) Outcomes from the consultation on the future of adult and dementia mental health
- (vi) Sexual health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney
- (vii) The Committee's revised terms of reference

- (viii) NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group's approach to delivering services to adults with autistic spectrum disorder

10 Forward Work Programme

The Committee agreed its Forward Work Programme as set out in the report with the following additions:

- The future of adult and dementia mental health services provided by Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust in Great Yarmouth and Waveney' to be added to the agenda for 8 October 2014.
- An update on progress on services for children with autism in Great Yarmouth and Waveney to be added as an information item for the meeting on 8 April 2015.

11 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

12 Dates and Times of Future Meetings

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

8 October 2014
6 February 2015
8 April 2015

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm.

CHAIRMAN



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