

Agenda Item 3

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HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

6 SEPTEMBER 2016

(7.15 pm - 8.50 pm)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Peter McCabe (in the Chair),
Councillor Brian Lewis-Lavender, Councillor Laxmi Attawar,
Councillor Mary Curtin, Councillor Suzanne Grocott,
Councillor Sally Kenny, Councillor Abdul Latif,
Councillor Marsie Skeete and Saleem Sheikh.

Stella Akintan (Scrutiny Officer)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 1)

None

2 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 2)

None

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Agenda Item 3)

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

4 MERTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP - VERBAL UPDATE
(Agenda Item 4)

Dr Andrew Murray Chair of Merton Clinical Commissioning Group (MCCG) attended the Panel to give an update on the latest priorities, issues and challenges within MCCG.

Dr Murray reported that MCCG are facing a number of concerns including rising demand for services, workforce issues and the need for estate modernisation at some acute hospitals. MCCG is a partner within the South West London Strategic Planning Group which also includes local authorities and NHS England. The partnership is developing a Sustainable Transformation Plan, (STP) a summary has been published. The priorities within the STP are similar to those within MCCG. Dr Murray outlined four main priority areas for MCCG:

Improve Outcomes: working with the Health and Wellbeing Board to reduce health inequalities. The Board is working on integrating health and social care services and developing the East Merton Model of Care for the most deprived areas of the borough.

Balancing Finances: MCCG are currently working to reduce a £6 million deficit and achieve a break even budget position.

Improving Performance Targets: Working closely with the acute sector who account for 50% of MCCG's targets.

Designing services for right care in right settings: The aim is to increase care within community settings. MCCG are developing a strategy on improving primary care and will consult with the community in due course.

A panel member asked if MCCG are looking at best practice from across the country to tackle health inequalities. Dr Murray reported that they recently visited the Bromley by Bow Medical Centre in Tower Hamlets.

A panel member asked if the prevention agenda is being built into plans for the Wilson medical centre. Dr Murray reported that prevention is a priority within the Sustainable Transformation Plans. The Wilson site will include a building purpose built for community use and will provide exercise classes, community gardens and other activities.

A panel member asked how MCCG is tackling the £6 million deficit. Dr Murray reported that they are aiming to prevent people going into hospitals and reducing the use of emergency care. They are also working with GP's to reduce the number of referrals to out-patient clinics as many of this can be dealt with in more appropriate settings.

A panel member asked if GP services are being closed. Dr Murray reported that there is an expectation that they will operate on a larger scale and work in partnership.

A panel member said that health colleagues need to lobby the government to ensure sufficient resources are allocated to the sector especially as Clinical Commissioning Groups around the country are facing similar challenges. Dr Murray agreed that those who work in the sector, including those at senior levels believe that resources to health need to be increased.

RESOLVED

The panel thanked Dr Murray for attending the meeting.

5 EPSOM AND ST HELIER UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST (Agenda Item 5)

Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive of Epsom and St Helier, gave an overview of the performance report stating that the Standard Hospital Mortality Rate still placed the Trust in the best quartile in the country.

A panel member asked what is being done to secure a modern hospital on the St Helier site. Mr Elkeles said he is making the case for four acute sites in South west London which includes Epsom and St Helier. The Trust is seeking support for this from the STP.

Panel members had a discussion about the proposed location of the St Helier Site.

A panel member said health colleagues need to lobby for additional resources for the sector as CCG's around the country are struggling. Dr Murry said there was a strong view even amongst those at senior levels that funding for health needs to be increased.

RESOLVED

The Panel thanked Mr Elkeles for providing the update.

6 FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THE DIABETES TASK GROUP (Agenda Item 6)

Councillor Brian Lewis Lavender, Chair of the Diabetes task group presented the report stating it is vital that the recommendations from this review are implemented so the target group can be supported.

The Panel agreed to send the report to Cabinet

RESOLVED

Members of the Diabetes task group were thanked for their work
That the report and recommendations are forwarded to Cabinet for agreement.

7 ADULT LEARNING DISABILITIES - MINI TASK GROUP REVIEW (Agenda Item 7)

The Panel agreed the scope of the review. The following members were appointed to the task group:

Councillor Mary Curtin
Councillor Sally Kenny
Councillor Brian Lewis-Lavender
Councillor Laxmi Attawar

RESOLVED

That the task group conduct the review and report their findings to the Panel in November.

8 WORK PROGRAMME (Agenda Item 8)

The work programme was noted

9 RESPONSE TO THE MOTION FROM THIS PANEL ON THE HANDYMAN SERVICE (Agenda Item 9)

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