

Decisions of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 May 2012

Members Present:-

Councillor Alison Cornelius (Chairman)

Councillor Sury Khatri (In
place of Graham Old)
Councillor Bridget Perry
Councillor Geof Cooke

Councillor Arjun Mitra
Councillor Barry Rawlings
Councillor Charlie O'Macauley (In place of
Julie Johnson)

Also in attendance

Councillor Helena Hart – Cabinet Member for Public Health
Councillor Helena Hart

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Graham Old
Councillor Maureen Braun
Councillor Kate Salinger

Councillor Reuben Thompstone
Councillor Julie Johnson

1. MINUTES

Springwell Visit Update

The Chairman, Cllr Cornelius, informed the committee that she along with Cllr Old had undertaken the planned visit to the Springwell Centre on the 26th April.

The committee were informed that compared to the facilities at Elysian House residents rooms at the Springwell Centre were sparse with relatives of residents commenting that the rooms were quite small. Relatives were now seeking to access a £5,000 fund to help personalise the rooms at the centre.

CAMHS Young People's Board Visit Update

The Chairman told the committee that she and Cllr Gideon Bull (LB Haringey) had not yet had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Young People's Board. This invitation would be taken up as soon as possible, however, following the resignation of Cllr Bull as Chairman of the North Central London Sector Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) Chairman; Cllr Cornelius would be attending with another member of the JHOSC.

Cllr Cornelius informed the committee that a new Chair and Vice-Chair of the JHOSC would be appointed at that committee's next meeting on the 28th May.

Item 7 (3 April 2012) – Barnet, Enfield and Haringey (BEH) Clinical Strategy Update – Action: Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust to forward to the committee a report outlining the development of the Outline and Regeneration Business Case

The committee were informed that this report had not been forwarded to the committee with issues of commercial confidentiality being cited as the reason for not doing so by Mary Joseet (Director of Performance, Planning and Partnership – Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust).

The committee were informed that further clarification was being sought from the Trust.

The committee were informed that it had been hoped that the Trust's Chief Executive was invited to the September meeting of the HOSC to report on the BEH Clinical Strategy. Mr Easton would be asked to clarify the financial situation in relation to the implementation and funding of the Strategy at the September meeting.

RESOLVED that –

The decisions of the meeting held on the 3 April 2012 be approved.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Cllr's Old, Braun, Salinger, Thompstone and Johnson.

Cllr's Khatri and O-Macaulay substituted respectively for Cllr's Old and Johnson.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

Member	Subject	Interest declared
Councillor Alison Cornelius	Agenda Item 8 (NHS Draft Quality Accounts)	Personal but non-prejudicial interest by nature of being on the chaplaincy team at Barnet Hospital.
Councillor Arjun Mittra	Agenda Item 8 (NHS Draft Quality Accounts)	Personal but non-prejudicial interest by nature of a relative being an inpatient at Barnet Hospital.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (IF ANY)

None.

5. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

6. JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

JHOSC Agenda Item 6 – BEH Clinical Strategy Implementation - Cllr Mittra enquired as to whether further information was available regarding the discussion of TfL's input into

transport planning and was advised that it may be possible to raise this as an item at a future meeting of the JHOSC.

RESOLVED that:-

The Committee note the minutes of the JHOSC

7. LONDON TRAUMA SERVICE

Tracy Par, London Trauma System Manager, presented the committee with an update on London Trauma Services including data analysis for incidents that trigger the London major trauma decision tree.

Following general discussion relating to the information provided, Tracy Par informed the committee that she would be happy to circulate this year's Annual Report to committee members once it was published.

Resolved that –

The committee note the report

8. NHS DRAFT QUALITY ACCOUNTS

The committee received the draft Quality Accounts for 2011/12 from:

- The North London Hospice (Not for formal comment)
- The Royal Free Hospital
- Central London Community Healthcare
- Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals

Following presentations from each of the NHS healthcare providers and discussion of the content of each of the Quality Accounts the committee requested the following comments be noted:

ROYAL FREE HAMPSTEAD NHS TRUST

The Committee scrutinised the Quality Account, *and wishes to place on record the following comments:*

1. *The Committee welcomed the Account and felt that the direction of travel was positive, congratulating the Trust in achieving Foundation Status.*
2. *The committee congratulated the Hospital on its ground breaking gene therapy research with University College London for patients with haemophilia B.*
3. *The Committee welcomed the improved performance of the phlebotomy and cannulation service.*
4. *The Committee suggested that details should be provided within the account explaining how the hospital plans to achieve its target for a reduced number of staff experiencing bullying, harassment or abuse from staff will be attained.*

5. *The Committee were encouraged by the improvement of treatment for patients with hypoglycaemia and the initiative to raise awareness of the condition across the hospital.*
6. *The Committee welcomed the news that the hospital had maintained low rates of MRSA and C. Difficile infections.*
7. *The Committee noted the work of the post acute care enablement (PACE) service and the triage rapid early assessment team (TREAT) as examples of good work practice for delivering services to patients.*
8. *The committee expressed concerns in relation to waiting times e.g. for cancer patients (and as this was the only one highlighted would have found it helpful to know what these were for other treatments) and the failure of the Royal Free to meet two of the eight NHS standards for treating patients during August and October 2011*
9. *The committee recommends that the actions emanating from the review conducted by the Royal Free into these standards failures be fully implemented and that cancer patient waiting times continue to be monitored closely.*
10. *The committee also notes the importance of ensuring that the target waiting time from urgent GP referral to treatment is met*

CLCH

The Committee scrutinised the Quality Account, *and wishes to place on record the following comments:*

1. *The Committee are encouraged by the CLCH Quality Account and the improvements that are taking place.*
2. *The committee welcome the initiatives to reduce the number of preventable pressure ulcers in the community noting the need for the monitoring of pressure ulcers across patients care pathways*
3. *The committee noted the comments of the Head of Clinical Effectiveness and Patient Experience highlighting the need to improve the practice of clinical record keeping and recommended that the proposed improvement initiatives are fully implemented as soon as possible*
4. *The committee suggested that service users would benefit from having an explanation of what information was contained in their records and that these records should be in an accessible format*

BARNET AND CHASE FARM HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

The Committee scrutinised the Quality Account, *and wishes to place on record the following comments:*

The Committee welcomed the positive developments noted in the Quality Accounts and were encouraged in particular by the Trust's partnership work with the Acute Learning Disability Liaison Nurse to ensure appropriate access to services for people with Learning Disabilities. The Committee also wished to congratulate the Trust on the

attainment of a Gold Accreditation for their TIA (mini-strokes) services. Furthermore, the Committee welcomed the opening of the Macmillan Information and Support Centre for anyone affected by cancer and the news that the Trust's Histopathology team has retained its accreditation following inspection by the Clinical Pathology Accreditation Association. The Committee are also encouraged by the Trust's innovative Aquatheresis pilot and hope that the Trust will be successful in securing funding to role out this pilot on a permanent basis.

The Committee commended the Trust for the success of the North London Breast Screening Service in being awarded Radiography Team of the Year and look forward to seeing if the introduction of the Patient Reminder Service is successful in reducing the number of missed appointments. The Committee are also pleased to note the findings of the Care Quality Commission report which found that Barnet and Chase Farm Hospital's patients were among the best-fed in England.

The Committee were pleased to hear that the Trust had taken the decision to purchase the Da Vinci Robot using funds drawn from the capital fund, noting the benefits this purchase would have for patients in Barnet.

However, the Committee wished to express their concerns on the following:-

1. In terms of meeting waiting times for Accident and Emergency, the Committee wishes to reiterate their concern that at several times during the year the waiting times target had apparently not been achieved.
2. The Committee also note that the target for MRSA infections had not been met and wish to see action taken to ensure that this target would in future be achieved.
3. In relation to detailing how the Trust achieved their Patient Experience goals the Committee feels more detailed information should be provided other than merely stating that the objectives were "met or not met".
4. The Committee notes the absence of any detailed reference to maternity services performance within this year's Quality Accounts. Considering the concerns raised by the Committee (and also the North Central London Sector Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee) during 2011/12 in relation to maternity services suspensions and diversions at Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals, coupled to the planned future changes to maternity services provision, the Committee would like to encourage the open publication by Barnet & Chase Farm Hospitals NHS Trust of maternity services performance data including detailed descriptions and analysis of, for example, midwife to birth ratios, service suspensions and diversions.

RESOLVED that:-

The Committee note the NHS partners Quality Accounts for 2011/12 and agree to submit their comments in accordance with the agreed timelines

9. HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Resolved that-

The following amendments be made to the Forward Work programme:

- The item on the BEH Clinical Strategy, due to come before September's meeting, to include reference to the funding questions the committee wished to put to Mark Easton (Chief Executive – B&CF) rather than being taken as a separate item.
- A single report on Urgent Care in Barnet to be taken in September incorporating Finchley Memorial, Royal Free and Barnet & Chase Farm – this would also incorporate the information requested in relation to triage services at the Royal Free
- A report on CCG implementation be brought to the September meeting
- Implementation of the Primary Care Strategy be brought to the December meeting
- A report on maternity across Barnet, including service provision at Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals and the placing of these services within the context of overall provision in the borough, be brought to the December meeting

10. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

RESOLVED that –

The committee note the Cabinet Forward Plan.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 10.00 pm