
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2016

Present: Councillors Bogle (Chair), Houghton, Noon, Parnell and White (Vice-Chair)

Apologies: Councillors Furnell and Tucker

30. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Panel meeting held on 28th January 2016 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 1st February 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

31. **BUSINESS CASE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VASCULAR NETWORK FOR HAMPSHIRE**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Commissioning Operations (Wessex), NHS England, presenting the case for change for sustainable vascular arterial services in Hampshire/Isle of Wight which is consistent with the NHS England Service Specification for Vascular Services.

The report detailed the findings of the Vascular Society Great Britain and Northern Ireland (VSGB) reviewing the business case and options appraisal for vascular services in the region. It was noted that the preferred option for the delivery of these services was for University Hospital Southampton (UHS) to act as the hub with the Queen Alexandra Hospital (Portsmouth), the St Mary's Hospital (Isle of Wight) and the Royal Hampshire County Hospital (Winchester) as spokes.

The Panel noted that the issue had been ongoing for a number of years and that all elements of the clinical side were supportive of the current proposals. The Panel questioned whether the proposals would put an additional demands on the UHS. It questioned whether the potential increase in patients would affect the capacity of the hospital overall and in particular the hospital's ability to achieve targets relating to the emergency department. In addition the Panel questioned whether there was a detailed implementation plan.

The Panel were assured that there was a detailed implementation plan which could circulated to Members. It was explained that it was not expected that the numbers of potential additional patients would be significant. It was noted that the any potential additional demand on the hospital would be addressed by the introduction of the planned, and budgeted for, new facilities which would lead to internal improvements to capacity.

RESOLVED that the Panel:

- (i) felt that the proposed changes to vascular services set out in the business case did not constitute a major reconfiguration of the service and welcomed its introduction;

- (ii) requested that the outline project implementation plan for the Vascular Services proposals, including timescales, finances and accountability be circulate to the Panel; and
- (iii) be kept informed on progress as the business plan was rolled out to reconfigure the service across the region.

32. **HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY: UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Acting Service Director, Intelligence, Insight and Communications requesting that the Panel consider the achievements from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2016 and the progress and plans made to update the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the City.

In relation to the current strategy the Panel felt that lessons could be learnt in the development of a new strategy. It was noted that the broad themes of the current Strategy were underpinned by 64 commitments. Whilst it was noted that the majority of these commitments had been achieved, the Panel indicated that it felt that a more targeted approach should be used in the development of any forthcoming strategy.

The Panel discussed the potential for Member involvement in the development of the aims for the forthcoming strategy and indicated that it would be helpful, after the election, to hold a workshop for elected Members.

RESOLVED that a workshop for elected members on the emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy be scheduled following the elections in May 2016.

33. **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Quality and Integration updating the Panel on the progress of the Mental Health Matters consultation.

The Panel acknowledged that the review had only just commenced and supported its aims. Panel Members requested that benchmarking data providing comparison with other areas be circulated.

The Panel noted the progress made by the review to date and indicated that they would like the matter to return when there is greater clarity with regards to key outcomes to be delivered.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) benchmarking data identifying how Southampton performs in comparison to other areas with regards to mental health outcomes is circulated to the Panel;
- (ii) the item returns to the Panel when there is greater clarity on key outcomes and service specifications.

34. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The Panel received and noted the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Panel.