

## **MINUTES**

### **JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**10 June 2014 at 10.15am**

#### **Nottinghamshire County Councillors**

- Councillor P Tsimbiridis (Chair)
- Councillor P Allan
- Councillor R Allan (substitute for Councillor Harwood)
- Councillor R Butler
- Councillor J Clarke
- Councillor Mrs K Cutts MBE (substitute for Councillor Dr J Doddy)
- A Councillor Dr J Doddy
- Councillor J Handley
- A Councillor C Harwood
- Councillor J Williams

#### **Nottingham City Councillors**

- Councillor G Klein (Vice- Chair)
- Councillor M Aslam
- A Councillor A Choudhry
- Councillor E Campbell
- Councillor C Jones
- A Councillor T Molife
- Councillor E Morley
- Councillor B Parbutt

#### **Also In Attendance**

- Julie Brailsford - Nottinghamshire County Council
- Jane Garrard - Nottingham City Council
- Martin Gately - Nottinghamshire County Council
- Jane Kingswood - Healthwatch

#### **CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

The appointment by the County Council of Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis as Chairman and Councillor G Klein as Vice-Chairman was noted.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the committee, as set out above, was noted.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2014 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Campbell (other), A Choudhry (other), Dr J Doddy (other) and C Jones (other City C Business)

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None

## **INTOXICATED PATIENTS REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report from the Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee detailing evidence gathered by the study group on the impact of intoxicated parents on the Emergency Department of Nottingham University Hospitals. The following points were raised:

- Concern was expressed about the 50 prolific High Volume Service Users, the cost and the distress that intoxicated patients cause to other patients.
- The hospitals should start to keep a record of the patients admitted for a physical injury caused by being intoxicated.
- The perception that intoxicated patients are only a problem on Friday and Saturday nights but this is a constant problem 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- The possibility of looking in to the scheme that Derby City Council have started regarding intoxicated patients based on a scheme that Cardiff Council have implemented in conjunction with the police.
- The Committee were pleased that the funding for the HVSU nurse post had been agreed for an additional year as the work done by Mr Davis proved that this role had helped reduce the HVSU's. It has not been confirmed yet that Mr Davis personally will continue in this role.
- The Committee would like to know to what extent the HVSU specialist nurse works with other agencies as there is value in multi-agency working.

The Committee agreed that the report including the additional comments raised should be sent to the Nottingham University Hospitals with a request for a report back in the autumn.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND JOINT PROTOCOL**

The report was noted by the committee.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was advised that the Work Programme is in a state of development. Items requested for the work programme included:

- Nottingham University Hospital Quality Account, environmental issues/waste stream and disposal of medical waste.
- Notts Healthcare Trust Quality Account, availability of beds and under pressure from CAMHS. Review to child and adolescent services.

The committee discussed the possibility of establishing study groups but it was decided all items should be brought to the main committee.

The meeting closed at 10.35am.

Chairman