

## Membership

### Councillors

A Keith Girling (Chair)  
Richard Butler  
Dr John Doddy  
Kevin Greaves  
David Martin  
Errol Henry JP  
Liz Plant  
Kevin Rostance  
Steve Vickers  
Muriel Weisz  
Martin Wright

### Officers

David Ebbage	Nottinghamshire County Council
Martin Gately	Nottinghamshire County Council

### Also in attendance

Michelle Livingston Healthwatch Nottinghamshire

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 19 February 2018, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chair.

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor Henry replaced Councillor Doddy for this meeting only.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE**

David Pearson, Nottinghamshire County Council's Lead Officer for the STP gave a brief background and summary of issues associated with the governance of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). The following points were made:-

- The Nottinghamshire Health and Care Sustainability and Transformation Partnership is one of 44 STP planning footprints across the country – this is not just happening in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. There are 10 areas in the Country who have been described as advanced in their development, including Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. These are to be called Integrated Care Systems
- STP plans describes how we are implementing the NHS England Five Year Forward view locally with the aim of delivering improvements in the three key areas:
  - The health and wellbeing of the population
  - The care provided and quality of services
  - The management of finance and efficiency
- Within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire local work has been overseen by the Mid Notts Alliance Transformation Board and the Greater Nottingham Transformation Board. These two partnerships host a number of 'vanguard' sites chosen by NHS England to find innovative solutions to health and care challenges; they commission the majority of services in their area.
- Through the STP governance arrangements we want to:
  - Establish a mutually accountable system with independent challenge
  - Be clear on where risk is owned and managed
  - Transform care through leaders working together
- Citizen involvement is a key aspect of the two transformation programmes and also takes places within various projects/programmes of the STP. A separate Citizen Advisory Group at STP Leadership Board level is being considered for the future but is not currently in the governance arrangements.
- The role and full expectations of STPs is still under national development - the governance structure will be reviewed at six-monthly intervals or where necessary to reflect any changes to functions.

During discussions, the following issues were raised:-

- Public engagement is happening on different levels, a promise has been made to write an annual report which spells out what has happened in the past year. A director of communications has recently been appointed to produce a communication strategy and that includes involving the CCG's.
- It was agreed that around the accountability and transparency of decision making needs much more visibility across the system.
- Members thought it could be written clearer in regards to the jargon used within the arrangements, needs to look approachable so the public are able to understand it.
- Some Members felt a more jointly approach to looking into certain areas in regards to the purpose and timelines of the STP.

Following debate, an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Payne and seconded by Councillor Weisz

**"Nottinghamshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee and Nottingham City Council Health Scrutiny Committee should meet jointly on at least a quarterly basis, specifically with the purpose of scrutinising The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership."**

Following a show of hands the motion was declared to be lost, the requisite number of Members requested that the vote was recorded and it was ascertained that the following 5 Members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Cllr Liz Plant  
Cllr Kevin Greaves  
Cllr Muriel Weisz  
Cllr Michael Payne  
Cllr David Martin

and the following 5 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Cllr Kevin Rostance  
Cllr Steve Vickers  
Cllr Richard Butler  
Cllr Martin Wright  
Cllr Keith Girling

Motion not carried on casting vote of Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Keith Girling.

The Chair thanked David Pearson for attending, Members agreed for him to come to the committee every 3 months to continue a good relationship with the STP.

### **GP ACCESS (MANSFIELD AND ASHFIELD & NEWARK AND SHERWOOD)**

David Ainsworth, Director of Primary Care gave Members a short briefing on issues relating to access to GP services in Mansfield and Ashfield & Newark and Sherwood. The following points were raised:-

- General practice services are commissioned through one of three types of contracts; General Medical Services (GMS), Personal Medical Services (PMS) and Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS). Access is governed as follows: Core GMS services, extended access enhanced service, GP Forward View extended access.
- NHS England is developing a more specific definition of what services patients at all practices can expect during core hours to meet the reasonable needs of patients. NHS England has tested this definition with patient groups and representatives.
- Thirty practices across NHS Mansfield and Ashfield and NHS Newark and Sherwood CCG area provide the Extended Access Enhances Services. This provides an additional 120 hours per week of routine pre-booked appointments at a range of early mornings, late evenings and Saturday mornings.

Nottinghamshire has made significant progress with the GP Forward View Extended Access in gradually implementing this from April 2017. The National requirement on CCGs to commission this is October 2018.

- To date 100% of NHS Mansfield and Ashfield CCG's population and 53% of NHS Newark and Sherwood CCG's population are able to access evening and weekend appointments.
- Results from the July 2017 National Patient Survey show that NHS Mansfield and Ashfield and NHS Newark and Sherwood CCGs have an 85% satisfaction rate with access which has been consistent for the past four years and is in line with the national average.
- No formal mergers are being considered (mergers traditionally involve two or more neighbouring practices) all 41 practices are working more closely together through the development of a single provider infrastructure.

During discussion, the following points were made:-

- Concerns were raised around the Farnsfield and Clipstone practice in particular around the shortage of appointments with clinicians and the large waiting list. Improvements need to be made as residents feel it is also a strain on the village for patients to get to the Clipstone practice as there is no direct bus route. Assurances were made for a representative to attend the next Parish Council meeting to answer any questions from residents and to see what can be done to improve the joint workforce between the two practices.
- A shortage of GP's within the East Midlands is a huge concern and could potential prevent ongoing issues if more GP's were to be appointed within the area. Members were told that recruitment is at phase 2 of a national project and recruitment for new GP's will start within the next few months and we could expect a further 20 GP's into the Mid Nottinghamshire area.

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman introduced the report and members agreed that a report on Friory Farm would come to Committee in July.

The current work programme was noted

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm

### **CHAIRMAN**