

minutes



Meeting HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 11th July 2005 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

A J T A Napier (Chair)
Mrs K Cutts (Vice-Chair) (In the Chair)

A	John Allin	Alan Rhodes
	Kenneth Bullivant	Mrs Nellie Smedley
	Steve Carr	A Lynn Sykes
A	Yvonne Davidson	Parry Tsimbiridis
	V H Dobson	Kevan Wakefield

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

A Gail Maxfield
Mandy Richardson
Barbara Venes

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The appointment by the County Council of Councillor Jim Napier as Chair and Councillor Mrs K Cutts as Vice-Chair of the Select Committee was noted.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Select Committee held on 12th April 2005 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Councillor Steve Carr was the Liberal Democrat Member on the Committee and not Councillor Brian Wombwell.

It was agreed:-

- (1) that the revised membership of the Health Select Committee be noted.

- (2) That approval be given to the appointment to the Committee until May 2007 with voting rights of Barbara Venes, Mandy Richardson and Gail Maxfield as representatives of Patient Forums.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

Councillor Kenneth Bullivant

“ Yvonne Davidson

“ Jim Napier

“ Lynn Sykes

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ANNUAL REVIEW 2004/05

The terms of reference, the special legislative powers of the Committee and the Annual Review of topics for 2004/05 were noted.

TEENAGE PREGNANCY STUDY GROUP – CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE

Consideration was given to the Cabinet's response to the report from the Teenage Pregnancy Study Group. Anthony May, Assistant Director, Young People's Division and Sue Jablonskas Teenage Pregnancy Co-ordinator attended to answer questions. A letter from the Department for Education and Skills was circulated giving feedback on the Authority's annual report and updated action plan. This indicated that the County were doing very well and was ahead of targets. A decrease in under 18 conception rates of 17.3% had been achieved since 1998.

In response to a question Sue Jablonskas indicated that work was included in secondary schools in personal and social education but that this was dependent on individual schools. With primary schools they were trying to link the work with consideration of citizenship. They were trying to build self esteem and encourage young people to delay sex. They did not work with one specific age but research showed that the earlier young people were engaged the better. She added that there was evidence of children of teenage parents becoming parents themselves and they were trying to break this cycle. She added that most sexually transmitted infections were on the increase but last year there had been a slower increase. She added that there was a need to link work on teenage pregnancy with the sexual health strategy.

Reference was made to the DARE scheme and the valuable message it taught. Comment was made about a particular medical practice which had refused to co-operate on providing information to young people. Sue Jablonskas outlined the work they were carrying out with GPs in partnership with Health Service colleagues.

It was agreed to receive an update on progress with the Teenage Pregnancy strategy.

MRSA STUDY FINAL REPORT - RESPONSES UP TO 30th JUNE

Consideration was given to the responses received so far to the study into MRSA. It was pointed out that one of the Patients Forums had applied for training to look at level of cleanliness in hospitals but this had never been offered by the Commission.

I was agreed to await the remaining responses before deciding what further work on the issue of MRSA should be undertaken.

FOOD, EXERCISE AND DIET IN SCHOOLS PROJECT – FUTURE DIRECTIONS

It was agreed that this project continue to be in the work programme.

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the report on the development of the work programme for 2005/06.

Barbara Venes referred to the proposals to abolish the Patient Forums for the Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust and that instead there would be one representative on each Primary Care Trust. She felt that it would lead to a diminution of their role as it would be very difficult for one person to put across the issues.

Councillor Carr suggested that the move of paediatrics from the City Hospital to the Queen's Medical Centre needed to be looked at together with the proposed changes of funding. Barbara Venes felt that the Select Committee should look at the provision of dentists and the lack of NHS ones. Gail Maxwell suggested that the Select Committee look at the proposed changes on maternity services at the City Hospital which would impact on community services.

It was agreed that a work programme for the next 12 months would be brought back to the next Committee meeting for agreement.

SHERWOOD FOREST NHS TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT BOARD MEMBER

It was suggested that Councillor John Allin represent the County Council on the Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust Project Board and that the matter be referred to the Administration Committee for approval.

The meeting closed at 11.23 am.

CHAIR