

# Minutes



Meeting COMMUNITY HOSPITALS SELECT COMMITTEE

Date Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 (commencing at 3.00 pm)

## Membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

## COUNCILLORS

Chris Winterton (Chair)

Brian Wombwell (Vice-Chair)

Reg Adair  
Vince Dobson  
A Andy Freeman  
Pat Lally

Ellie Lodziak  
A Parry Tsimbirdis  
David Taylor

## Also in attendance:

Councillor Tom Appleby - Mansfield District Council  
Councillor John Wilmott - Ashfield District Council  
Oliver Newbould - NHS Nottinghamshire County  
Tom Atack - NHS Nottinghamshire County  
Julie Andrews - NHS Nottinghamshire County

## MINUTES

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Select Committee held on 3 November 2008 having been circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chair, subject to Councillor Reg Adair's apology for absence being included.

## APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Andy Freeman.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

## BRIEFING ON CONSULTATION

Prior to the meeting members undertook a tour of the Ashfield Health Village. Oliver Newbould, Assistant Director of Commissioning provided members with an update on the public consultation to change services at Ashfield Health Village and Mansfield Community Hospital.

He explained that there had been two public meetings to date which had been well attended. Chatsworth users and their carers had also recently visited the Ashfield Health Village and sampled the food which would be delivered to the centre from January by new services. The last public meeting to be held would be on 16 December.

In terms of responses, 35 written responses had been received to date, all of which would receive a formal written response and be fed back to the Board. Around half of the comments were positive. Concerns raised were from Chatsworth users in terms of their social integration, location and loss of independence. There were also misconceptions relating to crime rates in the area. Other concerns raised involved car parking and transport.

Julie Andrews, Patient and Public Involvement Manager for the Ashfield area informed members of the marketing involved in publicising the proposals. This had included presentations to local engagement groups, displays in community hospitals and the establishment of a Patient Advisory Group to steer the consultation which included representatives from the Chatsworth unit. The group would also review the report on responses received during the consultation period. Ms Andrews pointed out that underpinning all of this, was the work done with partners to put the word about, all of whom would be feeding back into the consultation. Members commended the consultation.

In response to a question, it was explained that the consultation closed on 22 December. The findings on the consultation were intended to be presented to the Board at the end of January. There was possibility of a delay to ensure the very best plan. Councillor Winterton wondered how many consultation documents had been sent out and how far afield. He would be provided with information on a postcode basis.

Councillor Wombwell asked about the reactions of patients and carers who had visited the Centre. Mr Newbould said that concerns had been expressed relating to social integration, transport links and the ramp which they saw as taking their independence away. He added that they would look to get patients and carers involved in the designs and talk to them about overcoming the issues raised.

Councillor Winterton expressed his concern in relation to the ramp which patients would have to utilise in order to access the physiotherapist service in the centre. He said that this needed to be resolved to a satisfactory level for patients.

The step up facility being piloted on the Tennyson ward seemed to be working well. Concern was raised as to what would happen when the pilot came to an end in March. Mr Newbould pointed out that an evaluation should have been carried out by now and that the delay had been due to the model being changed. He acknowledged that the step-up ward was crucial and that a local cluster group had to agree to it. The pilot had been funded with savings resulting from people not being admitted to the Kings Mill Hospital. It was not clear if a saving had been made at this stage. Support had been received for the ward during the consultation.

In terms of transport and car parking, Mr Newbould explained that service user information was being collated from the Mansfield Community Hospital. His view was that the majority of people would use their own cars whilst others would be

better served through voluntary support. Councillor Wilmot pointed out that the voluntary car scheme had not been working well since a lot of volunteers had retired. In relation to a question on the issue of public transport and car parking Oliver said that planners were looking at this.

In response to questions it was explained that the support care at Chatsworth would not change. It was expected that stroke patients admitted to the Kings Mill hospital would be medically treated and turned round within seven days for supported discharge back into home life as soon as possible. A lot more choice would be available from GP practices next year.

Councillor Winterton suggested to the Select Committee that they consider the information on the outcomes of the consultation at their next meeting on 19th January when more information would be available from the Practice Based Commissioning Cluster. The Select Committee agreed.

It was also agreed the findings on the consultation be formatted as a matrix and include all individual and group responses.

The meeting closed at 4.00 pm.

**CHAIR**

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