



**Nottingham
City Council**



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County Council**

**JOINT CITY AND COUNTY
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

of meeting held on **11 SEPTEMBER 2007** at the
Council House from 10.05 am to 12.07 pm

Nottingham City Councillors

- ✓ Councillor Liversidge (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Akhtar
- ✓ Councillor Aslam
- ✓ Councillor Dewinton
- Councillor Heppell
- Councillor Johnson
- ✓ Councillor Aslam
- Councillor Newton
- ✓ Councillor Spencer

Nottinghamshire County Councillors

- Councillor Bullivant
- Councillor Cutts
- Councillor Dobson
- ✓ Councillor Lally
- ✓ Councillor Lodziak
- ✓ Councillor Tsimbiridis
- ✓ Councillor Winterton (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Wombwell

✓ indicates present at meeting

Also in Attendance

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| Mrs N Barnard | - | Overview and Scrutiny Team Leader |) | Nottingham |
| Ms A Kaufhold | - | Committee Administrator |) | City |
| Ms C Ziane-Pryor | - | Committee Administrator |) | Council |
| Ms J Gardner | - | |) | Nottinghamshire |
| Mr S Smith | - | Executive Director (Local Services) |) | Healthcare
NHS Trust |
| Mr M Garrard | - | Scrutiny Officer | - | Nottinghamshire
County Council |

Mr P Homa	-	Chief Executive)	Nottingham
Mr S Wharton	-	Consultant)	University
Ms R Larder	-	Deputy Director of Planning)	Hospital
Mr S Golledge	-	Interim Chief Executive	-	Nottingham City Primary Care Trust

Observers:-

Ms R Verdon	-	Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health Forum (Support Officer)		
Ms C Hodgkinson)	Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust Patient and Public Involvement		
Ms B Venes)	Forum		

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bullivant, Cutts, Dobbs (on County Council Business) and Johnson.

17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors Liversidge, Spencer and Tsimbiridis declared personal interests in agenda items 4(b), 4(c), 4(d), 5(b), and 6, in that they had relatives who were employed by the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust (minutes 19, 20,21), which did not preclude them from speaking or voting on these items.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to recording an apology for absence from Councillor Lodziak and an amendment to show that Councillor Tsimbiridis was in attendance for the last item on the agenda, the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 July 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

19 SOCIAL INCLUSION AND WELL BEING SERVICE

(a) Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

RESOLVED that, further to minute 15 dated 10 July 2007 the report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny, Nottingham City Council, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

(b) Report of Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust

RESOLVED that the report of Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.

(c) Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust - presentation

Consideration was given to a presentation by Ms Gardner, General Manager of Adult Mental Health, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, for which supporting papers had been

circulated, outlining the proposed direction for provision of services, focusing on well being and social inclusion for adults in Nottinghamshire with mental health issues.

The stigma of mental health was identified as one of the largest and most common barriers deterring people from seeking help for the treatment and management of mental health issues. This was to be addressed with anti-stigma strategies including integrating services into the community which would also ease service user access and aid integration of users, especially through vocational and non-vocational activities.

In addition, a wider choice of services would be available allowing personalised care/treatment plans with self-directed care and support. Following consultations, the three distinct domains of therapeutic activity to be developed were identified as arts and culture, sports, leisure and well being, and vocational.

Members were assured that in relation to substance abuse which could result in or led from mental health problems, comprehensive preventative support and treatment services were available in the form of anti-addiction services run in partnership with the local authority and the Primary Care Trust.

The pending estates review would include consideration of the Broad Street and Foster Drive premises, covering assessments of building fabric, suitability for purpose, ability to comply with disabled access and health and safety regulations, and geographical accessibility for users.

With greater emphasis placed on individual care and management plans for users, accessed in their own communities, it was vital that the base for services, such as the Broad Street and Foster Drive premises, could be accessed by a wide range of service users and provide a welcoming environment and safe haven for vulnerable users of the service, especially those with limited social interaction skills. This had been a strong message from the original consultation on the service development.

Members were concerned that, while it could prove difficult to make the necessary adaptations to ensure access to the Broad Street building complied with the Disability Discrimination Act regulations, the City centre location was ideal for access from all areas of the City. The Committee requested that, if it was not feasible to alter the building, a new site be considered, equally close to the City centre transport links.

The outcome of the estates review would be considered alongside the developing Well Being and Social Inclusion strategy as to whether the current buildings could provide fit for purpose, efficient, value for money accommodation that met the needs of the changing service. It was expected that clear aims would be defined for the future service strategy by the New Year and a detailed business plan would be available during the Spring of 2008.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust be requested to submit an update report to this Committee on the Strategic Business Plan which was to be presented to the NHS Trust Board in the Spring of 2008;**
- (2) that the Committee's thanks to Ms Gardner be recorded for her interesting and informative presentation.**

20 CHANGE TO LOCAL NHS – PROPOSALS TO MODERNISE DAY HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Scrutiny, Nottinghamshire County Council, relating to proposals to change day hospital services for older people with mental health problems, copies of which had been circulated.

The report included a consultation paper produced by Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust which identified areas where the current service appeared not to provide the best support and listed the proposed changes to improve and modernise the service.

It was proposed that health day services be provided as part of the function of the Community Mental Health Teams, with access via a single point of referral. Separate services were proposed for people with functional and organic mental health problems.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposals to modernise day hospital services for older people with mental health problems had the potential to be substantial under the terms of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and that further work on the proposals be undertaken by this Committee;**
- (2) that Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust be requested to provide further information for the Committee and be represented at the October meeting;**
- (3) that, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, a list of questions be developed for Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust to address in its response, including the following:-**
 - (i) assurance that consultation on the proposed changes should include carers in addition to service users;**
 - (ii) details regarding how changes were to be implemented for users of the service who found change particularly disturbing, such as people with dementia;**
 - (iii) how consideration was given to retain places of safety for vulnerable users and cares who felt isolated;**
 - (iv) feedback from the public meetings referred to in the report.**

21 WORK PROGRAMME PLANNING – NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS TRUST

- (a) Report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny, Nottingham City Council**

RESOLVED that the report, copies of which had been circulated, which presented a briefing paper from Nottingham University Trust, be noted.

- (b) Discussion with Nottingham University Hospitals Trust**

Further to minute 9(2) dated 12 June 2007, Dr Homa, Chief Executive and Rebecca Larder, Deputy Director of Planning of Nottingham University Hospitals Trust gave a presentation regarding the five year and long-term business plan for the Trust.

The Trust was working in partnership with key stakeholders and aimed to achieve the following:-

- excellent clinical outcomes,
- meet the needs and expectations of patients,
- become the best acute teaching trust in the Country by 2016,
- build on research progress at the leading edge, and
- provide a value for money service by the constant consideration of effectiveness.

Some elements of the plan would be influenced by the changing environment and the next stage of the national NHS review by Lord Darzi. However, working to current timescales, a first draft of the plan was expected during December 2007 and a more detailed plan released in April 2008.

It had been acknowledged that the involvement and comments of patients, carers and staff was vital to the development of the plan and, accordingly regional consultation events had been held and were on-going. Efficient patient care was a priority while inequality of access was to be further addressed.

It was predicted that the review by Lord Darzi would establish the expectation of a local and regional approach to service provision. This could focus local services at the Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) centres, whilst the acute services, which required more specialised equipment and expertise, would be centralised within regions.

There was an expectation that all trusts would eventually become foundation trusts and would depend on funding from key partners.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Nottingham University Hospitals Trust be requested to submit regular updates to this Committee on the progress of the plan;**
- (2) that the Trust's invitation to join the External Reference Group be considered by the Chair and Vice-Chair once the terms of reference for the group had been received from the Trust and reported to the Committee.**

22 WORK PROGRAMME 2007-08

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny of Nottingham City Council, copies of which had been circulated, proposing a work schedule for the Committee for 2007-08.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report and schedule be noted;**
- (2) that more time be allocated to modernising day hospital services for older people with mental health problems;**
- (3) that a report on the progress towards Financial Trust status be requested from Nottingham University Hospitals Trust for the December meeting.**