



**Nottingham  
City Council**



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County Council**

**JOINT CITY AND COUNTY  
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

of meeting held on **13 NOVEMBER 2007** at the

Council House from 10.07 am to 11.25 am

**Nottingham City Councillors**

- Councillor Liversidge (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Akhtar
- ✓ Councillor Aslam
- ✓ Councillor Dewinton
- Councillor Heppell
- ✓ Councillor Johnson
- ✓ Councillor Newton (from minute 33)
- ✓ Councillor Spencer

**Nottinghamshire County Councillors**

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

✓ indicates present at meeting

**Also in Attendance**

- Mrs N Barnard - Overview and Scrutiny Team Leader ) Nottingham
- Ms C Ziane-Pryor - Committee Administrator ) City Council
  
- Mr M Garrard - Scrutiny Officer ) Nottinghamshire
- ) County Council
  
- Ms D Matthews - Director of Service Review ) Nottinghamshire
- ) County Teaching
- ) Primary Care Trust
  
- Mr A Kenworthy - Chief Executive ) Nottingham City
- ) Primary Care Trust

### **30 CHAIR**

In the absence of Councillor Liversidge, the Chair was taken by Councillor Winterton, the Vice-Chair.

### **31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dobson, Heppell, Liversidge (on jury service), and Councillor Lodziak.

### **32 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that, the minutes of the last meeting held on 9 October 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair presiding at the meeting.**

### **32 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Spencer declared a personal interest as he had a relative who was employed by the Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

Councillor Tsimbiridis declared a personal interest as he had a relative who was employed by MIND which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

### **33 OUR NHS, OUR FUTURE – NOTTINGHAMSHIRE REVIEW**

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

**RESOLVED that the report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny, Nottingham City Council, copies of which had been circulated, be noted.**

#### **(b) Presentation by Director of Service Review, Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust**

Ms Matthews, Director of Service Review, Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust, informed the Committee of the major review of the NHS which was to result in a ten year plan and sustained vision for a 21st century service. The service would have a new constitution, and would be clinically driven, patient centred and responsive to local communities. The review in Nottinghamshire was to be led by Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) in partnership with Nottingham City PCT and Bassetlaw PCT and was to be a catalyst for solving long term problems and enabling inequalities to be identified and tackled.

The review was to be split into eight clinical work streams at regional and county level:-

- Acute care
- Planned care
- Children
- Maternity and newborn care
- Staying healthy
- Long term conditions

- Mental health
- End of life

There was to be a pro-active drive towards identification of illnesses, such as diabetes and coronary heart disease before they developed. This work was to be based on clinical evidence to identify the underlying disease.

Three engagement events aimed at service users and patient/carer representative groups from partner organisations were to be held across the County with results summarised and published in January 2008. A county vision for high quality care was to be drafted by the end of February and the public engaged by the end of March.

The partner organisations to be involved in the consultation included representatives of:-

- 3 Primary Care Trusts;
- 3 Acute Hospital trusts;
- the Ambulance Service;
- 2 top tier Local Authorities (officers);
- the Mental Health Trust.

Chief executives, professional executive committee chairs, medical directors, and a patient and public involvement representative were all members of the board which was responsible for the project.

It was predicted that, pending the need for any re-configuration, the analysis and formation of recommendations would be completed by the end of June 2008m, with publication and implementation after July 2008.

Members made the following points:-

- on the issue of equalities, the availability of some medicines and treatments in some areas, but not others, needed to be examined;
- the public should be fully informed and have the opportunity to be consulted at easily accessible events;
- Neighbourhood Management Teams (within the City) had developed wide reaching community contacts and could prove invaluable in ensuring that the public was informed of the consultation opportunity;
- support and research groups for long-term conditions, such as Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's disease and stroke, should be consulted as sufferers of these incurable conditions often felt ignored;
- patient accessibility to the delivery of treatment was vital and should be considered. Local Improvement Finance Trust centres were to provide treatment in the community but were not yet operating effectively;
- at least one elected member from the City or County Council could be invited to take a place on the Board;

- district stakeholders needed to be included in the consultation as health needs varied substantially from area to area and a perceived lack of understanding of access issues existed, especially in outlying areas;
- improved access for patients to test for preventable conditions, such as high blood pressure, should be considered.

**RESOLVED that, in regard to the service review consultation, the Director of Service Review for Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust be requested:-**

- (a) to consider the inclusion of a nominated elected member from City and County Councils on the board;**
- (b) to involve this Committee throughout the review, on dates to be determined in discussion between officers, including providing information about feedback from consultation events, updating members as the review progressed and providing further opportunities for input to the review;**
- (c) to consider making use of the City Council's Neighbourhood Management arrangements to consult with community groups in the City.**

#### **34 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT FINANCE TRUST (LIFT)**

Further to minute 29(3)(i) dated 9 October 2007, consideration was given to the report of the Head of Scrutiny at Nottinghamshire County Council, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members of the development of the NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) across the conurbation.

The following LIFT facilities within the conurbation had been completed:-

- Park House Health and Social Care Centre, Carlton (Nottinghamshire County teaching Primary Care Trust);
- Clifton Cornerstone, Clifton (Nottingham City PCT and Nottingham City Council);
- Stapleford Care Centre, Stapleford (Nottinghamshire County PCT).

The Mary Potter Joint Access Centre, Hyson Green (Nottingham City PCT) LIFT facility within the conurbation was operational with further work required:

The following LIFT facilities within the conurbation were planned:

- Bulwell Joint Access Centre (Nottingham City Council and Nottingham City PCT);
- Arnold Health Centre (Nottinghamshire County PCT).

Members made the following comments:-

- the services listed in the report under each centre appeared to be wish lists which did not reflect the actual services available;
- surprise was expressed that there was no replication of standard services across all of the centres, with Members specifically highlighting mental health teams;
- concern that levels of rent may deter General Practitioners and dental practices from using the centres.

**RESOLVED that representatives of the Primary Care Trusts be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss the following information regarding LIFT Centres:-**

- **an in-depth consideration of the services provided at the centres;**
- **any issues that may deter services from locating at LIFT centres;**
- **how practice based commissioners could make use of LIFT centres.**



### **NHS ANNUAL HEALTH CHECKS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Scrutiny at Nottinghamshire County Council, copies of which had been circulated, which informed members of the findings of the Healthcare Commission's annual health check for NHS Trusts in the conurbation of Nottingham.

In response to the report, members made the following comments:-

- the manner in which the information was presented was appreciated;
- in regard to the Ambulance Service, it was noted that, although the quality of service had improved since last year, the use of resources was ranked as fair;
- in regard to Nottingham University Hospitals Trust and Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust, Members requested that time be allocated to consider the Trusts' performance against the use of resources at a future meeting;
- passenger transport services were an important issue which had not been examined as part of the County Council scrutiny review of ambulance services and should be considered for possible further scrutiny.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **that the officers seek information from East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust regarding its passenger transport service and submit information to the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny body;**

- (2) that Nottingham Healthcare Trust and Nottingham University Hospitals Trust be requested to inform the Joint Committee about their performance against the use of resources when the Trusts attended future meetings of the Joint Committee;**
- (3) that the Nottinghamshire County Council Select Committee report on East Midland Ambulance Services be circulated to all Members of the Joint Committee for information.**

### **36 WORK PROGRAMME 2007-08**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny at Nottingham City Council, copies of which had been circulated, regarding the topics scheduled for scrutiny during 2007/08.

Further to the report and to issues identified during the meeting for future consideration, members made the following suggestions:-

- information on respite provision would continue to be considered as part of the work with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust on the Trust's proposals for modernising day hospital services for older people with mental health problems, but a broader view of provision should be considered;
- an examination of the impact of appointments missed by patients on service provision could be considered;
- the factors which limited the availability of some types of treatments to patients could be considered.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the provision of respite care, the impact of missed appointments and the availability of treatments be included in the Committee's work programme as potential issues for review;**
- (2) that an examination of Local Improvement Finance Trust developments within the conurbation be added to the work programme for the January meeting;**
- (3) that further consideration of the 'Our NHS, Our Future' Review be provisionally included in the work programme for February 2008, subject to confirmation by Nottinghamshire County teaching PCT.**