



Meeting JOINT CITY/COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date Tuesday, 13th March 2007 (commencing at 10.00 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with `A`

COUNCILLORS

Nottingham City Councillors:-

- A Saghir Akhtar
- A Brent Charlesworth
- Gill Haymes (Vice-Chair)
- Eileen Heppell
- Afzal Khan
- David Liversidge
- A Tim Spencer
- A Carole Stapleton

Nottinghamshire County Councillors:-

- A Mrs K Cutts
- Pat Lally
- Edward Llewellyn-Jones (Chair)
- Brian Wombwell

Co-opted Members:-

- A Councillor Simon Harris, Ashfield Borough Council
- Councillor Jacky Williams, Broxtowe Borough Council
- A Councillor Stella Lane - Gedling Borough Council
- A Councillor Mrs M Males, Rushcliffe Borough Council

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

- Mrs B Cast)
 - Ms A Kaufhold)
 - Ms S Diffy)
 - Ms N Watson)
- Nottingham City Council

Mr M Garrard)
Mr C Holmes) Nottinghamshire County Council

Ms A Cresswell) Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust
Ms J Gardner)

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 February 2007 were agreed, subject to the sentence in paragraph two, page four being changed to read “Councillor Mrs Males raised the question of inappropriate discharges and contingency arrangements the Trust has in place”.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Saghir Akhtar, Tim Spencer, Mrs K Cutts and Mrs M Males.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor David Liversidge declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 (Well being and Social Inclusion Service/Consultation Responses) as his brother was employed by the Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust.

WELL BEING AND SOCIAL INCLUSION SERVICE/CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Adele Cresswell, Associate Director/Adult Mental Health from the Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust gave a presentation to the Joint Committee on the findings and recommendations on the proposals from the Trust to provide a social inclusion and well being service. She indicated that a new Chief Executive, Mike Cook, had been appointed and would join the Trust in June. She indicated that the scrutiny process had worked well and that the Trust had learned about the democratic process and engagement of the public which would influence how the Trust did business in the future. She thought that the Committee had held the Trust to account and looked at the service from the point of view of the end user which had resulted in a better model being put forward. She thought there was now a broad consensus on how they moved forward. She outlined the changes which had come as an outcome to the consultation. She indicated that they were now planning for three domains rather than five. The consultation themes were concern about potential closure of centres and reduction in services; the importance of building bases, using buildings differently, more emphasis on user led services/out of hours services and greater emphasis needed on a meaningful day. She indicated that one of the messages that came through the consultation was the need for a safe haven. She explained that there was support for a referral point into the social inclusion and wellbeing service with the ability to access opportunities in all domains and early access to services. Continuity of relationships and social interaction were really important. There is a need to create opportunity for service users who did not currently engage with any services to access the proposed services.

Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones felt that the most important aspect was that the end product was better for the user. He was pleased to see that the changes reflected comments made by the Committee and that the Trust should take credit for changing the proposals. He thought it would be useful for the Committee to have a report in September 2007 as to how the changes were going with a further report in January/February 2008. In response to a question from Councillor Eileen Heppell, it was indicated that access would need to be looked at. It was explained that there would be a steering group overseeing the implementation of the proposals. It was explained that they may look at different ways of working with partners so that they used the buildings longer. If there were transport issues they would seek to maximise independence and if that was not possible they would look at how people could be enabled. Clients would have a key worker to advise them about transport.

In response to a question from Councillor Jacky Williams, Adele Cresswell explained that the broad plan was outlined in the report, but that in April a full implementation plan would be circulated. Julie Gardner from the Trust explained that they were working hard with stakeholders and partners to offer maximum choice and opportunities. It was explained that the wellbeing social inclusion service was an integral part of the scheme. She indicated that in September they could give an overview of referral pathways Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones thought that in September it would be useful to see more operational details. He asked the Trust to advise the Committee of any problems concerning the implementation so that a decision could be made as to whether it needs to be considered further by the Committee.

Councillor David Liversidge felt that the Trust had come along way but there was now a need to look at the detail. He thought it would be useful to see who the service was being extended to. Julie Gardner thought that change should be linked to benefits and that people needed to know that what was provided was effective. Councillor David Liversidge stated that he was particularly keen to see how the black community were involved in the service. Councillor Gill Haymes asked for examples of individual patient pathways. She thought that the out of hour's service would be a real bonus. Adele Cresswell indicated that she would report to the September meeting and focus on the transition work carried out so far and the use of the building. She paid tribute to the work on the proposals carried out by the late John Howat.

The Joint Committee welcomed the proposals brought forward and the changes that had been made in response to patient and public involvement. The proposals appeared to be in the interests of patients. The Committee encouraged the Trust to ensure the continued involvement of the public, users and partners in taking the proposals forward as well as this Committee. The Joint Committee asked the Trust to report developments in September 2007 with the opportunity for further updates in January/February 2008 and July/September 2008. In September 2007 the Joint Committee would welcome:

- Details of the implementation plan and progress to date
- An overview of how the Trust's services work together – an operational perspective – and how transitions would be managed

- Information on how services are being enhanced and how the new domains and pathways are to work
- Information on access and the use of resources such as buildings
- Evidence of continued user involvement and the involvement of partners

The Joint Committee invites the Trust to keep the chair and vice chair informed of any difficulties as plans progress.

THE ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK

Consideration was given to the commentary on the Nottingham University Hospitals Trust, the Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust and Nottinghamshire County Teaching PCT for inclusion in their annual health check.

The commentary as set out in the appendix to the report was agreed subject to the one for the Nottinghamshire Health Care Trust being changed to reflect that the Trust's plans about the social inclusion and wellbeing service have changed substantially in response to the comments received during the consultation from service users and carers and the Joint Committee.

OLDER PEOPLES SERVICES

Consideration was given to the update on progress for the proposals 'Improving health services for older people across greater Nottingham'. Councillor Gill Haymes thought that there was a need for the Committee to monitor in the future as transport issues were at the heart of the proposals. She pointed out that the ambulance service appeared to be cutting back on ordinary transport. Councillor Jacky Williams thought there was a need to look at how all the organisations worked together. Councillor Liversidge thought that it may be useful to look at the city's older person accommodation plan to see how it fitted in with bed movements for older people.

WORK PROGRAMME 2006/07

Consideration was given to the work programme attached to the report it was decided that the April meeting should be cancelled as there was insufficient business.

CHAIR

Councillor Edward Llewellyn-Jones was thanked for the way he had chaired the meetings he thanked the Committee for their support during the last year.

CHAIR