

Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	14 November 2016
Officer	Interim Director for Adult and Community Services
Subject of Report	Joint Health Scrutiny Committee re Clinical Services Review – Update
Executive Summary	<p>This report provides a brief update re the Joint Committee which has been convened to scrutinise the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group’s Clinical Services Review. The most recent formal Joint Committee took place on 27 October 2016. The minutes of this meeting can be found at Appendix 1.</p> <p>The purpose of this meeting was for the CCG to share the outcome of the Mental Health Acute Pathway Review and the proposals, which were approved by the CCG Governing Body on 19 October and will now go forward for NHS England assurance and public consultation. The Committee heard about the reasons for the review, the work which has supported it (including needs analysis, extensive view seeking and modelling), the resultant shortlisting of options and the criteria on which the recommended option was based. The Review had a ‘co-production’ focus, with the intention that all stakeholders would feel engaged and able to contribute to the proposals.</p> <p>In addition information was presented regarding the progress of a Review of Dementia Services, which was originally identified as a priority by the CCG in their 2014-19 5-Year Plan, but was postponed due to the commencement of the Clinical Services Review. The current Dementia Services Review now has a wider scope, taking a ‘whole system’ approach and including some local authority dementia services.</p>

The Chairman of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee made the following observations and comments regarding the meeting on 27 October:

Chairman's comments on the presentation of the Mental Health Acute Care Pathway Review.

- 1. A lengthy, well considered and comprehensive presentation was made by Kath Florey-Saunders on behalf of the CCG following the acceptance of the report by the Board of the CCG. It was clear from the beginning that the many complaints, concerns and worries expressed in the past had been heard and that action was to be taken to resolve such matters where possible.*
- 2. Of particular note was the concern over transport in rural areas and the idea that patients should be not more than 25 minutes of travel by car from a place of support/refuge (Community Front Rooms) or 33 miles from more intensive inpatient support. During questions it was stated that the Trust would look towards solving the problems of patients who had no car transport available to them by the use of a taxi.*
- 3. It was also noted that in settings where patients were to be treated in a ward, then a minimum of ratio of staff to beds would be required. This could lead to the closure of several wards in the more rural parts of Dorset. The proposed closure of the Linden Ward in Weymouth was of particular concern together with the relocation of beds to Forston - an area to which there is little access by public transport.*
- 4. Considerable doubt was expressed by the Dorset members regarding the 30/70 split model proposed for demand for treatment as they felt that the West, with its special difficulties, was not being treated fairly.*
- 5. Attendance at the Committee was poor.*
- 6. The Committee welcomed the report and looked forward to seeing the outcome at a later date. However, it has to be pointed out that it would be helpful if future reports could be available to be sent out through DCC at the same time as other material, to arrive with members seven days before the day of a meeting. I acknowledge that there were special circumstances in this instance.*

Ronald Coatsworth

Further meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will need to be convened towards the end of the CCG's formal 12 week public consultation period, to formulate a response from the Committee, and again after the consultation has ended, to review

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	the process. In order that stakeholders' views can be considered prior to the formulation of a response to the consultation, it is suggested that an Inquiry Day be arranged (date dependent on the CCG timescales).
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: Not applicable.
	Use of Evidence: Minutes of Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 27 October 2016.
	Budget: Not applicable.
	Risk Assessment: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk LOW
	Other Implications: None.
Recommendation	<p>1 That members note and comment on the report.</p> <p>2 That members agree to the setting up of an Inquiry Day to coincide with the public consultation to be launched by the CCG.</p>
Reason for Recommendation	The Committee supports the County Council's aim to help Dorset's citizens to remain safe, healthy and independent.
Appendices	1 Minutes of Joint Health Scrutiny Committee 27/10/2016
Background Papers	<p>Committee papers – Joint Health Scrutiny Committee: http://dorset.moderngov.co.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=268</p> <p>NHS Dorset CCG Governing Body reports, 19/10/2016: http://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/aboutus/19-october-2016.htm</p>
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