

## HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ridney (Chair)  
Councillor K Finch (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors Cowell, Harris, Hemingsley, Kettle, Roberts, Mrs Rogers, Taylor, Vickers  
and C Wilson

### Officers

Assistant Director of Law and Governance (Lead Officer to the Committee),  
Assistant Director Older People and Physical Disabilities and the Scrutiny Officer  
(Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal  
(Directorate of Corporate Resources)

### Also in Attendance

Mr Steve Corton – Head of Community Engagement, Dudley Primary Care Trust  
Ms Mandy Green – Communications Manager (Dudley and Walsall Mental Health  
Partnership NHS Trust)

### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor  
Miller and Ms A Hill (LINK Co-optee).

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### 2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was reported that Councillor Taylor had been appointed as a substitute member  
for Councillor Miller for this meeting only.

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### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Harris declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item No 6  
(Terms of Reference and Brief Introductions) in view of reference made to the  
regulations for the Health and Social Care Act 2012, as she had been involved in  
the Department of Health's consultation exercise.

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### 4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and the Special Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012 be approved as correct records and signed.

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5 PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

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6 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BRIEF INTRODUCTIONS

A Guide to Health Scrutiny 2012 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and the Lead Officer to the Committee briefly presented the information in that document and, in particular, highlighted the changes affecting health scrutiny under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Ms Mandy Green – Communications Manager (Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust), Mr Steve Corton, Head of Community Engagement, Dudley Primary Care Trust and the Assistant Director Older People and Physical Disabilities then briefly introduced themselves and explained their respective roles to the work of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the Guide to Health Scrutiny 2012, be noted.

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7 WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATES FOR 2012/13

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the proposed Work Programme for the Committee for the 2012/13 Municipal Year, key considerations for the Committee, particularly in light of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and on the reappointment of a Local Involvement Network representative continuing as a co-opted Member to the Committee for 2012/13.

Arising from the presentation of the report it was suggested that consideration be given to health problems in looked after children, impact of the healthy hubs, excess winter deaths and obesity linked with diabetes being included in the Work Programme.

Reference was made to the enhanced scrutiny review items as contained in the appendix to the report submitted and it was indicated that relevant information in the form of statistics and comparable information should be submitted to enable consideration to be given to determine its effectiveness and for performance to be measured. It was also suggested that immunisation could be considered as a review item.

During the ensuing discussion a Member referred to the item contained in the Appendix to the report submitted on the Strategic Health Authority: Birmingham Children's Hospital – transfer of non-specialist surgery (specialised commissioning) and suggested that, as this matter covered such a wide area and impacted on a large population, consideration should be given to discussing the issue at a Regional level. In responding the Scrutiny Officer undertook to discuss the issue with the West Midlands Regional Group and to report back as appropriate.

A Member referred to the providers of primary care services that were preparing to take on the responsibility for commissioning the majority of healthcare by establishing Clinical Commissioning Groups and expressed concern that Members were not always fully informed on all processes and consequently, in the midst of the changes, aspects of key decisions and certain information could be missed.

In concluding the debate the Chair asked that Members inform the Scrutiny Officer or the Democratic Services Officer on items they wished to consider for the in-depth review and also on any further items they wished to be considered and included in the Work Programme.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report on the impact of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and other developments, be noted.
- (2) That, subject to the inclusion of health problems in looked after children, impact of the healthy hubs, excess winter deaths and obesity being linked with diabetes, the Work Programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report submitted, be noted.
- (3) That approval be given to the continuation of a representative from LINK to serve as a co-opted member on the Committee for 2012/13.

The meeting ended at 7.00 p.m.

CHAIR