

**To: All Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee
All Chief Officers**

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**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
25 MARCH & 2 APRIL 2015**

MINUTES

25 MARCH 2015

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

J R Barfoot, S A Batson, R H Beeching, D Hart, N A Hollinghurst, D J Hewitt, S L C Johnston, L R Kercher, S Quilty (Chairman), R G Tindall

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

J Green (North Herts), M Gardner (Stevenage), B Gibbard (St Albans), F Guest (Dacorum), G Nicholson (Broxbourne), N Symonds (East Herts), F Thomson (Welwyn Hatfield)

Other Members In Attendance

T W Hone, A Joynes, G McAndrew, P A Ruffles, C J White

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 January 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PART 1 ('OPEN') BUSINESS

1(A) SCRUTINY OF THE NHS IN HERTFORDSHIRE'S BUDGET AND FRANCIS FOLLOW UP

[Officer Contact: Charles Weir, Scrutiny Officer (Tel: 01438 843630)]

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed all members and officers present to the Committee's scrutiny of the health trusts in Hertfordshire's budgets and follow up to the outcomes of the Francis report.

Action

- 1.2 Members received an introduction to the scrutiny; a summary by the Scrutiny Officer, reminding members of the format for the Committee's scrutiny; and an overview from NHS England focusing on the direction for the NHS over the following 5 years.
- 1.3 Questions from Members were invited and responded to. It was agreed that NHS England be requested to return to a future meeting or provide the Committee with a seminar, in order for it to examine the 5 Year Plan in more detail.
- 1.4 The Committee then adjourned to gather its evidence.
- 1.5 The Committee adopted a 'scrutiny café' style approach to gathering its evidence and focussed on two CCG's, five local trusts and Herts Urgent Care; paired up as follows:-
- Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) and West Herts Hospital Trust (WHHT)
 - East and North Clinical Commissioning Group (ENCCG) and East & North Herts Hospital Trust (ENHT)
 - Herts Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT) and Herts Community NHS Trust (HCT)
 - East of England Ambulance Trust (EEAST) and Herts Urgent Care (HUC)
- 1.6 Members of the Committee were divided into 4 'Member Groups', with each group being assigned an area of questioning based on the following key themes:-
- Workforce
 - Patient and Carers Experience
 - Parity
 - Quality and Innovation
- 1.7 All members of the Council had been notified of the scrutiny and invited to attend. A number of members had accepted this invitation and participated in the 'evidence gathering' part of the scrutiny.
- 1.8 At the end of the evidence gathering process the session closed.

The Committee reconvened on 2 April 2015 to consider its recommendations, information requests and additions to the work programme.

2 APRIL 2015

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

J Aron (Watford), J Green (North Herts), M Gardner (Stevenage), B Gibbard (St Albans), F Guest (Dacorum), G Nicholson (Broxbourne),

Other Members In Attendance

T W Hone, G McAndrew, P A Ruffles, R H Smith

1B) SCRUTINY OF THE NHS IN HERTFORDSHIRE'S BUDGETS AND FRANCIS FOLLOW UP: DRAFT REPORT

[Officer Contact: Charles Weir, Scrutiny Officer (Tel: 01438 843630)]

1.9 The Committee considered a draft report summarising the conclusions, recommendations, information requests and suggested future scrutinies proposed as a result of the Committee's evidence gathering session on 25 March.

1.10 As a result of lengthy discussion on the report, it was agreed that the report be revised to reflect the views expressed at the meeting; with the final wording being agreed by the Committee's Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Labour Group Spokesman.

Conclusions

- 1.11
1. Members thanked the NHS organisations for the responses they had provided to the Committee which had contributed to a very successful scrutiny and to the input Healthwatch had made to the event.
 2. The Committee agreed:-
 - (a) that the Committee's report be revised to reflect discussion

at the meeting and that the final wording be agreed by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Labour Group Spokesman*; and

(b) that the final report be sent to all Members of the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

3. The Committee agreed that it should receive a report at its meeting in June 2015 reviewing the process used for this year's budget scrutiny/Francis follow up.

**Note: The agreed wording for the recommendations, future scrutinies, and information requests are attached as Appendices 1, 2 and 3 to these Minutes*

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2. THE WORK PROGRAMME

[Officer Contact: Tom Hawkyard, Head of Scrutiny (Tel: 01992 555300)]

2.1 The Committee considered its work programme 2015 - 2017.

Conclusion

2.2 The Committee approved the Health Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015 – 2017 attached to the report, as amended by the decisions reached in item 1 above and attached as Appendix 2 to these Minutes.

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REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

A summary of all items of business will be reported to the County Council at its meeting on 21 July 2015.

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