

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

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**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
17 MARCH & 31 MARCH 2016**

MINUTES

17 MARCH 2016

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

J Green (North Herts), B Gibbard (St Albans), F Guest (Dacorum), K Hastrick (Watford), G Nicholson (Broxbourne), N Symonds (East Herts), F Thomson (Welwyn Hatfield)

Other Members In Attendance

F Button, M Cowan, F R G Hill, T W Hone, T Hunter, A Joynes, R M Roberts, R H Smith, A S B Walkington, M A Watkin, W J Wyatt-Lowe

Apologies

S Bedford, D Lambert

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 January 2016 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 QUALITY OF CARE

[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 Quality of Care.

Action

- 1.2 Members received an introduction to the scrutiny and a summary by the Scrutiny Officer, reminding members of the format for the Committee's scrutiny.
- 1.3 The Committee then adjourned to gather its evidence.
- 1.4 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 and with representatives from Public Health also present:-
- 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 focusing its questioning based on the following key themes:-
- Quality of Care
 - Finances
- 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 31 March 2016 to consider its recommendations, information requests and additions to the work programme.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

J Green (North Herts), M McKay (Stevenage), F Guest (Dacorum), N Symonds (East Herts)

Other Members In Attendance

T W Hone, A Joynes, R Smith

Apologies

S A Batson, B Gibbard, D Lambert, G Nicholson, F Thomson

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 17 March.

1.10 In relation to any discussion around pharmacy, it was noted that a personal interest was declared by F Guest as a practising community pharmacist.

1.11 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

1.12 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 May 2016 reviewing the process used for this year's budget and quality of care scrutiny.

**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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REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

A summary of all items of business will be reported to the County Council at its meeting on 19 July 2016.

**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**