

PRESENT

Members of the Committee

Councillor Mary Weale (*Chairman*)
Councillor Abbas Barkhordar
Councillor Maighread Condon-Simmonds
Councillor Robert Freeman
Councillor Pat Healy
Councillor Bridget Hoier
Councillor Linda Wade
Councillor Paul Warrick
Councillor Charles Williams (*Vice-Chairman*)

Others in Attendance

Councillor Fiona Buxton (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care,
Public Health and Environmental Health)
Councillor Judith Blakeman
Dr Mike Anderson (Medical Director, Chelsea and Westminster
Hospital)
Stella Baillie (Tri-borough Director for Provided Services and
Mental Health Partnerships - ASC)
Rebecca Brown (Acting Team Manager, Pest Control)
Dr Fiona Butler (Vice-Chair, West London Clinical Commissioning
Group)
Daniel Elkeles (Chief Officer, CWHH Clinical Commissioning
Group Collaborative)
Mick Fisher (Head of Public Affairs, Imperial College Healthcare
NHS Trust)
Anabela Hardwick (Chair, Kensington and Chelsea Residents in
Support of Save Our Hospitals Campaign)
Jacqui Hird (Scrutiny Manager)
Gaenor Holland-Williams (Kensington and Chelsea LINK
Management Group)
Steve Mellor (Group Finance Manager)
Paula Murphy (Community Engagement Manager, Kensington
and Chelsea LINK)
Andrew Pike (Head of Communications, CWHH Clinical
Commissioning Group Collaborative)
Ann Ramage (Head of Service, Environmental Health -
Commercial)

Carolyn Regan (Managing Director, West London Clinical Commissioning Group)
James Reilly (Chief Executive, Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust)
Mike Rogers (Head of Business Intelligence, Policy & Planning and Workforce)
James Sheedy (Income Manager, ASC)
Dr Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health)
Abdul Towolawi (Vice-Chair, Kensington and Chelsea LINK)
Rachel Wigley (Tri-borough Director of Finance, ASC)
Gareth Ebenezer (Governance Administrator)

A1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Terence Buxton and Louis Mosley and from Dr Mark Sweeney (Chair, West London Clinical Commissioning Group).

Apologies for delayed arrival were received from Councillor Wade.

A2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of Report A7 (Shaping a Healthier Future – Update) Councillor Barkhordar declared a pecuniary interest that his partner was employed by Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Noting that this report was for discussion, Councillor Barkhordar stayed in the Committee Room whilst this report was being considered but did not join in the discussion.

A3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

A4 CABINET MEMBER'S REPORT ON CURRENT ISSUES

On paragraph 2 (Safeguarding Adults) Councillor Healy asked how the Independent Chair of the single Executive Board across the three boroughs would be selected. Mrs Baillie (Tri-borough Director for Provided Services and Mental Health Partnerships - ASC) responded that the selection process had not yet been finalised; she would email the Councillor at a later date.

Action by: *Tri-borough Director for Provided Services and Mental Health Partnerships - ASC*

On paragraph 3 (Thamesbrook Update) Mrs Baillie believed that the new management at Thamesbrook was already delivering performance improvements and she was confident that the forthcoming unannounced CQC inspection would recognise that good progress was being made.

Councillor Freeman added that he had recently carried out his rota visit to Thamesbrook and been impressed by the new manager there. At the request of Councillor Freeman, Mrs Baillie undertook to check the current position regarding usage of agency staff at Thamesbrook and email all Members of the Committee.

Additionally, following on from the discussion about Thamesbrook, Councillor Hoier requested a future report on dementia services in RBKC. Mrs Baillie was happy to agree to this suggestion and the Chairman added that provision of services for dementia was a possible subject for a future review topic. (The Clerk would log this suggestion).

Action by: *Tri-borough Director for Provided Services and Mental Health Partnerships – ASC / Governance Services*

On paragraph 8 (Update on Service Reviews) Mrs Ramage (Head of Service, Environmental Health - Commercial) stated that it was hoped to bring the three reviews of (a) Food and Safety; (b) Noise and Nuisance; and (c) Pest Control to the next meeting of this Scrutiny Committee. Mrs Ramage added that it would be valuable to hear the Scrutiny Committee's views on the extra value RBKC was receiving from putting additional resources into its environmental health services (in comparison to LB Hammersmith and Fulham).

Action by: *Director of Environmental Health*

The Chairman thanked Mrs Ramage for an excellent Briefing on Foxes (paragraph 9 refers). Following a comment from Councillor Williams, Mrs Ramage agreed to check that the content on foxes was similar on both the RBKC and Hammersmith and Fulham websites.

Action by: *Director of Environmental Health*

On paragraph 10 (Briefing on the Horse Meat Investigation) Mrs Ramage provided an update that sampling had been carried out in three of the Borough's schools that were part of the school meals contract. All results have come back satisfactory and no evidence of horse meat was found. Continued vigilance would be exercised.

A5 CENTRAL LONDON COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST – REFRESHED FOUNDATION TRUST CONSULTATION

James Reilly (Chief Executive, Central London Community Healthcare (CLCH) NHS Trust) introduced the CLCH Consultation Document included on the agenda.

The following main points emerged during questions from Members:-

(i) On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Williams wished CLCH well in meeting its future challenges. In response Mr Reilly stated that CLCH's first and foremost aim was to deliver good services and deliver the out of hospital strategy. The Foundation Trust status was an accreditation scheme and was a means to an end, rather than an end in itself;

(ii) Councillor Healy was assured by Mr Reilly that it was hoped that the local voluntary sector would have a strong influence on the Council of Governors through the Public Constituency;

(iii) Councillor Hoier was assured that CLCH was working closely with its local authority partners on falls reduction; and

(iv) The Chairman stressed to Mr Reilly the importance of continuity of care services, quoting the good example of health visitors for her own children. Mr Reilly responded that the value of continuity was well understood and he would carry this point forward.

The Chairman thanked Mr Reilly for his attendance and his comments on the issues raised above. The Scrutiny Committee looked forward to collaborating with CLCH in the future.

A6 NEW TRI-BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Dr Melanie Smith (Director of Public Health) introduced this report and apologised that the version of Appendix 2 (Public Health Subjective Budget Summary) received by the Committee was not in fact the most up to date version.

It was noted that, in respect of substance misuse, fewer services were outsourced in RBKC than in the other two boroughs. Dr Smith added that a review of contracts was to be undertaken; RBKC may wish to retain its own commissioning priorities.

The Chairman observed from the pie chart in paragraph 2.1 of the report that sexual health services accounted for

well over half of the Public Health budget. Dr Smith responded that there was high demand for these services with there being scope to improve the future commissioning of sexual health services including the interface between acute and community sectors.

In response to a question from Councillor Warrick as to what would constitute future success, Dr Smith responded that this was a complex area but over time a suite of key performance indicators would be developed. The Chairman added that this Scrutiny Committee would have an input into developing these key performance indicators.

A7 SHAPING A HEALTHIER FUTURE - UPDATE

Daniel Elkeles (Chief Officer, CWHH Clinical Commissioning Group Collaborative) introduced the report and provided the update that LB Ealing had made the decision to refer the *Shaping a Healthier Future* programme to the Secretary of State. He in turn would most likely refer it to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel which would carry out a review of all the evidence before making recommendations to the Secretary of State. This Panel was likely to complete its findings by the end of this year. During this time no irrevocable decisions could be made although detailed planning could still proceed. Individual trusts could make changes if a service was seen to be clinically unsafe.

Dr Mike Anderson (Medical Director, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital) confirmed that plans were in place to improve the Accident and Emergency Unit at Chelsea and Westminster. The timescale would be dependent on the receipt of capital funding from the wider process.

Both Dr Anderson and Dr Fiona Butler (Vice-Chair, West London Clinical Commissioning Group) made the point that the anticipated improved capacity of out of hospital services should reduce the demand for hospital stays. Dr Butler stated that in RBKC there would be two main hubs/health centres, one in the North of the borough at St Charles and one in the South at Earl's Court.

Mr Elkeles sought to reassure Councillor Healy that there was no change to the guiding principle that improvements to out of hospital services would be delivered first prior to any major changes to local hospitals.

Additionally, the Scrutiny Committee noted the proposed plans for the future development and enhanced range of services at Charing Cross Hospital. Mr Elkeles also referred

to the major new building planned for construction at St Mary's Hospital.

The Chairman thought that overall the impact of the *Shaping a Healthier Future* changes would be positive and thanked the health professionals present for the exhaustive consultation process carried out over the last year.

A8 REFORM OF FUNDING FOR CARE AND SUPPORT

Mr Sheedy (Income Manager, ASC) outlined the main points of the report. Further details were expected from the Government in due course.

In response to a question from Councillor Healy, Mrs Baillie confirmed that there was enough staff in place to cope with the current number of assessments (which included a number of self-funders). It was expected that some additional government funding would be available to manage the increase in the number of assessments.

A9 KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA'S "LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK" (LINK)

Abdul Towolawi (Vice-Chair, Kensington and Chelsea LINK) was present to introduce this report. The Scrutiny Committee noted that this would be the final LINK report and that the Local HealthWatch would be reporting to its next meeting.

Paragraph 2.5 of the report referred to a workshop being organised for patients and service users to cover both the Health and Wellbeing Board and HealthWatch. Members of this Scrutiny Committee would receive the event report that would be produced after this workshop.

Action by: *HealthWatch / Governance Services*

A10 ADULT SOCIAL CARE MANDATE - PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Mike Rogers (Head of Business Intelligence, Policy & Planning and Workforce) introduced the report. The following main points emerged during questions from Members:-

(i) On paragraph 2.3.2 Councillor Wade raised the issue of Wifi access in sheltered housing. Mrs Baillie undertook to discuss the matter with the Housing Department.

Action by: *Tri-borough Director for Provided Services and Mental Health Partnerships – ASC*

(ii) With regard to paragraph 2.7 Councillor Healy observed that (and Mr Rogers confirmed) there was no specific

measure regarding Physically Disabled service users in employment (unlike the case for both Learning Disabilities and Mental Health service users). Councillor Healy was concerned by this.

Mrs Baillie responded that a tri-borough review of pathways to employment was taking place and this Committee could receive an update on progress at a future meeting.

Action by: ASC officers

A11 MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

In respect of paragraph 1 (Francis Report) the Chairman informed the Scrutiny Committee that she had requested the (newly appointed) Scrutiny Manager (Mrs Jacqui Hird) to produce a report on how this Scrutiny Committee could more effectively scrutinise local NHS partners.

Councillor Freeman expressed the importance of this role and he was concerned about a possible risk to RBKC's reputation if there were serious problems with any local NHS organisations.

In producing this report Mrs Hird was asked to have regard to and/or liaise with:-

- (a) The Local HealthWatch (which would shortly take over from the LINK). It was noted the LINK had carried out many in-depth studies of particular aspects of local NHS provision;
- (b) Mrs Baillie of ASC. Mrs Baillie added that she had attended a Conference the previous day where the Francis Report had been discussed. The importance of listening to the individual stories of patients was stressed at this Conference;
- (c) Both Mr Anderson (Chelsea and Westminster Hospital) and Mr Elkeles (Chief Officer, CWHH Clinical Commissioning Group Collaborative) expressed their wish to work with the local authority on this matter;
- (d) What changes Staffordshire County Council and Stafford Borough Council had made to their scrutiny arrangements after the serious failings at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust that had led to the Francis Report;
- (e) The Government's response to the Francis Report which was still awaited.

Action by: Scrutiny Manager

On paragraph 2 (Local Authorities – Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations) and in response to a question from Councillor Healy, the Cabinet Member stated that the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board, together with how well the Board was discharging its responsibilities, could both be reviewed after one year of operation.

On paragraph 5 (Proposed Formation of Joint Working Group with Family and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee) Councillors Freeman, Healy and Wade all expressed interest in being on this Joint Working Group. The Chairman would discuss with the Chairman of FCS, Councillor Lindsay.

Action by: Chairman

On paragraph 7 (Monitoring Agenda Papers for NHS Trust Boards and Neighbouring Boroughs’ Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees) it was agreed that the Chairman would monitor the West London Clinical Commissioning Group, at least for the time being.

Additionally, the Clerk undertook to check the email contact arrangements for Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (Councillor Barkhordar), Chelsea & Westminster NHS Foundation Trust (Councillor Healy) and Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust (Councillor Hoier).

Action by: Governance Services

ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS

None.

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

Chairman