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Date: 15 September 2017

**Committee:
Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Monday, 25 September 2017

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Members of Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Karen Calder	Tracey Huffer
Madge Shineton	Heather Kidd
Roy Aldcroft	Paul Milner
Gerald Dakin	Pamela Moseley
Simon Harris	Paul Wynn

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AGENDA

1 Election of Chairman

2 Apologies for Absence

3 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

4 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

5 Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 July 2017 (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017, attached marked:
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6 Public Question Time

To receive any public questions or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with procedure rule 14. The deadline for notification is 5.00 pm on Wednesday 20 September 2017

7 Member Question Time

To receive any questions of which Members of the Council have given notice. Deadline for notification is 5.00 pm on Wednesday 20 September 2017.

8 Claypit Street Medical Practice APMS contract (Whitchurch) (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider a report from Shropshire CCG, attached marked 8. Nicky Wilde, Director of Primary Care, Shropshire CCG, will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

9 Maternity Services Task and Finish Group

To receive an interim report from the Maternity Services Task and Finish Group (to follow)

10 Work Programme

To consider the future work programme of the Committee.

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SHOPSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017

10.00 - 11.05 am in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

Responsible Officer: Amanda Holyoak

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Present

Councillor Karen Calder (Chairman)

Councillors Madge Shineton (Vice Chairman), Roy Aldcroft, Gerald Dakin, Simon Harris, Tracey Huffer, Heather Kidd, Paul Milner and Pamela Moseley

5 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Wynn.

The Chair thanked all for attending and particularly welcomed new members to the Committee, the representative from Healthwatch and the co-optees from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the meeting. She also thanked the previous Chair, Councillor Gerald Dakin, for his hard work for the Committee over a number of years and was pleased that his experience and knowledge would be retained by the Committee.

6 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

Councillor Shineton declared an interest as a member of Health Concern. Mandy Thorn, Joint HOSC co-optee declared that she was Vice-Chair of Shropshire Partners in Care and a provider.

7 Minutes of the meetings held on 27 March and 18 May 2017

The minutes of the meetings held on 27 March 2017 and 18 May 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

8 Public Question Time

Two questions had been submitted to the Committee by Mr Bickerton in relation to the Better Care Fund and CCG deficits, and the financial pressures faced by the Council. A copy of the questions and the responses are attached to the signed minutes. The Chair suggested that as Mr Bickerton had asked similar questions at previous meetings that the Director of Public Health meet with him to discuss and answer his questions in depth. The Director of Public Health confirmed that he would be happy to do so, but this probably would not be possible before October. Mr Bickerton welcomed this suggestion.

9 Member Question Time

A series of questions relating to Maternity Services had been received from Councillor Heather Kidd. The questions related to bed capacity, demand, staffing numbers, and ambulance cover and had been forwarded to Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust (SaTH). A copy of the questions and responses received is attached to the signed minutes.

There were some follow up questions raised by members of the Committee as follows:

- What happens when the 3 Midwife Led Units are closed, will there be capacity to address demand properly in other local hospitals? What would happen if an expectant mother could not be admitted to Royal Shrewsbury Hospital or Princess Royal Hospital – would they be admitted into a non-maternity bed, would they go out of county?
- Are you able to provide reassurance that mothers will not be left waiting to be induced in a queue as happened when a baby died in the past.
- Have there been any discussions with West Midlands Ambulance Service regarding provision of additional cover so that Mothers to be in the more rural parts of the county, an hour away from PRH, will not be put at risk due to slow transfer time?

These would be sent to SaTH for a response.

The Committee agreed to set up a Task and Finish Group to look at Maternity Services, with a particular focus on Midwife employment, recruitment and retention.

10 Introduction to Health Scrutiny

The Statutory Scrutiny Officer gave a presentation on the role and principles of Overview and Scrutiny at Shropshire Council (a copy is attached to the signed minutes).

He explained how Overview and Scrutiny was designed to enable the voice of local people to be heard, to inform and influence decisions of the Council, and to drive improvement through evidence based recommendations. He also emphasised that scrutiny should be member led, non-political and was not designed to address individual complaints.

Health Overview and Scrutiny differed from other scrutiny activity, having the benefit of particular statutory and non-statutory guidance. The primary aim of health scrutiny was to act as a lever to improve the health of local people, ensuring their needs are considered as an integral part of the commissioning, delivery and development of health services. The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee responded to consultations on relevant NHS bodies and relevant health service providers on substantial reconfiguration proposals affecting the Shropshire Local Authority area. The Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would respond to substantial reconfiguration proposals covering both the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin local authority areas.

Officers agreed to make the guidance available to members. It was also agreed that the co-optees from the Joint HOSC be invited to attend the next session of training on scrutiny.

11 Overview of the Key Functional Areas in Adult Services and Public Health and Key Development Areas

The Director of Public Health and Director of Adult Services made a presentation (copy attached to the signed minutes) covering the key areas of focus for Public Health and Adult Social Care in 2017/18. This included slides on: commissioning; cost; prevention; the economics of health and social care; housing, quality and context.

The Chairman thanked the Directors for the presentation, the content of which would help the Committee during discussions around its future work programme.

Signed (Chairman)

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Report to Shropshire Health Scrutiny Committee

September 2017

Claypit Street Medical Practice APMS contract (Whitchurch)

Background and Introduction

- 1 In 2016, there were 3 GP Practices in Whitchurch with a total population of around 13,500 patients. In 2016, one of these Practices known as Richmond House gave notice on their GMS contract and the CCG undertook a procurement exercise to secure provision of a new GP practice in Whitchurch.
- 2 The CCG, with the support from NHS England went to the market between June and August 2016 to identify potential new providers. A limited response from potential providers was forthcoming and a decision was made to award a temporary contract whilst a more permanent solution was found.
- 3 The CCG awarded the temporary Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Contract to Shropshire Doctors Co-operative Ltd (Shropdoc) to commence 1st November 2016. The contract was to deliver GP services to a population of around 3,300 patients and the Practice was named "Claypit Street Medical Practice". The contract had an end date of 31st March 2018. The commitment from the CCG was to secure permanent GP services across Whitchurch to commence at the end of the contract term.
- 4 On 3rd July 2017, Shropdoc wrote to the CCG advising that they had found it impossible to recruit to full time positions and were becoming reliant on GP locums which they felt was not a sustainable position. Being unable to consistently provide GP cover was not a comfortable or safe position to be in, so the Shropdoc Board reluctantly decided to hand back the contract to the CCG so that another solution can be provided. Shropdoc initially requested that the contract be novated to a new provider with effect from 1st September 2017.
- 5 In August 2017, the CCG Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) was asked to agree to the early termination of the Claypit Street Medical Practice Contract with Shropdoc and to novate the contract to an alternative provider for the remainder of its term.
- 6 This paper is to inform Health Scrutiny of the current position and provide an opportunity for discussion.

Summary of Options

- 7 The CCG considered 4 options.

- Option 1 – To refuse to accept the early contract end and work with Shropdoc to provide continued services until the end of March 2018. Shropdoc had identified that securing workforce is the reason for the early termination of the contract. If workforce cannot be secured, services cannot be maintained and therefore there could be a risk to patient care if the CCG did not accept the early end to the contract.
- Option 2 - To agree to Shropdoc's request and find a new interim provider to manage the contract until the end of March 2018. Bringing a new provider into Whitchurch for a short period of time is not considered to be a viable proposition. A new provider would need to employ staff on a very short-term basis and at short notice. The CCG considered if bringing in a new provider at this stage in the contract would provide the best outcomes for patients and were also concerned that a new provider may not be secured within the timescale requested.
- Option 3 – To agree to Shropdoc's request and “disperse” the registered patient list to other nearby practices. This option was considered by the CCG when Richmond House relinquished their contract and at that time, the other 2 practices in Whitchurch did not feel able to accept the patients without having a longer-term plan agreed. They felt that it would destabilise their own practices and reduce the quality of care they could provide. The existing premises at other local practices are also limited.
- Option 4 – To agree to Shropdoc's request and ask a single existing practice to accept a novation of the existing contract until 31st March 2018. The long-term plan for Whitchurch is to secure one premises in which to deliver Primary Care Services and discussions have been ongoing for some time. Both the remaining practices in Whitchurch see this as the long-term goal.

Primary Care Commissioning Committee Decision

- 8 Prior to the PCCC meeting in August, the CCG discussed the above options with Shropdoc, Bridgewater Medical Practice and Dodington Surgery (the other 2 practices in Whitchurch) and subject to agreeing terms and conditions, Bridgewater Medical Practice agreed to accept the novation of the Claypit Street Medical Practice Contract until the end of March 2018. However Bridgewater is not able to take on the contract until 1st November 2017. The novation of the contract was therefore agreed as the best way forward for the patients at Claypit Street Medical Practice. This was confirmed at the PCCC meeting in August.
- 9 PCCC also agreed that they would actively develop a long-term plan for future service provision for the registered patients and to ensure communication with practices. To date communication has been via the public PCCC papers, press releases and discussions at the Whitchurch patient group.

10 PCCC requested monthly reporting to continue until the novation is completed and long term provision is secured. Discussions continue with both Bridgewater Family Medical Practice and Dodington Surgery in Whitchurch.

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