



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2009

2:00pm – 2.30pm

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Present

Members

- Mr K Barrow – Leader of Shropshire Council (Chairman)
- Mr H Darbhanga – Non-Executive Director, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
- Mr W Hutton – Non-Executive Director, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
- Mr S Jones – Portfolio Holder for Adult Services, Shropshire Council

Officers

- Mrs J Chambers – Chief Executive, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
- Mr S Kenton – Director of Joint Commissioning
- Mrs L Nicholson – Director of Children and Young People's Services

1. Election of Chairman

- 1.1 It was proposed, duly seconded, and

RESOLVED: That Mr K Barrow be elected Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence

- 2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Mr A Hannagan (Chairman of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust) and Mrs C Motley (Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People).

- 2.2 An apology for absence was also received from Mrs V Beint.

3. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

- 3.1 It was proposed, duly seconded, and

RESOLVED: That Mr A Hannagan be appointed Vice-Chairman.

4. Declarations of Interest

- 4.1 No declarations of interests were made by members.

5. Minutes

- 5.1 **RESOLVED**: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 December 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. Reviewing the Role and Function of the Shropshire County Joint Member Board

- 6.1 The Board received the report of the Director of Joint Commissioning – copy attached to the signed minutes – which reviewed the role, membership and value of the Shropshire County Joint Member Board and included proposed revised terms of reference.

6.2 The Board **RESOLVED** that:

- A. having reviewed and discussed the role and responsibility of the Joint Member Board, the revised terms of reference attached at Appendix B to the report be adopted;
- B. the Joint Member Board would systematically direct and oversee the performance of the joint commissioning team and receive regular reports on the directorate of public health work programmes;
- C. the Joint Member Board would oversee and approve the expansion of formal s.75 pooled budget agreements between Shropshire County Primary Care Trust and Shropshire Council;
- D. the Joint Member Board would encourage and approve plans to optimise developmental opportunities between Shropshire County Primary Care Trust and Shropshire Council.

7. Draft Joint Commissioning Action Plan Update

- 7.1 The Board received the report of the Director of Joint Commissioning – copy attached to the signed minutes – which briefly summarised the current situation of joint commissioning in Shropshire, reviewed progress against objectives and actions contained in the Action Plan for 2008/09 and outlined current objectives and actions for 2009/10.

- 7.2 The Director of Joint Commissioning précised the Joint Commissioning Structure and explained that he was accountable to the Chief Executive of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust and the Director of Community Services at Shropshire Council. The Director of Joint Commissioning had responsibility for relevant Primary Care Trust budgets and strategic overview of relevant Council budgets.

- 7.3 In response to a query the Director of Joint Commissioning confirmed that Shropshire Council's budget was not ring fenced.

7.4 The Board **RESOLVED** that:

- A. progress against the Joint Commissioning Action Plan 2008/9 be noted;
- B. the actions to be delivered by the Joint Commissioning Directorate in 2009/10 be endorsed;
- C. the Joint Member Boards' commitment to pursuing a joint commissioning approach to health and social care issues in Shropshire be reaffirmed.

8. Items on the Forward Plan

8.1 The Director of Joint Commissioning informed the group of the items on the forward plan for discussion at future meetings as follows:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- Integrated Performance Framework

8.2 In response to a query the Director of Joint Commissioning explained that the Integrated Performance Plan identified national targets and integrated them with Shropshire County Primary Care Trust targets and Shropshire Council targets.

8.3 Members of the Board were requested to let the Director of Joint Commissioning know of any ideas for items that they wished to discuss at future meetings.

9. Modernising Health in Shropshire and Telford – An Update

9.1 The Chief Executive of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust updated members on the current position following the outcome of the options appraisal study for providing improved, sustainable and accessible acute hospital care for patients. She explained that the agreed view for the longer term was to consolidate emergency, major vascular and general surgery on a single site. However an interim solution was required as the current services could not be sustained over the long term.

9.2 The Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust explained that in order to mitigate the immediate clinical risks it had been recommended that vascular surgery be consolidated at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, as all clinical evidence indicated better outcomes (ie survival rates) for patients who were treated by specialists, whilst investing in accident & emergency and general surgery at both the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital and the Princess Royal Hospital.

9.3 The Chief Executive reported that the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting that morning had expressed agreement with the recommendation of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust to employ an additional vascular surgeon in order to provide a countywide network service for vascular surgery as soon as possible without consultation.

9.4 The Chief Executive informed members that public consultation would take place in mid 2010 on the interim options for 2012/13 and the principle of a single site for the longer term (2020).

9.5 The Leader commented that Councillors from Telford and Wrekin Council were concerned that changes to these services would have a knock on effect on other services and would lead to the eventual closure of the Princess Royal Hospital which was clearly not the case. The Chief Executive agreed to take these concerns on board and would make it clear at the consultation stage that this was not the intention.

9.6 The Director of Children & Young People's Services highlighted the importance of working together to help get the correct message out between now and the next stage, which should be based on clinical safety and the best interests of patients.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

10.1 The following dates were agreed:

Monday 23 November 2009, 10am

Tuesday 4 February 2010, 2pm

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date.....23 November 2009.....