



Committee and Date

South West Shropshire LJC
meeting
Everest Hall, Llanfair
Waterdine 7pm, Wednesday
7th November

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SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTE OF DECISIONS AND ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12TH JULY 2018 HELD AT THE SPARC CENTRE BISHOP'S CASTLE

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Committee Members Present:

Shropshire Council

Jonny Keeley
Heather Kidd

Bishop's Castle (Chair)
Chirbury and Worthen

Town/Parish Councils

John Croxton
Jane Carroll
Felicity Bevan
Duncan Cullimore
Jonathan Roberts
Ralph Graves
Andrew Beaven
Janet Cobb

Clunbury Parish Council
Bishops Castle Town Council
Chirbury Parish Council
Bedstone and Bucknell Parish Council
Clungunford Parish Council
Worthen with Shelves Parish Council
Llanfair Waterdine Parish Council
Edgton Parish

Officers Present:

Mathew Mead, Community Enablement Officer, Shropshire Council

Dawn Clarke - Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience at Shropshire CCG

Pam Schreier - Future Fit Communications & Engagement Lead

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies were received from Nigel Hartin, Jack Limond, Godfrey May, Valerie Whately and Jonathan Kemp – with Duncan Cullimore representing Bedstone and Bucknell Parish

2. Declarations of interest

No declarations were made

3. Note of the Previous Meeting

The Committee members agreed that the draft notes of the LJC meeting held on 22nd February should be adopted as an accurate note of that meeting.

4. Presentation – Update on Future Fit programme Pam Schreier and Dawn Clarke

Pam and Dawn represented the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) at the meeting and apologised that Simon Freeman the Accountable Officer for the Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group was not able to attend the meeting due to having to attend another meeting at short notice

Pam and Dawn then went on to provide a recap on Future Fit, which was a process looking at how hospital services in Shropshire would be delivered in the future. The process recognised the changing profile of residents in Shropshire; alterations in the way conditions are treated; how staff are recruited and the need to provide planned and emergency care across the county. The process has been led by clinicians and has a focus in the best clinical outcomes for patients.

A series of different models of delivering hospital services in Shropshire has been looked at over the last 3 years, and the current consultation is on the final plans which the CCG wish to carry forward. These proposals are based on different services being available at Shrewsbury and Telford, which will allow specialist services to be delivered at those sites. There will also be some services delivered on both sites.

The CCG are proposing that the main Emergency Care site (providing care for seriously ill patients with life threatening conditions) is provided at Shrewsbury, with the majority of planned care (surgery, inpatients, medical wards) at Telford. Both Shrewsbury and Telford would continue to have 24 hour urgent care centres, outpatient services, midwife led units and diagnostics). However, a second option, which broadly is the reverse of

services at each site is also part of the consultation which runs to 4th September.

The consultation has included a series of drop in events where doctors have been available to answer questions on the proposals; public meetings such as LJC's; pop up events in towns across Shropshire and there is also a website providing information on the proposals. So far 1500 responses have been received. The consultation is also being reviewed by an external organisation to make sure its representative. They will report back on the consultation results and the CCG will then comment on the report.

Pam and Dawn then took questions from the committee and the public. A number of people expressed concern that only 1500 responses had been received which was low for a county of the size of Shropshire. Pam explained that they hoped numbers would rise as the consultation progressed, but that similar consultations in other areas had a similar response rate. The external organisation reviewing the consultation would also monitor the response rate and reflect this in their report.

Members of the Committee also questioned why only two options were put forward in the consultation, both of which only had one Emergency Centre in Shropshire. They felt the option to maintain 2 such Emergency Centres should be included. Pam explained that previous consultations had looked at the issue of the Emergency Centre and the clinical view was that Shropshire didn't have a large enough population to sustain and safely staff two such centres. By focusing this on one site there would be a higher quality of service.

Questions were also raised about travel times to both the emergency centre and outpatient services, especially for residents in south west Shropshire. Dawn responded that the ambulance service was also a really important part of health care and integrating their services with the new hospital services would be important, although it was acknowledged that this had not yet been clearly defined how it would work.

The CCG had been able to secure around £310 million to support the new proposals and provide new buildings in which they would be housed. This was important to the process as a number of sites within Telford and Shrewsbury hospitals are now outdated. However members of the committee expressed concerns about how the costs had been made, and what terms the £310 million would be made available – for example PFI finance had long term implications. Questions were also raised on the short term deficit that the CCG had, and how these would be met as the Future Fit proposals are not due to start for at least 5 years.

Pam responded by saying that the CCG were very aware of the time being taken on the development of the proposals, but when implemented they would affect hospital services in Shropshire for the next 25 to 30 years so it was important they were done correctly. There were existing problems with recruitment at both hospitals, in part due to the uncertainty about their future,

and the sooner set proposals are made the easier it will be to address these recruitment issues.

Members of the Committee said that while the location of the Emergency Centre was important, for South West Shropshire locating planned care in Telford would potentially be a bigger issue. For those needing long term care or regular day visits travel would be difficult and may discourage people from attending appointments. Pam and Dawn said that consideration on delivering some of these services more locally would also be looked at. There was a role for community hospitals like the one in Bishop's Castle. Greater use of technology was also being looked at to address these issues.

Once the consultation ends the CCG will review the results, and then a final decision will be taken by a joint committee of the Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin CCG's. This was likely to be in late 2019.

5. Update on South West Shropshire Grants Scheme

The Community Enablement officer reported that there was £1,173 remaining in the fund for 2018/19 and three applications had been received and were submitted to the committee for consideration. These were

SWS LJC 14 – Life on the Edge project, brought forward by Bishop's Castle Town Plan group. This project aimed to plant wild flowers on roadside verges approaching Bishop's Castle to help improve diversity in the ecosystems of these verges. £75 had been requested to purchase wildflower plugs for the project.

Committee decision: Award a grant of £75

SWS LJC 15 Bishop's Castle Patient Group Osteoporosis event

The Patients Group plan to hold an Osteoporosis awareness event in the autumn at Norbury, where people can get advice and support about the condition. They are asking for a grant of £100 to help meet the costs of hiring the venue and providing refreshments

Committee decision : Award a grant of £100

SWS LJC 16 Fight the Plastic Bishop's Castle Town Plan Group

Following recent tv coverage a campaign to raise awareness of the impact of plastics on the environment has been launched in Bishop's Castle. A series of events and initiatives to reduce plastic use in the community has been launched, along with support to set up water bottle refill points in the town. The group are requesting £140 towards the publicity and administration costs of the project.

Committee decision: Award a grant of £140

6. Report on Youth Commissioning

The Community Enablement Officer reported that following a review of Youth Commissioning by Shropshire Council that the Committee would have £4,000 to spend in 2018/19 on youth projects. The fund aimed to support activities for 11-18 year olds in the area.

The LJC could commission their own services or allocate the fund through a grant scheme (as they had in previous years)

The Committee resolved to allocate the funding through a grants scheme and the Community Enablement Officer asked LJC reps to promote the fund to any community groups in their area who may wish to apply. Application forms would be available from him. All funds need to be allocated by 31st March 2019

7. Shropshire Council consultation on Children's Early Help Programme

Jonny Keely and Heather Kidd reported that this was an important consultation for Bishop's Castle and the surrounding area. The consultation was proposing that delivery of children's support services were focused on 6 centres in the larger settlements of Shropshire. Bishop's Castle was not proposed to be one of the centres which would see its Children's Centre close which might also impact on the viability of the Crowgate Child Care service to.

Representation had been made to Shropshire Council that due to its rural nature travel to alternative services at Shrewsbury or Ludlow would be very difficult for Bishop's Castle residents, especially those that relied on public transport.

Final decisions were expected soon.

8. Updates from Town and Parish Councils

Myndtown Parish Council reported that they were also developing a verge enhancement programme involving wildflowers, but needed to clarify where the focus of the work should be, as some verges weren't appropriate for this project for safety reasons or because of potential contamination with agriculture.

A consultation is also taking place around Norbury school becoming part of a wider federation of Primary Schools

Clunbury Parish Council reported concerns with the general maintenance of roads in the area. The issue of pot holes had been well reported in the local press but there were also concerns on how the very rural roads were being maintained. Llanfair Waterdine also expressed similar concerns.

10. Date of Next Meetings and Future Agenda Items:

The next meeting was proposed to take place in the autumn and based on the feedback from Parishes it was decided to invite the Portfolio Holder for Highways to the meeting so these issues can be discussed with them.

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