Leicester City Council

SECOND DESPATCH

MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE, LEICESTER AND RUTLAND JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 21 JANUARY 2019

Further to the agenda for the above meeting which has already been circulated, please note that further questions have been received, details of which are attached.

ITEM 5: QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OF CASE

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any questions, petitions, or statements of case in accordance with the Council's procedures.

The following questions have been received in accordance with Part 4E: Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Rule 10) of the constitution.

Tom Barker

What actions will the committee be taking to scrutinise the detailed calculations underpinning UHL's decision that no additional hospital beds will be needed for the growing population of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for the coming years even though we already don't have enough beds to meet patient need?

Peter Worrall

What plans have the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for scrutinising the UHL plans for reconfiguration of acute services and how can the committee ensure UHL follows its recommendations, given that the plans have already been drawn up in detail although these details have not been shared with the public?

Katy Wheatley

Will the joint scrutiny committee be examining whether the capacity planning in UHL's acute reconfiguration proposals adequately take into consideration the growth plans across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and increased numbers of dwellings and residents in the coming years?

Kathy Reynolds

How does the JHOSC plan to collect the evidence that will assure both the JHOSC and the public that STP/UHL plans for reconfiguration involving a capital bid for £367m will meet the future needs of the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland community? I am particularly concerned that at the recent engagement events it became clear that the UHL Plan was reliant on changes within community and primary care to allow it to deliver. However, the Community / Primary Care Plan is not available nor has the associated engagement has taken place, raising questions about the assumptions behind UHL's Plan. Does the JHOSC have a work plan or are they planning a programme of work to assure the public and can we be appraised of the arrangements?

Additional questions:

Further questions (as attached) were submitted in accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4E) Rule 10 of the Constitution but were received too late to be included on the agenda.

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Additional information

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Questions from Giuliana Foster

- Disappointingly public consultation was not undertaken, what can the JHOSC do to ensure that in future the public will be properly engaged with and consulted when legally necessary?
- Has UHL & the CCGs provided the Committee with a detailed project plan for the relocation of services as requested? Can it be put into the public domain?
- Has UHL & the CCGs provided regular updates on the progress of works and any variations to the plans. Again can it be put into the public domain?
- Has UHL &/or the CCGs met with the Committee or its representatives to discuss any concerns raised about the implementation of the proposals?
- Has UHL & the CCGs provided the Committee more detailed information around the sustainability of existing services at the Leicester General Hospital once the Level 3 services have been removed. Again can it be put into the public domain?
- Public engagement on the major reconfiguration plans has taken place. Across the city and counties there was disappointment expressed in the content of engagement events also turnout was low at many events. Are the JHOSC satisfied that engagement was adequate?