

DRAFT Summary Notes

Meeting on Friday 25th October 2013 of Joint (Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland) Health Scrutiny Committee to convene for the purpose of a private meeting with John Holden, Lead for NHS England Review Team.

Time & Venue: 1pm to 2.30pm in the Tea Room, Town Hall, Leicester, Leicester City Council.

Purpose of Meeting: To discuss how health scrutiny can be involved in the consultation process of this review.

Attendees:

Councillors:

Councillor Michael Cooke,
-CHAIR of Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission, Leicester City Council
Councillor Sarah Hill,
-CHAIR of Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Leicestershire County Council
Councillor Lucy Stephenson,
-CHAIR of People (Adults and Health) Scrutiny Panel, Rutland County Council
Councillor Baljit Singh
-Member of Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission, Leicester City Council
Councillor Virginia Cleaver
-Member of Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission, Leicester City Council
Councillor Stephen Hampson,
-Member of Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Leicestershire County Council

Invited:

- John Holden, Director of System Policy, NHS ENGLAND REVIEW TEAM

Officers:

- Deb Watson, Director of Public Health & Adult Social Care, Leicester City Council
- Rod Moore, Deputy Director of Public Health, Leicester City Council
- Anita Patel, Health Scrutiny Support Officer, Leicester City Council
- Anne Mitchell, Senior Policy Research Officer for Health, Leicestershire County Council

SUMMARY NOTES:

- 1) Councillor Cooke welcomed John Holden, on behalf of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Health Scrutiny Chairs.
- 2) John provided an overview of the review and its remit. He explained that he is very hands-on and aims to keep the new review as open, transparent and accountable as possible, hence, his regular web blog to share information on progress.
- 3) Main points of information shared by John, as follows:

- a) As per the IRP recommendations, (i) ECMO has been included in the scope of this new review, and (ii) both Children and Adult Heart Surgery (*from cradle to grave*) will be included in the scope of this review.
 - b) The revised scope for the review is now posted on the website.
 - c) The new review team have tried to understand and absorb the previous work done by the safe and sustainable team, as this work cannot be ignored.
 - d) Every person across England has the right to expect the same quality of service when being treated for heart surgery.
 - e) In looking at a patients' pathway of care, we do need to bear in mind that heart surgery can be just a small part of their pathway of care.
 - f) In measuring the heart surgery service, the important factors are clinical outcomes and the patient experience.
 - g) Quality engagement is a priority for the review team.
 - h) The review team are aiming to complete its work in June 2014, prior to that a focus on engagement work over this winter period.
 - i) The direction of travel for the review is:
 - Phase 1* - Listen to people / this is the current stage
 - Phase 2* - Engaging with people with our proposals to show what a good service should look like
 - Phase 3* - Working towards an implementation stage with a range of options.
 - j) The review team recognises that there are changes in communities, demographics, population etc.....and will take these into account.
- 4) John assured councillors that the review team want to engage with local government and with health scrutiny committees across the country. John stated that a preference was to do this through a national scrutiny forum, however, now understands that this will not be possible.
 - 5) John assured the councillors that they will continue to have a dialogue with the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), however, would appreciate suggestions of how engagement can be best done?
 - 6) John highlighted that the NHS England Area Directors will have a part to play in supporting this review e.g. for the enablement of formal engagement and consultation sessions.
 - 7) Councillors suggested that as well as engaging with health scrutiny committees, wider engagement can be done via:
 - Health & Wellbeing Boards
 - Leaders and Executive of Councils
 - Regional East Midlands Health Scrutiny Network
 - NHS England Regional Area Director (David Sharp)

-Forum for Rural Councils (SPARS)

- 8) Councillors explained to John, their role and responsibilities, as elected members, in relation to listening to public opinions and views and the need to provide assurances to the people they represent.
- 9) Councillors urged the review team to better understand and take into account the social status of people in this review area. In particular, in relation to how people would react in situations of requiring surgery health care:
For example:
 - financial constraints causing difficulties to travel for surgery and health care;
 - the feeling of fear in situations of surgery combined with stress, money worries and family situations
 - the feeling of guilt for those who are unable to access surgery health care easily.
- 10) Councillors echoed their support for the outstanding specialised service provided at Glenfield Hospital Heart Unit, which continues to treat patients locally, nationally and internationally.
- 11) Councillors reiterated that there is real need to understand the demographics and social status for the 3 areas of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland as each area is different.
- 12) John apologised for the potential tight deadlines upon health scrutiny in providing feedback and comments during this review.
- 13) John concluded by saying that he valued the discussions today and recognises the benefits of involving health scrutiny throughout this review.
- 14) Councillor Cooke, Councillor Hill and Councillor Stephenson, Chairs of Health Scrutiny, thanked John for taking time out to come to Leicester and for listening and explaining the review process.

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