

Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Board

28 October 2010

-: Present :-

Councillor Kerslake (Chair)

Councillors Carter (C), Excell, Faulkner (A), Manning, Morey, Scouler, and Thomas (J)

(Also in attendance: Councillor Bent)

326. Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of the Health Scrutiny Board held on 9 September 2010 and 23 September 2010 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

327. Urgent Item

The Board considered the item in Minute 328, not included on the agenda, the Chair being of the opinion that the item was urgent by reason of special circumstances, that is to say, the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay consideration until the next meeting.

328. The Future of Older People's Day Services – Tweenaway Court and St Michaels Court visits

With reference to the visits to Tweenaway Court and to St Michaels Court undertaken by members of the Health Scrutiny Board on 22 October 2010, the Chair advised members of the procedure proposed for finalising the report on the visits requested by the Mayor at the Cabinet meeting held on 12 October 2010 [Minute 302.2 refers]. Health Scrutiny Board members indicated their broad agreement with the notes circulated for comment and discussion.

Resolved: that the report on Tweenaway Court and St Michaels Court, requested by the Mayor in connection with the proposed move of the service provided at Fernham Day Centre, be expedited by the Health Scrutiny Board Chair.

329. Torquay North Healthy Living Centre Development

The Board considered Report 263/2010 which provided an update on the latest developments and significant changes concerning the proposed Torquay North Healthy Living Centre.

The Board was advised that a suitable site for the scheme had not been identified during the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union) process. Members were informed that the Care Trust and the GPs at Brunel and Chilcote Surgeries had agreed to close the OJEU notice and the project as a whole.

With reference to the future accommodation of Brunel and Chilcote Surgeries, the Board was advised that if an appropriate and affordable site emerged it would be considered. In response to questions, the Board was informed that a scheme for GP accommodation would be approximately sixty per cent of the size of the original scheme.

Members were advised that the cost of the approved Torquay North healthy Living Centre scheme was approximately half the £15 million figure reported in the local press.

Members questioned the cost of improvements to the existing GP accommodation of Brunel and Chilcote Surgeries, the range of options explored to find land for the project, and the effects of the project closure on the strategy for health and social services in Torquay.

With reference to the possible use of the St Edmunds Community Care Support Centre building, the Board was informed that some staff and services were still based in the building.

Resolved: that the Care Trust continue to update the Health Scrutiny Board on any proposals relating to GP Surgery relocations.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 329, Councillor Bent declared a personal interest in the matter as his daughter-in-law was employed by Torbay NHS Care Trust.)

(Note: Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 329, Councillor Kerslake declared a personal interest in the matter as a patient of Brunel Practice.)

330. Torbay Care Trust: Annual Report on Consultation 2009/10

The Board considered Report 264/2010 which provided information relating to consultations that influenced the commissioning decisions and relevant decisions of Torbay NHS Care Trust in 2009/10. The report provided information relating to consultations planned for 2010/11. The Board was advised that duty of Primary Care Trusts, including Torquay Care Trust, to report on consultation came into effect on 1 April 2010.

The Board was informed that the annual report on consultation would be added to as the year progressed. Members were informed that amendments and improvements to the report, including the depth and range of information provided, had been identified. The Board was informed that copies of the annual report on consultation were available for people with difficulty accessing the internet. The Board was advised that Specialised Commissioning information and web-links would be added to the report. Members were advised that the report would be updated and re-published on the Care Trust's website as soon as possible.

With reference to NHS guidance on the duty to report on consultation and to reports published by other Primary Care Trusts, members questioned the lack of information and detail within the Care Trust's report on consultation, including consultation planned for 2010/11. Members asked where the Clennon Valley Healthy Living Centre Consultation featured in the report. Members suggested the merit of the report adhering to the approach set out in the NHS guidance, *Real Accountability: demonstrating responsiveness and accountability*.

Members questioned whether the public accessibility of the Care Trust's annual report on consultation, including the use of jargon within the document. Members questioned whether the report provided sufficient evidence and assurance to the public about the accountability and responsiveness of the Care Trust to consultations.

The Public Health/Commissioning Project Manager, Torbay Care Trust, indicated the members' suggestions for improving the annual report on consultation would be followed.

Resolved: that the Care Trust's acknowledgement its Annual Report on Consultation 2009/10 would be updated as prescribed in the NHS guidance, *Real Accountability: demonstrating responsiveness and accountability*; and re-published as soon as possible be welcomed.

(Note: Prior to consideration of the item in Minute 330, Councillor Bent declared a personal interest in the matter as his daughter-in-law was employed by Torbay NHS Care Trust.)

Chairman