



Minutes of the Health Scrutiny Board

8 May 2013

-: Present :-

Councillor Barnby (Chairman)

Councillors Bent, Davies (Vice-Chair), Doggett, Ellery, Hytche, Mills and Thomas (J)

(Also in attendance: Councillors Lewis)

24. Apologies

It was reported that, in accordance with the wishes of the Non-Coalition Group, the membership of the Board had been amended to include Councillor Ellery in place of Councillor Parrott.

25. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 29 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. Declarations of interests

Councillor Ellery declared a non-pecuniary interest through running a charity which provided care and Councillor Doggett declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Medicines Management Committee of the Clinical Commissioning Group.

27. Quality Accounts 2012/13 - Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust

The Director of Professional Practice of the Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust attended the meeting to present the draft Quality Account for the Trust. She outlined the national and local priorities of the Trust together with the achievements of the past year.

The Board received information and asked questions on a range of issues including:

- Work to reduce the number of pressure ulcers in non-hospital settings
- Changes in the support available to carers of dementia sufferers especially in the first 48 hours after discharge
- The challenging target for reducing Clostridium difficile infections over the coming year

- The ongoing work to develop a Quality, Effectiveness and Safety Trigger Tool (QuESTT) for use by care home managers and matrons.

Resolved: that a statement from the Health Scrutiny Board for inclusion in the Quality Account for Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust be prepared based on the discussions at the meeting and including the following points:

- That the document would be more user friendly if it included a contents or index page
- That more prominence should be given to the results of the survey within the document especially given that some issues are raised consistently.
- That the Trust needs to ensure that its plans for improving care for hospital based patients can be translated into actions which would improve care for home based patients.

28. Quality Accounts 2012/13 - South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

The Medical Director of the South Devon Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting to present the draft Quality Account for the Trust. He outlined the national and local priorities of the Trust together with the achievements of the past year.

The Board received information and asked questions on a range of issues including:

- The involvement of junior doctors in quality improvement work
- The use of the bioquell system to help meet the Trust's target in relation to Clostridium difficile infections
- Testing the cost:benefit of employing ward clerks during the evening and at weekends

Resolved: that a statement from the Health Scrutiny Board for inclusion in the Quality Account for South Devon Healthcare NHS Trust be prepared based on the discussions at the meeting.

29. Quality Accounts 2012/13 - South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

The Chairman and the Senior Community Engagement Manager South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust attended the meeting to present the draft Quality Account for the Trust. They outlined the national and local priorities of the Trust together with the achievements of the past year.

The Board received information and asked questions on a range of issues including:

- The acquisition of the Great Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust earlier in the year

- The role of the Council of Governors of the Trust
- The results of an unannounced Care Quality Commission inspection
- The introduction of the 111 service

Resolved: that a statement from the Health Scrutiny Board for inclusion in the Quality Account for South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust be prepared based on the discussions at the meeting.

30. Quality Accounts 2012/13 - Devon Partnership NHS Trust

The Board had before it the draft Quality Account of the Devon Partnership NHS Trust. No representative of the Trust was present at the meeting to answer questions.

Resolved: that Devon Partnership NHS Trust be invited to attend a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny Board.

31. Health Scrutiny Annual Report

The Board considered its draft Annual Report which had been prepared taking account of the findings of the Board over the past year.

Resolved: that the Report be finalised, published on the Council's website and circulated to the appropriate NHS bodies.

Chairman
