

# ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 13 September 2017

Present: Councillors M McLaughlin L Rennie  
W Clements P Stuart  
P Doughty I Williams  
G Ellis D Burgess-Joyce (In place of T Pilgrim)  
P Gilchrist G Watt (In place of B Berry)  
AER Jones C Meaden (In place of T Johnson)  
C Muspratt M Sullivan (In place of J McManus)  
T Norbury

## 13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Berry, T Johnson, J McManus (Chair) and T Pilgrim; and Dr Sue Wells, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

**Councillor Moira McLaughlin in the Chair.**

## 14 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair proposed, and it was unanimously agreed that item 15 on the agenda (Any Other Urgent Business) be considered immediately after item 3 on the agenda (Minutes) given the importance of recent unannounced changes to the services provided at Eastham Walk-In Centre.

## 15 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST / PARTY WHIP

Councillor P Gilchrist declared a personal interest in proceedings by virtue of his position as a nominated governor representative on the Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust.

## 16 MINUTES

With reference to Minute No. 5, Councillor T Norbury advised that he had not yet received the information he requested regarding the number of people who had been fully discharged from the CGL service. Subject to the information being provided, it was:

**Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the committee held on 28 June 2017, be confirmed as a correct record.**

## **URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR - EASTHAM WALK-IN CENTRE**

The Chair introduced an item of urgent business, and explained that the matter appeared at her request and that of Councillor Julie McManus. The Chair informed that after many years as a councillor (most of that time involved with health and social care) this was the first time she had known this happen, and how the action by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had resulted in very significant public concern, with a petition signed by around 5000 people, all 4 Wirral M.P.s were asking questions and expressing concern, as were the local councillors and colleagues on the Scrutiny Committee for Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The Chair further informed that it was very important that decision makers were held to account for the decisions they make and that health providers had a statutory responsibility to submit plans that may significantly change the delivery of service to this committee for scrutiny in advance of the proposed change, and that not to do this should only happen in exceptional circumstances.

The Committee noted that this plan had not been submitted in advance, and that no request by Wirral CCG had been made to include it on a future agenda. Members also noted that the Chair and Cllr McManus were not convinced by the explanation given to them on Friday 1 September when they had been called to a meeting with the CCG and Wirral Community Trust to be told that the planned closure was to take place on Monday 4 September. The explanation having been given being that the urgency was the need to protect the safety of patients and staff. Councillors McLaughlin and McManus were also unconvinced that sufficient consideration had been given to the negative impact the closure would have on people living in Eastham, particularly as the same day the closure took place, the only direct bus route from Eastham to Arrowe Park had been withdrawn.

The Chair expressed the concerns of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the recognised deficiencies in performance for the A&E service at Arrowe Park Hospital did not provide substantive grounds for the withdrawal of the Eastham Walk-In service, and begged the question as to why information had not been provided to Members on this matter and why earlier actions had not taken place by NHS management to address the issues at Arrowe Park.

The Chair called upon Mr Simon Banks, Chief Officer Wirral CCG to address the Committee on the reasoning behind the recent change to the services provided at Eastham Walk-In Centre.

Mr Banks informed the Committee that the urgency of this matter had arisen from the necessity of speed under the Trust's duty of care under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and that the decision had been taken in consultation with the Chief Executives of both the Wirral Community Trust and Arrowe Park Hospital. The decision had not been taken lightly and was

scheduled for review at both Eastham and Arrowe Park on a week by week basis. He informed that there were no plans to close the Eastham Walk-In Centre and that all changes (permanent or temporary) required equality impact assessments to be undertaken. He further informed that the CCG and the Trust would also be held to account by NHS England.

Mr Banks explained that a number of factors had come into play, namely the higher than average referrals from Eastham to Arrowe Park, and how other Walk-In Centres on the Wirral were of a higher specification.

He explained that Eastham Walk-In Centre provided extended Primary Care facilities and was nurse-led, and that the transfer of the suitably qualified (A&E experienced) nurses served the public good more effectively by helping to reduce the number of elderly patients held on trolleys or in ambulances prior to A&E treatment at Arrowe Park. He added that the current situation there was 'not a great place to be'. He added that NHS England and Social Services were all responding in the best practical ways to urgent need and demands on their services. He further added that the NHS was committed to long term solutions and the options appraisal undertaken had identified that the 3 people with the appropriate skills were best utilised at the Arrowe Park facility.

The Chair then invited Ms Karen Howell, Chief Executive Wirral Community Trust (Eastham Walk-In Centre) to address the Committee. Ms Howell informed Members that the change to services at Eastham had not come about without proper assessment, and explained that the Trust had looked at the activities at Eastham including comparison to other Walk-In Centres across Wirral. She explained that Eastham had no 'back office' facilities and was not commissioned for diagnostics, the main functions of the Centre related to advice to young mothers / young adults and the management of dressings for the elderly.

Ms Howell apprised Members of the Committee that the transfer of 3 staff was based on their qualifications and experience of A&E Triage, and had been deployed quickly on the grounds of safety. It had not been an easy 'hit'. This had been the best decision in terms of urgency and safety.

Members provided Mr Banks and Ms Howell with a variety of statistical evidence on the number of service users and relayed the concerns of Cheshire West and Chester Councillors whose Wards abutted the Wirral boundary and whose electorate also used the Eastham Walk-In Centre. Members informed that they too were appalled that there had been no consultation on the service revision.

A variety of views were expressed by Members on the subject of A&E Triage, lobbying of Government and Access to Services utilising Public Transport. It was acknowledged that an ageing population and co-morbidity associated with this had placed additional pressures on the Health Service, but this was not a new phenomenon.

In summing up, the Chair welcomed the comment from Mr Banks that this was to be a temporary measure and that there were plans to reinstate the service at Eastham Walk-In Centre at the earliest opportunity. She added that the Committee was keen to hear the response from MerseyTravel on the subject of the route cancellation, and was surprised that there had been no mention of better access to G.P. Services which also had an impact on the demand for Walk-In Services in Eastham.

**It was proposed** by Councillor Moira McLaughlin, duly seconded, that:

“Committee thanks Simon Banks and Karen Howells from Wirral CCG for their attendance, at short notice, to explain the reason for the decision to close Eastham Walk-In Centre with one week’s notice and without referring it to this committee for scrutiny in advance of closure.

Committee notes the explanation that the statutory responsibility of health providers to report significant changes in service delivery was overridden, on this occasion because of their belief that the situation was so urgent that not to take this action would represent a serious risk to the staff and patients.

Committee also notes the information given of the directive from the Secretary of State for Health to introduce streaming in A&E Departments by mid-September.

However, we remain concerned that the pressures on A&E at Arrowe Park Hospital have been present, understood and reported for a considerable period of time, and that the reasons for this are complex.

We therefore believe that planning this change could and should have taken place at an earlier stage, so allowing for proper consultation to be carried out and also for the statutory duty to report the change to the committee to be fulfilled.

We also believe that, in taking this decision, insufficient consideration has been given to the difficulties this closure will present to those living in that part of the Borough, the reduced accessibility of Arrowe Park Hospital brought about by the recent withdrawal of the only direct bus service from Eastham to Arrowe Park Hospital, and the information given to members of this committee that the streaming system recommended by the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee report in its ‘Reducing Avoidable Admissions’ report which was implemented and then withdrawn in less than a year, was withdrawn, we were told, as it did not reduce the pressure on A&E as anticipated.

We therefore request that a further report which details the impact of the closure on Wirral residents, particularly those living in that part of the Borough, any change in the performance in A&E at Arrowe Park Hospital, and

any savings which are realised as a result of this action be presented to the next meeting for further scrutiny.

We also request that Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) re-consider this decision and calls upon the CCG to recognise that future plans to improve performance in A&E are developed in such a way that other vital parts of the health service are protected for residents in all parts of Wirral.”

**An amendment** was proposed by Councillor Phil Gilchrist, seconded by Councillor Chris Meaden, to include the addition of the following final paragraph:

“This Scrutiny Committee calls upon the CCG to recognise this as a formal request for early reinstatement of the service and respond quickly to the concerns raised.”

**Resolved (unanimously) – That**

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18 **DYNAMIC PURCHASING SCHEME FOR CHC (NHS CONTINUING HEALTHCARE) BEDS**

The Chair introduced Ms Gillian Fryer (Business Improvement Consultant at Midlands and Lancashire CSU) and Ms Debbie Thwaites (Director of Improvement Consultant at Midlands and Lancashire CSU) who informed that the 5 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in Cheshire and Wirral have entered into an agreement with Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit (MLCSU) to use a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) provided by a company called Adam HTT Limited.

The Chair asked why the information about Dynamic Purchasing had not been provided to the Committee in advance of its introduction. The Committee was informed that the Adam DPS was an automated procurement system to modernise the way in which Nursing Care placements for both Nursing Home and Care at Home - for patients who have continuing healthcare (CHC) needs and have qualified for CHC funding – and a renewal of the NW framework, utilising the procurement process.

The joint report of the Wirral CCG and Midlands and Lancashire CSU report further informed that NHS England had established a programme to look at how Continuing Healthcare services can be improved and that one of the goals of the programme was to make best use of resources. One of the recommendations was for more innovative procurement, one method being Dynamic Purchasing Systems like the one offered by Adam.

The Chair asked about the number of placements administered under the scheme on the Wirral, noting that currently 20 providers were involved and 44 Care Home Packages were being administered (19 on which were in Wirral).

Member asked a number of questions relating to the Issues of vulnerable adults and how valid the 3 choice 'options' were in practice and whether if the options were either not available or turned down, would funding be withdrawn and the recipient would essentially become self-funding.

Members also asked how any new providers would be assessed by the CQC prior to being added into the 'dynamic' system and what procedures were in place to deal with complaints – particularly bearing in mind that the CQC inspected to a minimum standard set and limited choice to a basic standard would not assist with the wish to see standards pushed up.

Following a series of more detailed questions about concerns regarding the handling of individual case scenarios, experience of the system and concerns that any limitations on choice would impact on the most vulnerable, Members requested that a further report including detail of the numbers of people accessing the system and the homes offered i.e. case studies be provided to a future meeting of the Committee (it was noted that the personal nature of such data would necessitate the use of exempt reporting).

**Resolved – That**

- (1) the report be noted; and**
- (2) a further more detailed report on the implementation of the Dynamic Purchasing Scheme and practical examples of how it functions in practice be presented to a future meeting of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

**19 NATIONAL SERVICE MODEL - SHORT BREAK (RESPITE) SERVICES**

The Chair informed of a request from the Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that although publicly circulated the report not be discussed in detail at this meeting.

She informed that the original request had been raised by Councillor McManus to the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CWP) regarding a statement to Members from the CWP relating to potential problems with service delivery at Thorn Heys in August.

Mr Simon Banks, Chief Officer Wirral CCG addressed the Committee and informed that the service had suffered from the lack of staff, but this and other matters – including the future of short breaks - were under review. He informed that there was further work to be done involving families of care users and the local authority.

With the agreement of the Committee, the Chair moved that the matter be deferred to a future meeting of the Adult Care and Health Overview and

Scrutiny Committee to enable more work to be undertaken by the Wirral CCG for more detailed scrutiny of the issue.

**Resolved – That scrutiny in the matter of Short Break (respite) Services be deferred to a future meeting of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

20 **CUMULATIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH SCRUTINY REVIEW: FOLLOW-UP**

Mr Gary Rickwood, Senior Public Health Manager, Public Health introduced the report of the Director for Health and Wellbeing that provided an update on the implementation of recommendations resulting from a scrutiny review set up to examine the issues arising from the Cumulative Impact of licenced premises and fast food takeaways on public health.

He informed that the review had been commissioned by the former Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee and referred to Cabinet by the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2016. The findings and recommendations were approved by Cabinet on 3 October 2016.

The Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was apprised of progress against each of the report recommendations, as follows:

**Recommendation 1:** The Council's Leadership is encouraged to lobby for a Public Health licencing objective in the Liverpool City Region and where possible at national level to ensure public health outcomes are given greater priority in licencing decisions.

**Outcome:** This recommendation is being lobbied for nationally, however a recently published Lords Licensing Act Select Committee report on the 2003 Licensing Act did not recommend this as an action. The report does however recommend "a radical comprehensive overhaul" of the 2003 Licensing Act, a response from Government is awaited.

**Recommendation 2:** The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy is refreshed to accommodate the renewed priorities as set out in the Wirral Plan. It was also recommended that consideration be given to introducing a Cumulative Impact Policy in areas where there is strong evidence to suggest such a policy would address the negative impact of over-saturation of licenced or off-licenced premises.

**Outcome:** The Liverpool City Region group progressing joint work on licensing are developing a reference guide for anyone writing a Statement of Licensing Policy. The agreed document was in final draft stage and will be shared with local areas by September 2017. The Council's Statement of Licensing Policy has been updated to include a Cumulative Impact Policy for a defined area in Birkenhead town centre. Further work was required to update the policy to include the Wirral Plan priorities. The Cumulative Impact

Policy is now in place, its impact on anti-social behaviour and alcohol related injuries will be evaluated.

**Recommendation 3:** The Panel recommends that a statutory Supplementary Planning Document is urgently developed and consulted upon (thus becoming a material consideration), in line with the approach taken in St Helens, as part of the preparation of the Council's Core Strategy Local Plan.

**Outcome:** Discussions had begun with the planning team. Evidence will be gathered from a Public Health perspective over the coming months and officers from the Planning team will be working on the revised Supplementary Planning Document. Discussions were taking place as to how Public health can input into this process.

**Recommendation 4:** The panel encourages the planning and public health teams to work closely together to address the borough's public health issues in relation to poor diet and obesity, as outlined in the 2020 pledge to support Wirral Residents to Live Healthier Lives.

**Outcome:** In July 2017, public health and planning officers met with a colleague from Sefton Council public health's team to discuss how health and wellbeing issues can be incorporated into the Wirral Core Plan, currently in draft form; this action links to recommendation 3.

**Recommendation 5:** The panel acknowledges the wide ranging benefits of the Reduce the Strength campaign in promoting responsible selling of alcohol. It is recommended that priority be given to encouraging the take up of this initiative so the number of outlets taking part is increased. The Council should also explore the possibility of approaching national supermarket chains to adopt this as a policy.

**Outcome:** Due to excellent partnership working, the Reducing the Strength campaign had now signed up all off sales retailers in the vicinity of Birkenhead town centre. B&M Stores have also asked to include their Liscard / Wallasey store into the scheme. The focus for this work had been extended beyond this initial central area and at last report there were 65 businesses signed up to the scheme from across Wirral, representing 24% of a total of 265 licenced off-sales outlets, against a target for 2020 of 30%. However it was also worth noting that the figure of 265 includes a number of businesses, including outlets for the national supermarket chains, which do not stock or sell super strength products, so have not been a focus of attention for the RTS scheme.

**Recommendation 6:** It is recommended the effective delivery and marketing of the 'Eat Well Wirral' (EWW) and 'Takeaway for a Change' initiatives is prioritised and the schemes are properly evaluated to demonstrate their long term impact. The development of EWW takeaways and their locations should be a matter drawn to the attention of the planning committee at regular intervals.

**Outcome:** Work was currently underway within the Council to produce an interactive on-line map so that residents can locate their nearest Eat Well Wirral take-a-way.

**Recommendation 7:** The Panel supports the creation of a cross-departmental working group and action plan for selling alcohol responsibly. The Health and Wellbeing Board should oversee the activities of this group and ensure they are joined up with the Wirral Resident's Live Healthier Lives pledge delivery group so that further partnership opportunities are harnessed and targeted initiatives explored.

**Outcome:** A group brought together by the licensing team was currently meeting as required. The links with the Health and Wellbeing board and the Healthier Lives Pledge Delivery group need to be clarified.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

## 21 ANNUAL SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS REPORT 2016/17

Mr David Jones, Complaints Manager, Wirral Borough Council introduced his report that informed of the Local Authority Social Services and National Health Service Complaints (England) Regulations 2009 and the statutory requirement on the Council to produce and publish an Annual Report which provided information on the quantity of the complaints received and the performance of the Complaints process.

The report covered complaints made in respect of Adult Social Care in the year 2016-17. Members noted that the total number of complaints registered in 2016-17 was 195. Members further noted that this was lower than in previous years and that there may have been a number of reasons for this change, including improvements in the service and more complaints being dealt with directly by providers.

The Committee was apprised that Social Care received complaints on a wide range of issues across all teams, including the delivery and assessment sides of the process. A significant number of complaints had related to commissioned services. Encouragingly, despite the pressures upon teams, there had been relatively few (12) complaints about delay in the assessment process.

The Service was to look to enhance its mechanism for capturing dissatisfaction and recording complaints concerning adult social care services, whether they are directly provided or commissioned, so that the Council can act to put things right quickly

The Committee noted that further work will be undertaken to capture the actions that have been taken to improve services as a consequence of complaints. Mr Jones informed that following consideration by Members the report was to be published on the Council Website.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

22 **BETTER CARE FUND - PLAN AND PRIORITIES FOR 2017/18**

The Chair introduced the report of the Director of Health and Care that set out the Council's plans and priorities in moving towards an increasingly integrated model of care, building upon developments, achievements and learning from the past couple of years.

The report informed that, in June 2017, social care delivery teams transferred to Wirral Community Trust and that focus was to now refine and develop delivery approaches to ensure the principles of BCF, such as single lead professional shared systems and effective 7 day community services, were embedded. An outcome focussed commissioning approach with contract monitoring arrangements was in place with close monitoring for year 1, utilising an open book accounting approach.

The Committee was apprised that it was the intention to move to an integrated commissioning entity by April 2018, and work was well underway to consider a new operating model, alongside a due diligence exercise for pooling of resources. Recommendations were due to be considered by Cabinet and Governing Body in November 2017. Discussions and developments were also underway to move to Accountable Care System by April 2019. 'Aqua' were supporting providers with these challenges, with commissioners developing prospectus in the later part of 2017/18 to shape the integrated commissioning intentions for Wirral, advising providers of key priorities and outcomes.

The Director of Health and Care informed that a submission was scheduled for delivery to NHS England on 11 September 2017, with four key areas to be agreed nationally. Namely, building on best practice, reducing the length of hospital stays, investing heavily in facilities outside of hospitals and increasing the number of dementia trained nurses.

The Chair thanked the Director of Health and Care for his summary presentation and asked that the Committee receive the report.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

23 **FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT QUARTER 1 2017/18**

Mr Andrew Roberts, Senior Manager Financial Management introduced the regular report of the Assistant Director: Finance and Section 151 Officer that set out the projected revenue and capital monitoring position for 2017/18 as at the close of quarter 1 (30 June 2017).

The Senior Manager, Financial Management informed the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee that, at this early point in the year the application of £2 million of the originally identified sum of £5.4 million from the Revenue Budget Contingency was anticipated to be sufficient to meet the

projected level of spending.

He further informed that there were a number of in-year cost pressures forecast for 2017/18 and that they will be contained through a combination of effective demand management, income generation and improved processes as a result of the new Integrated Service with the Wirral Community Foundation Trust which commenced on 1 June 2017. Members noted that the ongoing pressures to reduce costs, combined with budgetary commitments to existing and future care packages were currently being offset through demand management and contingency actions as well as utilisation of available grant funding.

Within Public Health the regular review of commissioning intentions and management of agreed contracts are forecast to be underspent by £0.2 million.

**Resolved – That the report and appendices be noted.**

**24 2017/18 QUARTER 1 WIRRAL PLAN PERFORMANCE**

The Chair introduced the report of the Director of Health and Care that provided the 2017/18 Quarter 1 (April – June 2017) performance report for the Wirral Plan pledges under the remit of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report, which was included as Appendix 1, provides a description of the progress in Quarter 1 as well as providing available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

The report also included further performance information that has been requested by Members to enable effective scrutiny. The Adult Social Service Performance Overview was included as Appendix 2 and included a range of key indicators highlighting Wirral's performance against North West average values where available.

**Resolved – That the report be noted.**

**25 FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER WORKSHOP ON ALL-AGE DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROJECT**

Councillor McLaughlin introduced the joint report of the Chairs of the Adult Care and Health OSC (Cllr Julie McManus) and the Children and Families OSC (Cllr Tom Usher) that informed of the joint workshop involving members of the two Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

The report informed that as part of their work programme, members had previously agreed to scrutinise proposals arising from the Council's Transformation Programme. This form of pre-decision scrutiny gave non-Cabinet members the opportunity to influence developing proposals. It was, therefore, agreed to hold a workshop to provide members the opportunity to

review the proposals being developed by the All Age Disability and Mental Health Service Transformation Project. The report summarised the findings of the workshop, which was held on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

The workshop enabled a review of the outline business case that formed part of Wirral Council's Strategic Transformation Programme. The business case related to the All Age Disability and Mental Health Service Transformation Project. As the scope of the project had potential implications for recipients of both children and adult services, all members of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee were invited to attend. Eleven committee members attended the session. The Director of Health and Care and the Assistant Director of Health and Care Outcomes led a presentation to explain the details of the outline business case, followed by a question and answer session to give members the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

The report informed that full details of the proposals for change were available in the outline business case for the All Age Disability and Mental Health Service Transformation Project. The Outline Business Case set out a proposal to transform the Council's Mental Health Service and the Disability Teams across Children's and Adult Services to develop integrated pathways to work more closely with key partners to drive forward integration and service efficiencies. Members noted that National policy for 'All Age Disability Integration' and 'Health and Social Care Integration' provided the national direction for change as a key driver for local transformation across services.

#### **Resolved – That**

- (1) the report be noted;**
- (2) the report be referred to a future meeting of Cabinet; and**
- (3) the Full Business Case is developed to ensure that the key points made by Elected Members, detailed in the report, are addressed.**

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#### **POLICY INFORM**

The Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the September 2017 Policy Inform Briefing Paper that included an overview of ongoing and recent national legislation, potential implications for the Council, and emerging policies.

The Policy Inform Briefing Paper outlined the key features of the policies and legislation that had emerged from the Queen's Speech 2017 and provided an update on the developments of recent legislation and highlights any emerging implications. The Policy Inform briefing also alluded to any potential implications for Wirral Council.

**Resolved - That the contents of the September 2017 Policy Briefing papers be noted.**

27 **ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT**

The Chair introduced her report that set out the process of developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the Municipal Year. The report informed Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other three Overview and Scrutiny Committees, was responsible for proposing and delivering an annual scrutiny work programme.

The Chair highlighted a number of key points pertinent to her report, namely:

- that work would continue on two task and finish groups as described in the report (Respite Services task and finish group; and Continuing HealthCare task and finish group); and
- a Spotlight session was to be held on Thursday 12 October when Simon Banks (Chief Officer, Wirral CCG) was scheduled to lead a discussion on the structure of the NHS, the implications of national policy, current local challenges and future priorities.

**Resolved – That the proposed Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2017/18 be approved.**