

Minutes of a meeting in public of the Healthwatch Rutland Board held on 10th March 2017, at Voluntary Action Rutland, Land's End Way, Oakham LE15 6RB

Present

Healthwatch Rutland (HWR) Board:

Jennifer Fenelon, Chair
Nicola Darby
Jacqui Darlington
Judy Worthington
Bart Hellyer
Miles Williamson-Noble
Sarah Press
Christine Stanesby

In attendance from HWR:

Sarah Iveson, CEO
Tracey Allan-Jones, Office Manager

HWR Volunteers:

Daphne Murphy
Christine Spark
Brenda White
Ann Williams

HWR members and members of the public:

Norah Forrest
Kathy Reynolds
Marion Gee
Barbara Camp
Samantha Hay
Claire Molinari

17.16 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed Board Members, volunteers, members of the public and Mark Andrews, Deputy Director for People, Rutland County Council.

Apologies were received from Bart Taylor-Harris and Sean Williams.

17.17 Declarations of interest

None received

17.18 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th January 2017 were received and agreed as a correct record.

17.19 Progress Log

The progress log for January 2017 was received and noted.

17.20 Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda/Progress Log

None raised.

17.21 Spotlight on Social Care in Rutland

Mark Andrews, Deputy Director for People, RCC gave a presentation outlining the journey that Rutland's Adult Social Care (ASC) has taken, and progress made towards its new vision, following a review of People's Services in 2014. (See attached presentation slides).

A lively Q&A session followed:

Brenda White wanted to understand how border dwellers can ensure that they access the ASC offer from Rutland rather than a neighbouring county. Mark confirmed that ASC is accessed via a straightforward residency test, individuals with a Rutland address access Rutland ASC.

Miles Williamson-Noble raised the topic of Multi-specialty Community Provider (MCP) contracts. This new NHS Care model, where GPs work together with specialist clinicians to concentrate on outcomes for a specific population of 30,000-100,000, would aim to integrate primary, secondary and social care, and could be very beneficial to Rutland. Mark noted that Rutland is already laying the building blocks of this more integrated approach in its planning for the future but has not formally sought to be part of the vanguard project.

Sarah Iveson asked how local community hospital beds fit the RCC vision of more personalised care and integration between ASC and community health care. Mark Andrews responded that it was hoped that integrated care and more care at home would help reduce demand for integrated care.

The Chair gave warm thanks to Mark for his presentation.

17.22 Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

An update on matters relating to STPs at the national and local level was given by the Chair. It is clear that there is increasingly a national focus on orderly and properly funded change management, particularly where bed closures are recommended as part of an STP.

The meeting received two summaries of issues and questions which had been raised by the public during STP engagement events in December and January 2017.

The Chair presented a draft submission to the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and STP team offering feedback and recommendations on the STP from the people of Rutland, and requiring responses within the 20 day statutory period. Amendments were discussed and accepted and it was agreed that the resulting submission should be made by the Chair as soon as possible.

A report from Healthwatch Stoke-on-Trent on bed closures and community hospitals was received and noted.

Kathy Reynolds observed that the STP teams were not encouraging rigorous public scrutiny of the process and Barbara Camp stressed the need for publication of evidence-base for the STP numbers and much more detailed data around all the changes proposed in the STP.

Christine Stanesby suggested that HWR board should write directly to the STP author highlighting the lack of data and statistical evidence-base for proposals.

17.23 Chief Executive Update

A report was presented by Sarah Iveson, covering the following topics;

Task Groups:

- Young People's Mental Health
- East Midlands Ambulance Service
- Adult Mental Health
- Transfer of Care
- Rutland Primary Care Survey

Listen and Watch Groups

- Dental
- Care Homes

Working Groups

- Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP)
- Enter and View
- Information Technology
- Cross Border Liaison
- Engagement
- Disclosure and Barring Service / Safeguarding
- Signposting
- Policies
- Recruitment and Support of Volunteers

Matters arising from Chief Executive update:

Ann Williams, project lead on YPMH, voiced concerns over the deployment of the Future in Mind budget over the last 2 years. The five year Future in Mind Plan allowed for £1.8m per year expenditure on Young People's mental health and wellbeing across LLR. The first year's £1.8m was not spent and was understood to be lost. The second year (2016/17) was running an underspend of around £1m and the underspend would again potentially be lost if urgent action were not to be taken. The Chair advised the meeting that a letter from the three local Healthwatch Chairs was being drafted to address this.

17.24 Work programme for 2014

The Proposed Forward Workplan for 2017/18 was received and agreed.

The Draft Budget 2017/18 was received and agreed.

17.25 Healthwatch Contract

The draft contract for Healthwatch Rutland from Rutland County Council for 2017-18 had been received in the office and was being reviewed by board members.

The meeting agreed the appointment of Miles Williamson-Noble as a second Company Director.

17.26 Management Accounts

The Management Accounts to the end of January 2016 were received and noted.

17.27 Questions from members of the public

None raised

17.28 Any Other Urgent Business

None raised.

17.29 Dates for future formal HWR Board Meetings (all to be held in the Tinwell Room, Voluntary Action Rutland from 1.30 – 4pm unless otherwise stated)

- Weds May 10th 2017
- Friday July 14th 2017
- (Sept – annual meeting tbc)
- Weds Nov 8th 2017