

REPORT FROM THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee met on 12 July 2016

1. Scrutiny of Hertfordshire Health Organisations' Budgets and Quality of Care (Francis Review) Follow Up and Future Years: Feedback

- 1.1 The Committee has considered feedback on the annual scrutiny of Hertfordshire health organisations' budgets and quality of care (Francis Review) and welcomed suggestions for the future process, including the possibility of including health organisations' quality accounts within the annual scrutiny in 2017.
- 1.2 The importance of Member attendance at the relevant pre-briefings in order to ensure constructive questioning was highlighted.
- 1.3 Officers have agreed to work closely with NHS organisations to ensure that detailed information, particularly relating to finance, is provided from all Trusts. Members have requested that any financial data be presented (in table format) with the previous years' data and predicted future figures in order to provide context and enable trends to be identified.

2. 'Your Care, Your Future': Update

- 2.1 The Committee has considered an update on the 'Your Care, Your Future' programme, part of the West Hertfordshire Strategic Review, and noted that the 'Your Care, Your Future' plan fits with the Sustainability Transformation Plan. It has been agreed that West Herts Hospital Trust (WHHT) and Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) representatives will report back to the Committee with outcomes and draft plans as soon as they are available.
- 2.3 The Committee was given assurance that the CCG had not made any decisions about the options put forward at the time of the meeting and that it wished to be open and transparent in its decision making and planning process. The Committee acknowledged the need to ensure hospital services in the west of the County are equal to the provision in the east and north and supported this aim.
- 2.4 The continuing involvement of Healthwatch in this work was recognised and welcomed by the Committee.

3. Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report Monitoring of West Hertfordshire Hospitals Trust (Whht) Scrutiny Topic Group Update

- 3.1 The Committee has considered an update on the CQC Report Monitoring of WHHT Scrutiny Topic Group which met on 15 December 2015, 15 February 2016 and 27 May 2016. The Committee welcomed the report and the fact that outcomes would be followed up.

4. The Work Programme

- 4.1 The Committee has considered its future work programme, noting those scrutinies recently concluded and those scheduled for the forthcoming period.
- 4.2 The Committee has also added a scrutiny of the working of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) in Hertfordshire to its work programme with Members from the Health Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committee to participate in this scrutiny topic group. This scrutiny will be held in the summer/autumn 2017 to allow the impact of initiatives instigated by the CAMHS Transformation Board to be considered.

The Committee meeting on 29 September 2016

The Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 29 September 2016 was cancelled because Herts Valleys CCG was not able to present a final decision of its analysis of all options for Your Care, Your Future at that point. Therefore, it was not possible for the Committee to fully challenge the work undertaken at the time.

The Committee meeting on 8 November 2016

The Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8 November, which takes place after this report is published, will be reported to County Council on 21 February 2017.

**Seamus Quilty, Chairman
November 2016**