

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

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Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services

to

People Scrutiny Committee

15th July 2014

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Scrutiny Committee updates

A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on some scrutiny matters, as follows:

- Health scrutiny role
- protocols
- Quality Accounts
- Primary care services
- Care Quality Commission
- Southend Hospital
- Healthwatch Southend

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the report and any actions taken be noted.

2.2 That the draft protocol between the Scrutiny Committee and the Health & Wellbeing Board be circulated for consultation, as detailed in section 3.3 of the report.

2.3 That the protocols between the Scrutiny Committee and Southend Clinical Commissioning Group and the People Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Southend be reviewed as detailed in section 3.3 of the report.

3. Health scrutiny role

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the following areas:

- All Child and Adult Education
- Youth Services
- Children's Social Services
- Adult Social Services
- Public Health
- Commissioning/Procurement for Children, Adults and Public Health, and
- Health scrutiny role (conferred by the Health & Social Care Act 2012)

Membership of the Committee also includes the statutory co-optees and other co-optees.

Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is information on the range of work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees during 2013 / 14.

- 3.2 A Briefing Paper providing information specifically on health scrutiny and the health system locally has recently been sent to members of the Committee.
- 3.3 In 2013 working protocols were developed between the Scrutiny Committee and the Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Southend. At that time, members were advised that work on a protocol with the Health & Wellbeing Board would begin (& this was done) and would be presented to members once the statutory guidance was issued.

The statutory guidance was finally published on 27th June 2014. It is now suggested that the draft protocol be amended to reflect the published guidance and circulated for consultation shortly. It is also suggested that the protocols with the CCG and Healthwatch should also be reviewed at the same time. The Briefing Paper referred to in paragraph 3.2 above will also need to be reviewed.

4. Other matters

- 4.1 Draft Quality Accounts 2013/14 – The Scrutiny Committee, as a statutory consultee is invited to comment on the draft Quality Accounts received from health bodies. At the meeting on 8th April 2014 the Committee agreed the way forward in dealing with the draft Quality Accounts (Minute 942 refers).

The draft Quality Accounts from SEPT and Southend Hospital were received in late April and sent to the Scrutiny Committee members for any comments. With the agreement of the then Chairman & Vice Chairman a response was subsequently sent to the Trusts and these are attached at **Appendix 1**.

- 4.2 CCGs to have option to option to co-commission some primary care services - NHS England is consulting Clinical Commissioning Groups nationwide on an option for them to co-commission some primary care in future in partnership with NHS England. The consultation letter and the text of the original announcement from Simon Stevens, Chief Executive, NHS England, are attached at **Appendix 2**. The CCG will also be approached for an update about the process and the implications locally.
- 4.3 Care Quality Commission – the Care Quality Commission (CQC) was due to attend a Member briefing session in April 2014 to discuss their inspection plans etc. Unfortunately this session did not take place and the session will be rescheduled.
- 4.4 Southend Hospital – at the meeting on 8th April 2014, the Committee raised the issue of the recent A&E performance at the Hospital. The Chairman wrote to Jacqueline Totterdell, Chief Executive, Southend Hospital, who was asked to provide an update on issues around A&E service. Ms Totterdell replied to the letter and offered to come before the Committee to provide an update but unfortunately she is unable to attend this meeting.

The Committee will be aware that this issue is being looked at by the Health & Wellbeing Board and the report considered at the recent meeting is attached at **Appendix 3**. The Board resolved noted the position and steps being taken to ensure short term improvements and requested a further update from the Urgent Care Working Group, to assure itself that adequate progress was being made.

Following the recent report by Monitor, discussions are continuing with the Trust and a verbal update will be given at the meeting by the Scrutiny Committee Chairman.

- 4.5 Healthwatch Southend – a copy of the Healthwatch Southend Annual Report 2013/14 has recently been sent to Committee members.¹

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 5.2 Financial Implications – none.
- 5.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 5.4 People Implications – none.
- 5.5 Property Implications – none.
- 5.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – none.

6. Background Papers

Health scrutiny briefing – email to scrutiny cttee members on 10th June 2014

Emails to scrutiny cttee members regarding draft Quality Accounts – 28th April 2014 and 29th April 2014

Healthwatch Southend Annual Report 2013/14 - email to scrutiny cttee members on 27th June

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 - letters to SEPT and Southend Hospital Trusts

Appendix 2 - information re CCG's and co commissioning

Appendix 3 - report of Urgent Care working group on Southend A&E

¹ The document can be accessed [here](#)