

East of England Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the East of England Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held in the Nightingale Room at the Offices of the East of England Strategic Health Authority, Victoria House, Capital Park, Fulbourn, Cambridge CB21 5XB on Tuesday 29 July 2008.

1. Present: Councillors Stephen Male (Chairman) (Bedfordshire County Council), Councillor Susan Barker (Essex County Council), Alan Crystall (Southend Borough Council), Councillor Janice Eells (Norfolk County Council), Councillor Nick Hollinghurst (Hertfordshire County Council, representing the East of England Regional Assembly), Bernard Lloyd (Hertfordshire County Council).

2. Apologies, Substitutions and Changes of Membership

- a) **apologies** – Councillor Lister Wilson (Cambridgeshire County Council), Councillor David Cullen (Hertfordshire County Council), Councillor Lesley Salter (Southend Borough Council).
- b) **substitutions** – Councillor Alan Crystall for Councillor Lesley Salter, Councillor Bernard Lloyd for Councillor David Cullen.
- c) there were no changes of membershi

3. Declarations -

- a) **Personal and Prejudicial** – Councillor Alan Crystall declared that he was a Governor of the Southend University Hospital Foundation Trust. Councillor Bernard Lloyd declared that his wife was a member of the Hertfordshire Partnership Trust.
- b) **Whip** – there were no such declarations.

4. Minutes

The Committee considered the minutes of the meetings held on the following dates,

23 June 2008 (informal evidence taking session as the committee was inquorate)
Long Term Conditions and End of Life Care

26 June 2008
Children's Services

3 July 2008
Staying Healthy and Maternity & Newborn

7 July 2008
Planned Care and Mental Health

9 July 2008
Acute services and a review of the overall strategy, finance and workforce issues,

and, with minor amendments to the minutes of 7 July, (in respect of the section on Mental Health equalities) and to the minutes of 9th July (in respect of the section on Air Ambulances), were agreed.

5. Communications

The Committee received and noted a letter from the National Pharmacy Association.

6. Chairman's Announcements – the Chairman explained how he intended to conduct the meeting.

7. “Towards the Best Together – A Clinical Vision for our NHS, now and for the next decade” - A Strategic Vision for the NHS in the East of England

The Committee considered a draft report from the Advisor based on the outcomes from the programme of evidence taking meetings. Members considered each section of the report and made amendments to the draft. These were each separately agreed. The Committee then determined the content of the final report and,

RESOLVED: That the Chairman be authorised to agree the final draft of the Committee’s report, agree its presentational format and submit to the East of England Strategic Health Authority by the closing date of the formal consultation period, 4th August 2008.

(NB. the report of the Committee was submitted to the East of England Joint Health Scrutiny Committee by the due date).

8. Final Meeting of the Committee

The Committee agreed to set a date for the final meeting of the Committee to consider the Strategic Health Authority’s response to the recommendations set out in the report and determined that it should be in the afternoon of 9 the October 2008 at a venue to be determined.

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Chairman
East of England Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

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