

## HEALTH AND PUBLIC SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at Retford Town Hall

Present: Councillor S J Fielding (Chair)  
Councillors H M Brand, D B Foley, M Gregory, D G Pidwell, J Potts, M Storey,  
K Sutton and T Taylor.

Officers: G Blenkinsop, L Dore and E Whittles.

Also present: Dr Chris Kenny - Director of Public Health Nottinghamshire  
Nic Adamson - Regional Director, CRI  
Sandra Eden - CRI Implementation Manager, Nottinghamshire Services

(Meeting opened at 6.30pm.)

(The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Fire Alarm/Evacuation Procedure. Members of the public were asked if anyone wanted to film the meeting (or part thereof) in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government's guidance; however, there were no members of the public present.)

#### 16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D R Pressley.

#### 17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

##### (a) Members

There were no declarations of interest by Members.

##### (b) Officers

There were no declarations of interest by officers.

#### 18. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2014

The Corporate Development and Policy Manager informed the meeting of an amendment at Minute 14(c) Review of EMAS - Update on the Implementation of 'Better Patient Care'. Under the heading 'Could the remit of the out-of-hours service be improved/widened, e.g. to include paediatrics?' The last paragraph should read: "Clinically-led improvements have won national awards; contracts and managers don't make a difference on their own - we need a local response".

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014 be approved subject to the agreed amendment.

#### 19. MINUTES FOR ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Corporate Development and Policy Manager confirmed that: at Minute 14(c)2., the outstanding questions to EMAS had been responded to and the information circulated to the Sub-Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014; at Minute 14(c)3., an update from EMAS will be provided in writing; re Minute 14(c)4., the recruitment process for First Responders has been paused. The Harworth Scheme is being progressed.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes for Action be received.

## 20. OUTSTANDING MINUTES LIST

**RESOLVED** that the Outstanding Minutes List be received.

### Key Decisions

None.

### Other Decisions

## 21. REPORT(S) OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

The Chairman welcomed Chris Kenny, Nic Adamson and Sandra Eden to the meeting.

### (a) Nottinghamshire Integrated Recovery Service

Chris Kenny reminded the Committee that Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) had taken over responsibility for the procurement of services relating to substance misuse as part of the national transfer of the public health function to County Councils. The decision had been made to commission a single substance misuse service for adults. Previously, services in Nottinghamshire were provided in different ways by a variety of organisations and services for treatment and recovery were not sufficiently linked. The aim of the new contract is to improve outcomes and to focus on recovery rather than just treatment. A procurement process followed a consultation exercise with the contract being awarded to CRI which commenced service delivery three months ago in October 2014.

Nic Adamson presented the first part of a slideshow which explained what CRI is, the services it provides and the reasons for a new service model following the consultation. Sandra Eden delivered the second part of the presentation which included details of service provision specifically relating to Bassetlaw.

Members asked questions concerning: transfer of staff from the former service providers to the new provider; the transfer of patients with substance misuse issues from Newgate Street Surgery; what work was being undertaken with families affected by drug and alcohol misuse; what had changed for those already in treatment; what the treatments were for specific drug misuse; whether the title CRI (Crime Reduction Initiatives) was misleading; how the service was provided in rural areas in Bassetlaw; the sample size of the 92% of offenders who ceased offending after completing CRI treatment; whether CRI's model or plan had changed based on the more detailed knowledge of Bassetlaw; whether discussions had included rural GP practices; how success rates are assessed; what the success rates for Bassetlaw are; help for offenders to get back into employment; what times the service can be accessed.

Members were offered the opportunity by Nic Adamson to discuss the different packages of support available to service users on a one to one basis and also advised the breakdown of information provided in the slide detailing the impact of treatment by CRI on offenders would be circulated.

In summing up, Chris Kenny commented that the previous arrangement of care for drug and alcohol misuse through a series of sub-contracts had been difficult to manage and that this service model was a very good example of a strategic approach which could also be applied to other clinical problems. The contract was based on achieving a number of key outcomes and the precise methods of delivery were not stipulated. This was a new way of working for the County Council.

The Chair thanked the speakers for their presentation responses to questions from the Sub-Committee.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The presentation and briefing be received.
2. Thanks be recorded to Dr Chris Kenny, Nic Adamson and Sandra Eden for the briefing and presentation.
3. A breakdown of the information provided in the presentation regarding the impact of treatment and recovery services provided by CRI on re-offending rates be circulated to the Sub-Committee along with other examples of the service's success.
4. An update to the Nottinghamshire Integrated Recovery Service be presented to the Sub-Committee in six months' time.

(b) Nottinghamshire County Council Briefing Report - 'Redefining your Council: Transformation and Spending Proposals for Nottinghamshire County Council 2015/16 - 2017/18'

The Corporate Development and Policy Manager presented a briefing report from the Leader of NCC which advised the Council was facing unprecedented shortfalls in funding and was looking at its models of service delivery. She advised a budget consultation exercise with residents and stakeholders had concluded that day and that NCC would provide feedback on its plans to move forward. If it so wished, the Leader of NCC will attend a meeting of the Sub-Committee later in the year.

A Member commented on the slow response by NCC to queries and gave an example of a query sent by Misterton Parish concerning the library service. The Corporate Development and Policy Manager offered to contact the NCC Leader regarding the lack of impetus in responding to this particular case.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The briefing report be noted.
2. The Corporate Development and Policy Manager contact the Leader of NCC regarding the lack of impetus by the Council in responding to queries regarding different models of service delivery - highlighting the case regarding the Misterton library service.
3. The Leader of NCC be invited to attend a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

(c) Health and Public Services Sub-Committee Programme 2014/15

Members were provided with an overview of the Sub-Committee's meeting programme for 2014/15, which was appended to the report.

**RESOLVED** that the Committee Work Programme for 2014/15 be noted.

(d) Review Topic - Fire and Rescue Services in Bassetlaw

The Corporate Development and Policy Manager reminded the Sub-Committee that there is only one further sub-committee meeting within the current municipal year and this will consider the Fire and Rescue Service in Bassetlaw. She commented on a number of issues facing the current national delivery of the service including existing budget constraints; further forecast financial savings; reduced demand for services and disputes over terms and conditions of fire and rescue staff – all of which impact on the way the service is delivered/could be delivered in future.

Bassetlaw has seen the recent investment in a new fire station at Retford which now includes training facilities and will be used as the northern training hub for the whole of Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The review scope includes details of the current service provision/resources and key lines of questioning. With reference to a comparison study to be made against neighbouring services in Lincolnshire and Derbyshire, a Member suggested that services in North Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire (Doncaster) should also be included being close neighbours to the north and north-east of Bassetlaw.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The review scope of Fire and Rescue Services in Bassetlaw for the meeting to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 be noted.
2. A desk top comparison study for the review to be made against neighbouring services in Lincolnshire and Derbyshire to also include North Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire (Doncaster).

(e) Review of East Midland Ambulance Service (EMAS) – Update

The Sub-Committee received the final report following the Review of EMAS which took place in October 2014. The Corporate Development and Policy Manager referred the Sub-Committee to the excellent staff suggestions for service improvements and mentioned that Members may wish to add a Key Recommendation for Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group to update the Sub-Committee on these at a future meeting.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. A recommendation for Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group to update the Sub-Committee on the specific staff suggestions for service improvement as set out in the report be added to the Key Recommendations.
2. The recommendations of the Reviews of East Midlands Ambulance Service be approved and the report be referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. Following referral, Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the recommendations within the Review Report and submit their response to the next available Health and Public Services Sub-Committee.

## **SECTION B – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IN PRIVATE**

### **Key Decisions**

None.

### **Other Decisions**

None.

## **15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS TO BE URGENT**

As there was no other urgent business to consider the Chairman closed the meeting.

(Meeting closed at 7.50pm.)