

## Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

### Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

January 2019

#### 1. Petition - Save North Cotswold X-Ray Services

The committee was asked to note a petition presented at the Gloucestershire County Council meeting on 28 November 2018. The petition was in response to concerns about X-Ray services at the North Cotswolds Hospital in Moreton-in-Marsh. Prior to the council meeting, on Monday 12 November 2018, Cotswold District Councillor for Moreton West, Cllr Alison Coggins, and members of Moreton-in-Marsh Town Council met with NHS officials to discuss X-Ray Services at the hospital.

*The petition relayed 'grave concerns that the NHS acute trust would be reducing radiology services from around 30 hours to 8 hours per week. This could have significant repercussions for minor injuries involving breaks and fractures, which would require making travel arrangements to Cheltenham or Gloucester should the service be reduced. The petition sought to 'maintain the current level of local X-Ray services and ensure that the North Cotswold Hospital continued to serve the residents of Moreton-in-Marsh and surrounding villages'.*

The committee debated the petition. During the discussion, Cllr Joe Harris requested the *'Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee seek a written commitment from the Clinical Commissioning Group and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust to restore the radiology service at North Cotswold Hospital in Moreton-in-Marsh and put together a plan to ensure a long term future for radiology at the site'.*

Seeking the views of the committee, the Chairman confirmed that, with a majority agreement, the committee write to the Clinical Commissioning Group and Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust, requesting restoration of the radiology service at North Cotswold Hospital in Moreton-in-Marsh.

#### 2. Adult Mental Health - What happens in a Crisis Situation?

The committee received a presentation from the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust on emergency mental health care services in Gloucestershire. Representatives from partner organisations 'Kingfisher Treasure Seekers' and 'Swindon and Gloucestershire Mind' were in attendance at the meeting. Noting some of the initiatives emerging from the Gloucestershire Mental Health Crisis Care Continuous Action Plan, members commended the presentation. Acknowledging the commitment and dedication from organisations participating in the multi-agency partnership, the committee noted progress and the hard work being undertaken. Anticipated improvements from the extensive recruitment programme currently underway, the committee welcomed the opportunity for change.

Members drew attention to publication of the NHS Long Term Plan on 7 January 2019 and the priorities set out by NHS England for healthcare provision over the next ten years, including proposals on how the NHS funding settlement will be used. (In

2018, the government announced £20.5bn of additional funding for the NHS in England by 2023/24).

### **3. Hospital Walk In Services**

It was announced that an additional committee meeting would be held at Shire Hall on 20 February 2019. Arranged at the request of the committee, the meeting will give members an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the proposal to 'pilot the reconfiguration of General Surgery Services across Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and Cheltenham General Hospital'. Members were requested to submit their views and any concerns on the proposals before the end of the week. The responses will be incorporated into a draft letter for discussion at the meeting on 20 February 2019. Subject to the agreement of the committee, a letter to be sent to the Gloucestershire Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and GCCG Boards for consideration.

The meeting on 20 February 2019 to include a second item - Motion 825 'Protecting Gloucestershire Hospitals' Walk in Services'. Motion 825 was debated at the Gloucestershire County Council meeting on 28 November 2018, where it was agreed to refer the outcomes of the discussion, (including the resolution below), to the Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee for further discussion.

Clarity on the context of the motion was raised by the Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. It was explained that the motion would need to be considered as that referred to full council on 28 November 2018 but that clarification on the detail of the motion could be made during the scrutiny committee discussion on 20 February 2019.

*Council noted:*

- i. The value communities place upon the Accident and Emergency units, in both Gloucester and Cheltenham*
- ii. The enormous and varied contributions made by the seven minor injury units spread across Gloucestershire*
- iii. The great value communities across Gloucestershire place upon having hospital facilities close by.*

*The Council further noted that all Walk in Centres, Urgent Care Centres, and Minor Injury Units will be rebranded as Urgent Treatment Centres by the end of 2019, and*

***RESOLVED to write to the Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group to appeal in the strongest possible terms, that none of the services currently on offer to walk-in patients at any of the nine hospitals be removed, and that Cheltenham General Hospital to not be further downgraded to an Urgent Treatment Centre from an Accident and Emergency department.***

#### **4. Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2017/18**

Director of Public Health for Gloucestershire County Council, Sarah Scott, presented the 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Health Annual Report 2017/18. The focus of the report was mental wellbeing. Following on from last years report and the emphasis on the health and wellbeing of children and young people, the Director gave a detailed presentation on the provision of timely and good quality treatment and support for people of all ages living with mental illness. The report and the decision to focus on a particular topic was commended.

Member's attention was drawn to the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Panel Roadshows on 23 January and 13 February 2019. The committee noted that the screening of a 'resilience' documentary would be made at each of the roadshows, following by discussion. Directed by James Redford, the film looks at the biological effects of ACEs and how professionals and communities can work together to overcome established harm. All members are encouraged to attend one of the roadshows. Please refer to Members Matter for details of the screenings or visit the ACEs Gloucestershire website at [www.actionaces.org](http://www.actionaces.org) for more information.

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