

**JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW
& SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
BIRMINGHAM & SANDWELL
13 FEBRUARY 2020**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE BIRMINGHAM AND SANDWELL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020 AT
1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE ROOM 2,
COUNCIL HOUSE, BIRMINGHAM**

PRESENT: - Councillor Robert Pocock in the Chair;

Birmingham: Councillors Mick Brown, Peter Fowler, Ziaul Islam.

Sandwell: Councillors Elaine Giles, Bob Piper.

Attendees:-

Carly Evans, Sandwell & West Birmingham Clinical Care Group
Leon Mallett, Sandwell & West Birmingham Clinical Care Group
Toby Lewis, Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust
Kieran Caldwell, West Midlands Commissioning Unit, NHS England
Cherry West, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Andrew Clements, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Qamar Ghafoor, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust
Baseema Begum – Scrutiny Services, BCC
David Smith - Committee Services, BCC
James Sandy, Scrutiny Services, Sandwell MBC

NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

01/20 The Chair advised that the meeting would be webcast for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there were confidential or exempt items.

02/20 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies received from Councillors Paul Tilsley, Kerrie Carmichael, Elaine Costigan and Sue Phillips.

The Chairman noted with sincere regret the passing of Councillor Bob Lloyd, who was a Sandwell MBC member of the Committee, and asked that officers

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convey the Committee's condolences on his passing to his family, recognising the contributions he had made as a member of the Committee over a long period of time. Councillor Elaine Giles paid tribute to Councillor Bob Lloyd on behalf of Sandwell MBC Councillors.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

03/20 There were no declarations of interests.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports are available for public inspection via the web-stream.

MINUTES

04/20 The public part of the Minutes of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 September 2019 were approved as a correct record of the meeting.

SANDWELL AND WEST BIRMINGHAM CCG PRIMARY CARE NETWORKS (PCNS)

05/20 Carla Evans, Head of Primary Care, and Leon Mallett, Commissioning Transformation Manager (GPFV), Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG, attended the meeting and gave the following presentation:-

(See document No. 1)

In response to questions from Members, they advised that the size of practices had varied, historically, and a minimum standard had been set for appointments available per 1000 patients. However, they accepted that there were access issues and that experience varied across the practices. Efforts were being made to achieve consistent standards.

Workforce challenges needed to be addressed and there was not one model that fitted all practices. Attempts were being made to manage demand and a solution might be to work in partnership with other providers. Members were advised that investment was being made to take the work forward.

Members were concerned at the waiting times for appointments and the level of demand. It was felt that networks needed to make a difference and noted that in some surgeries 75% of appointments were already being utilised. Different ways of providing services were thought to be needed, with more diverse staffing and encouraging use of pharmacies prior to accessing surgeries.

The Committee was advised that it was intended to 'triage' patients' needs and assess whether an appointment was required. Patients would be encouraged to take responsibility for their health and diverted to services that

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could most effectively respond to their needs. Collaboration between services would be important to ensure that all services could be sustained. Also, there were geographical differences in provision, deprivation levels and practice composition that would have to be taken into account. Engagement with younger patients had shown that there was a preference for face to face consultations and that video consultations might be a feasible option.

FURTHER UPDATE ON THE MIDLAND METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL

06/20 Toby Lewis, Chief Executive, Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, reported on the up to date position of the development.

He advised that a contract had been signed on 11 December 2019 and it was expected that the new hospital would be open by the Commonwealth Games in 2022. There was a move away from PFI arrangements and 35-year maintenance plans had been agreed. A launch event would take place on 14 February 2020 and work had begun back on site. An objective would be to ensure that clinical changes were put into practice.

The Committee welcomed the update and noted the progress made.

UPDATE ON RECOMMISSIONING OF GYNAE-ONCOLOGY SERVICES

07/20 The following report from Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust was submitted:-

(See document No. 2)

Toby Lewis, Chief Executive, Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust, advised on the up to date position. A commitment had been given to providing additional tertiary arrangements with the assistance of NHS England. A deadline had been set of 31 March 2020.

The Committee welcomed the positive news reported.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

08/20 It was noted that the date and time of the next meeting was to be agreed in due course.

**REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/
PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)**

09/20 No matters were raised.

OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

10/20 There was no other urgent business raised.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

11/20 **Resolved:-**

That, in an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

12/20 **Resolved:-**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, which includes exempt information of the category indicated, the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Exempt Paragraph 3
