

**JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL FOR PENNINE CARE (MENTAL HEALTH)
TRUST**

**MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday, 4th October 2018**

PRESENT: Councillors McLaren (in the Chair), Heffernan (Oldham MBC), Gordon, Wright (Stockport MBC), Peet (Tameside MBC), Dale, Howard, Susan Smith (Rochdale Borough Council) and Grimshaw (Bury MBC).

OFFICERS: P. Thompson (Governance and Committee Services – Rochdale Borough Council)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. C. Molloy (Chief Executive – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), Mr. C. Reynolds (Chief Information Officer - Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust) and Mr D. Wallace (Communications and Engagement Adviser - Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

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8 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Teresa Smith (Tameside MBC), Toor (Oldham MBC) and Walker (Bury MBC).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

9 There were no declarations of interests.

MINUTES

10 The Committee considered the minutes of the last meeting held 12th July 2018.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine care NHS Foundation Trust, held 12th July 2018, be approved as a correct record.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS

11 There were no members of the public in attendance.

INFORMATICS PRESENTATION

12 The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee were addressed by Mr. C. Reynolds (Chief Information Officer – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust) regarding the Trust’s Health Informatics Strategy 2018 – 2021.

It was explained that this Strategy would help to set out how the Trust’s health informatics development would enable the delivery of Pennine Care’s overarching five year Strategic plan and support the Trust’s locality partners.

The health Informatics Strategy was proposed to be a ‘living document’ that would be refreshed at least annually. The strategy had been drafted by the

Chief Information Officer with a clinical input from the Trust's Chief Clinical Information Officer.

The strategy took account of a wide range of clinical feedback gained via continuous engagement with staff, patients, carers, commissioners, GP's, council staff and digital leaders throughout the economy. It also took account of feedback as a result of:

- a. A PCFT business planning day in November 2017
- b. The Trust's Health Informatics Management Team Strategy Workshop in January 2018
- c. The North East Sector Information Management and Technology transformation Steering Group in January 2018
- d. Online surveys with digital leaders across Greater Manchester (January and February 2018)
- e. A review of key strategy documents from national and local bodies

Health informatics was described as information that is collected, managed, used and shared every day. Good patient care depended upon fast and accurate flow of information. Therefore health informatics was about getting information to the right person at the right time.

The Trust committed to updating the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee at regular intervals on any variations or alterations to their Informatics Strategy.

It was agreed that paper copies of the Strategy were to be forwarded to Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it was suggested that this be discussed further at the Committee' informal meeting with representative of the Trust on 4th December 2018.

RESOLVED

1. The presentation on the Informatics Strategy be noted and welcomed.
2. The Strategy be discussed further at the Committee' informal meeting with representative of the Trust on 4th December 2018.

MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION

13 The Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust's Communications and Engagement Adviser, Mr. D. Wallace updated the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on progress being made in relation to mixed sex accommodation at hospitals across the Trust's footprint, noting the provision of services for people living with mental illness that can be treated and who can be cared for in hospital when they were too ill to be at home or in residential care. Sometimes patients' medication, treatment and care needs changed, and they needed to be assessed in a hospital. Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust ran this type of hospital ward for patients from a number of areas including Rochdale, Oldham, Stockport, Bury, Tameside and Glossop.

In light of the 2016 CQC inspection and a subsequent follow-up inspection in 2017 both of which reported that the Trust needed to demonstrate improvements, the Trust had embarked on a three stage engagement strategy

that it was hoped would see significant long-term improvements. The engagement strategy would consult with key stakeholders: patients and carers/relatives, staff and the public. The questions would include information on privacy and dignity.

It was reported that all of the 18 wards that the engagement survey would cover had been completed. The results were to be passed to an independent analyst who would prepare a factual report based on the data collated. The analyst had indicated that he would be prepared to attend a future meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee to discuss the work in terms of his methodology and reasons for his report's recommendations. The Joint Scrutiny Committee, after consideration of the analyst's report, would be in a position to make appropriate recommendations to the PCFT's Board thereon.

It was suggested that further consideration of this matter would be given at the Committee's informal meeting with representatives of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust on 4th December 2018.

Resolved

That further consideration of issues relating to mixed sex accommodation be given at the Committee's informal meeting with representatives of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust on 4th December 2018, with a view to a full report, detailing the findings of the independent analyst at the Committee's next meeting on 24th January 2019.

CQC INSPECTIONS

14 The Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, Ms. C. Molloy, advised the Committee that the Trust was to be the subject of a 'well led' CQC inspection, of selected services between 23rd and 25th October 2018. The CQC were to undertake smaller scale inspections of some of the Trust's services in the time leading up to 23rd October (in fact these had commenced in late August 2018) and it was noted that thus far there had been positive verbal feedback in relation to these inspections.

Members asked if details of the 2016 CQC inspection of the Trust could be forwarded to members of the Committee.

Resolved:

1. The report be noted
2. The Trust's Chief Executive be requested to forward the 'executive summary' of the CQC's Inspection into Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, carried out in 2016, to members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
3. That the Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust be requested to provide an update on any outcomes of the CQC's 'well led' inspection (23rd – 25th October 2018) at the informal meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th December 2018.

STAFFING AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

15 It was agreed that this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TRUST

16 The Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust outlined the current financial situation appertaining to the Trust. 2017/18 was the first year that Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust had recorded a budgetary deficit, a largely as a result of reduced funding from the government. It was projected that the deficit would continue for at least the next two financial years.

Resolved:

That a full report on the financial position of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust be presented to the Committee's next meeting on 24th January 2019.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CONTRACT

17 The Trust's Chief Executive advised the Committee that a number of contracts relating to the provision of community health services were due to expire on, or around, 31st March 2019. There was a degree of urgency around this item as the Trust's Board were due to consider a report on this matter at their next meeting on 31st October 2018. In this regard it was suggested that the Committee's membership hold a special informal meeting at the Trust's offices in Ashton-under-Lyne to discuss this matter in more detail prior to its consideration by the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust's Board meeting on 31st October 2018.

Resolved:

That a special informal meeting of the Committee's membership be held at the Trust's offices in Ashton-under-Lyne to discuss the issue of community services contracts in more detail prior to the consideration of this matter by the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust's Board on 31st October 2018.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

18 Resolved:

It was agreed that:

1. The next formal meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Panel for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust be held on Thursday, 24th January 2019 and on Thursday, 21st March 2019, both meetings to be held in the Council Offices, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, commencing at 10.00am.
2. The next informal meetings of the Committee's membership be held with representatives of Pennine Care Foundation Trust's senior management, at the Trust's head office (225 Old Street, Ashton-under-Lyne) on Tuesday, 4th December 2018 and Tuesday, 26th February 2019 both commencing at 2.00pm.