

# MINUTES OF THE HEALTH WORKING GROUP HELD ON MONDAY, 25 APRIL 2012 at 6pm

PRESENT: Cllr B Hilton - Chairman  
Cllr M Ranson  
Cllr M Robinson  
Marshal Scott  
Chris Hughes  
Colin Hirst  
Olwen Heap

Phil Mileham – Ribblesdale Practice Manager, Clitheroe  
Jayne Mellor – Acting Head of Commissioning for East Lancashire LCC

## APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S Hirst, R Elms and R Newmark.

## MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 27 February were approved as a correct record.

## MATTERS ARISING

Colin gave a brief update on the position with Clitheroe Community Hospital. Jackie Hadwen had informed him that a decision had been taken to defer the CCG Board meeting until May as the Strategic Health Authority had not finalised their Capital plan yet. However, they were still looking to start on site by November 2012.

The members expressed their disappointment at the lack of progress in the development of the Community Hospital. A further delay of 6 – 7 months was a cause for concern and it was deemed appropriate to invite the CE and Medical Advisor of the ELHT to attend the next meeting for an update on the future of Clitheroe Community Hospital.

- It was agreed that Dr Alan Crowther and Mark Brierly – CE ELHT should be invited to the next meeting.
- The Leader would also write a letter to Nigel Evans MP.

## PUBLIC HEALTH REFORMS – WORKING TOGETHER IN A 2 TIER SYSTEM

The Chairman welcomed Jayne Mellor, Acting Head of Commissioning for East Lancashire, LCC to talk about the Districts working together with LCC through the Reforms.

Jayne provided the group with progress on the following :-

- Shadow Health & Well Being Board
- Public Health Estimated Budgets (£40m)
- 5 mandated Public Health Services
- the new Director of Public Health selection process which is underway
- the need for LCC and District Councils to collaborate in delivery, cost effectiveness and high quality services

A general discussion took place in which concern was expressed at the establishment of an East Lancashire Health & Well Being Board and how this group would function and interface with the LCC H & WB Board.

Colin stressed the need for us to all work together in the interests of the people of Ribble Valley.

Jayne gave an undertaking to clarify the role of different groups and how they would fit together.

#### REVIEW OF THE HEALTH WORKING GROUP

A discussion took place on the need to review the name of the group, the membership, and the structure of the group to ensure that the work of the group would be responsive to the challenges of the Health Reforms.

The group agreed the following :-

- the group would be renamed the Health & Well Being Partnership
- the Terms of Reference were still relevant and no change was required
- the membership of the group should include an officer and County Councillor for LCC
- Jayne Mellor, Acting Director of Commissioning would become a member of the partnership during the transitional period (2012/13)
- Marshal would seek a CC nomination from LCC
- The structure of the group would remain the same as it offered greater flexibility than a sub-committee
- The SHIG meeting chaired by A Sudell would continue as an operational group while the Health & Wellbeing Partnership would be more strategic.

#### NHS REFORMS UPDATE

Bridget updated members on progress on the following:-

- Shadow Health & Well Being Board – still at the formation stage with team building.
- Councillor workshop – this is essential but needs to be kept relevant to the role of the Borough Councillor. Bridget, Mary, Colin and Chris would get together to decide how best to do this. Workshop to be arranged for early October.
- HealthWatch Lancs – work on new service model completed with the tendering process now in place.
- HealthWatch England – to be established in Oct 2012.
- Public Health – progress under way with new post of Director of Public Health advertised.

- The Case for Change – Bridget circulated a simplified summary sheet on how the NHS Reforms will affect patients.
- East Lancs CCG Strategic Plan – Bridget would draft a response and circulate it to the group before officially responding. Phil reported that the locality group also had a plan that would be circulated prior to the next meeting. Colin would endeavour to get plans from Preston etc as well.

It was important that we know the current RV profile so that it can be improved in the right places. We need to invite guest speakers to tell us this information.

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None

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be notified.  
Marshal will invite Dr Alan Crowther and Mark Brierley CE ELHT to attend the next meeting.

Meeting finished 7.35pm

#### INFORMATION ITEMS

The following documents were circulated for information

- Older Peoples' Champion Network – it was felt that there should be a Minister for Older People – ask for support through Nigel Evans MP
- Lancashire Care Dental Service – concern was expressed about the waiting lists in RV – invite to a future meeting.
- Minutes of the Oral Health Liaison Group x 2
- Later Life Newsletter