

Meeting of:

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Acute Hospitals
NHS Trust

Date: Thursday the 23rd January 2020 at 2.30pm

Present:

Councillor R Walker (Bury Council)

Councillor N Briggs (Oldham MBC)

Councillor G McGill (Bury Council)

L Hamblett (Oldham MBC)

L Robinson (Rochdale MBC)

R Surjan (Oldham MBC)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were submitted by:-

Councillor R. Dutton (Rochdale MBC), Councillor S. Smith (Bury Council) and Councillor P. Sullivan (Rochdale MBC).

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Joint Committee were asked to consider whether they had an interest in any of the matters on the agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

There were no declarations of interest reported.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public present at the meeting were invited to ask questions on any matter relating to the work or performance of the Pennine Acute NHS Trust. A period of up to 30 minutes was set aside for public questions.

There were no public questions submitted at the meeting.

4. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th October 2019 were attached to the agenda.

It was agreed:

That the minutes of the meetings held on 8th October 2019 be approved as a correct record.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Councillor Walker asked about recruitment and retention issues and the need for this item to come back to a future committee. It was advised that this could be included on the agenda every six months.

6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4), Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the reason that the following business involves the disclosure of exempt information as detailed against the item.

7. PENNINE ACUTE NHS TRUST TRANSACTION UPDATE

Jon Rouse, Chief Officer, Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership delivered a presentation on the PAT Transactions Programme update.

He provided a brief overview of the programme, which included:-

- Interim arrangements agreed
- Who is overseeing the processes
- Timescales and longer term plans
- Service alignment and engaging with staff
- Management arrangements for NMGH as part of MFT
- Future Capital investment

It was agreed:

That the presentation be noted.

8. CLINICAL NEGLIGENCE UPDATE

Paul Downes, Director of Patient Safety provided a report to the meeting presented by Alison Talbot.

There was a pattern that claims were decreasing in line with national data although damages paid out were increasing. In summary patient safety was improving with harms continuing to come down.

Any claims are looked at for future learning and a question was asked if a breakdown of claims could be provided per hospital, from which department and the reasons.

Councillor McGill commented that an increase in damages paid was probably due to more a more open reporting culture.

Councillor Walker added if higher payments were being made was this due to better legal support for claimants. Changes in the law such as no win no fee could also be factored in.

Councillor Briggs asked about a breakdown in legal figures and information on solicitors fees and questioned if the insurances would rise.

Councillor Walker requested that the above information be provided before the next meeting.

Councillor Hamblett reported on the lack of beds in Oldham and there was a long wait of 12 hours for A&E admissions.

Jon Rouse stated that the winter was very difficult across A&E with a rise in attendances.

Oldham was good for discharge rates and there were no large number of unwarranted delays.

Jon Rouse would compile a specific report on the above topic and what could happen next under differing circumstances.

Councillor Hamblett passed on her thanks to NHS staff who were doing a great job during this difficult and busy time of the year.

John Rouse reaffirmed a commitment to the long term future of all four hospital sites although they required significant capital investment. NMGH required a rebuild for a large part of the site although this must not be at the expense of the other hospital estates.

Current management arrangements were discussed as a new Chief Executive recently started with further contract agreements to start in April 2020.

A bid application has been made under 'Healthier Together' and the result of this would be announced in March.

A number of questions were then asked by Committee Members.

- When would funding be available for each hospital.
- Could an update be provided on management contracts.
- Is Brexit impacting upon recruitment and retention.
- Was any work being undertaken on bus services to the different hospital sites.

The entrance to NMGH was modern looking with good signage on the corridors although the café was too small and it was a long distance from your starting point at the site to the operation theatres.

It was unknown when the Government would be allocating funding but a starting point would be the spending review.

The emerging picture from NMGH was for it to be a health campus with other uses on the site although this was still very much work in progress.

Salford had extended their contract until the 31st March and two new contracts would be in place by the 1st April.

There seemed to be no impact by Brexit and vacancy rates had reduced.

Dialogue with transport providers was on going and this would be included in capital planning.

A climate emergency care plan was being worked on closely with the GMCA.

Councillor Briggs left the meeting at this point, 3.30pm.

Hospital designs have changed significantly since they were first built 150 years ago.

A discussion on heart clinics took place and would Greater Manchester have one. It was explained that this service was commissioned regionally and not locally as there were services provided in Liverpool and Sheffield.

Councillors expressed their thanks for the update and presentation of information.

It was agreed:

1. That Alison Talbiot provide an update on claims.
2. That 'Outsourcing Resources' be a standard agenda item.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no business considered as a matter of urgency.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date and time of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday the 31st March 2020 at 10.30am in Bury Town Hall.

Chair Councillor L. Robinson

(Note: The meeting started at 2.00pm and ended with the time not specified.)