

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MONDAY 18 APRIL, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Davis, Mrs. M.A. (Chairman)
Adamson, G. (Vice-Chairman)

Ansell, Mrs. P.A. Beddows, J.

By Invitation: Councillor P. Corfield, Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities &
Customers, Staffordshire County Council

42. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D.J. Bennett, Mrs. A.F. Bernard and B. Williams.

43. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	Member of South Staffs Healthcare NHS Trust	Personal
Adamson, G.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Adamson, G.	Member of Mid Staffs Cancer User Forum	Personal
Adamson, G.	Volunteer with Age Concern	Personal
Adamson, G.	Member of West Midlands Ambulance Trust	Personal
Beddows, J.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal

44. Minutes

Arising from consideration of the Minutes the Chairman referred to Minute 41. Paragraph 5 and asked if there was any further information concerning the closure of the Davy Unit located at Cannock Chase Hospital.

Mr. D. Prosser-Davies reported that 25% of beds had been re-located in community facilities but had not been lost, and 75% of beds which were Social Care and Health beds had moved to a centre in Great Wyrley. He explained that alternative services were being developed and beds would then return to Cannock Chase Hospital.

Members discussed this and raised concern regarding the relocation of the beds and were keen to make sure that they were still available and not lost. A number of Members also reported that they had been lobbied in respect of moving the Skeletal Unit within the hospital as this service required additional space.

AGREED:

- (A) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 March, 2011 be approved as a correct record.
- (B) That more detailed information be supplied to the Health Scrutiny Committee regarding the information on the bed situation.

45. Items Arising from Staffordshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee Meetings held on 24 and 29 March and 8 April, 2011

Health Scrutiny Committee – 24 March, 2011

Closure of Mental Health Day Services

The Chairman reported that a meeting of the Working Group was arranged in order to discuss the response on the provision of mental health care and closure of mental health day services. She stated that Mr. Geraint Griffiths, South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) concurred with a number of the issues previously raised by the Health Scrutiny Committee and agreed that in future, discussions would first take place with the Committee.

The Chairman advised that a number of recommendations were then submitted to the South Staffordshire PCT Board meeting from Ms. T. Randall, Staffordshire County Council on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee. The Chairman then read out an email some of which included information on the recommendations which included the safety and wellbeing of carers and users, and concern with services not being discontinued until the needs of the service users were considered.

Psychological Services for Cancer Patients

The Chairman reported that South Staffordshire PCT would be making £83K available to Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust for 2011/12.

Members of the Committee requested that this be reviewed at the end of the year to see how the funding was allocated.

Health Scrutiny Committee – 29 March, 2011

Presentation – Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust

The Chairman reported that a presentation was received from Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust based on how healthcare should be delivered in the future. She indicated that over 100 people attended who provided good input and ideas into the session.

Health Scrutiny Committee – 8 April, 2011

Winter Provision

The Chairman reported that an interim report was received on winter provision for South Staffordshire PCT. She indicated that a full evaluation would take place and a report would be received by the Health Scrutiny Committee in the future.

46. Manor Avenue Drop In Centre, Cannock (Mid Staffs MIND)

The Chairman welcomed County Councillor P. Corfield to the meeting to provide the Committee with some information on the Brendon House Drop In Centre, Cannock.

Councillor Corfield reported that concern had been raised by both the County Council and District Council that Cannock MIND would lose its contract for its out of hour's service. However, it had been confirmed that they would keep the existing out of hour's service but lose the contract for its weekend service.

He then provided details to the Committee on the location of the drop in centre and explained that the centre also had a garden which was used for its therapeutic services. The organisation also provided health related activities such as badminton which was currently being run through funding. He advised that 2 separate sessions were held which included an evening session for women and a Saturday morning session for those people with mental health problems who were employed.

The Chairman advised that Councillor Rowley had visited Brendon House where Richmond Fellowship now operated from. Councillor Corfield stated that there were currently 6 full time staff employed who worked 5 days per week and a number of volunteers; however 4 of the staff had moved across to join the Richmond Fellowship.

He explained that the service was currently still available at Cannock Monday-Friday between the hours of 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Stafford operated Tuesday and Fridays between 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. and Wombourne on Wednesdays between 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Councillor Corfield advised the Committee that there was some concern raised with the level of service that could be provided to clients as only 25% could be accepted by self referral and 75% of clients would need to be referred through a GP or other means. He reported that he had visited many of the clients who were very pleased with the service and the therapeutic services which were found to be effective.

He explained that from 1 April, 2011 the Richmond Fellowship took over the contract and provided their services from premises such as the Fire Station and Community Centres in Cannock and was currently looking for somewhere to be based in Rugeley.

Councillor Corfield reported that the PCT had provided positive feedback on the current service and good feedback had also been received from its clients.

He advised the Committee that he would liaise with Officers at Staffordshire County Council to try and establish who was currently looking after clients, make a request for some research to be carried out on the Richmond Fellowship, and contact them with a view to a representative attending the next Health Scrutiny Committee meeting.

CHAIRMAN

(The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.).