

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY, 2009 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Beddows, J. (Chairman)
Molineux, G.N. (Vice-Chairman)

Davis, Mrs. M.A. Jones, R.
Easton, R. Mitchell, C.

(Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D. Grice and W. Yates).

24. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 December, 2008 be approved as a correct record.

25. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Easton, R.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal
Molineux, G.N.	Member of Mid Staffs NHS Foundation Trust	Personal

26. South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Mr. Steve Shilvock, Head of Environmental Health reported that representatives from South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust were unable to attend the meeting to give a presentation to Members.

27. Information from Healthcare Organisations

The Committee received a progress report from Ms. Helen Perren, Head of Marketing and Business Development in respect of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Campaign to Reduce Hospital Acquired Infection

Ms. Perren reported on the target in respect of C.Difficile and stated that the Primary Care Trust's target was set at 163 cases per year and 116 actual positive samples had been received.

With regard to MRSA Bacteraemias there were no cases reported last week and there had not been a case for 17 days. The number of cases for 2008/09 currently stood at 6; however 1 additional case was still under negotiation with another Trust.

Norovirus

Ms. Perren reported that there had been some isolated incidents and admissions had been stopped on affected wards.

The Trust had now re-opened three of the five wards which had been affected by Norovirus at Stafford Hospital and Cannock Chase Hospital had one ward which had been closed as a precaution whilst awaiting test results.

She reported that visitors had been requested to stay away from the hospital until all wards had been given the all clear.

Members discussed both Norovirus and MRSA and asked questions in respect of these.

Ms. Perren reported that people could appear to have the same symptoms however this did not mean that they had Norovirus. Currently checks were carried out and updates were provided twice daily within the hospital, however the virus could not always be isolated with the first test sample. She also reported on the rollout for MRSA screening and pre-operative assessments.

Healthcare Commission Investigation

Ms. Perren reported that the Healthcare Commission were undertaking an investigation into the Trust and their decision on whether the Trust had breached its terms of authorisation was anticipated sometime in March.

New Appointments

It was reported that there were a number of new appointments for the Trust which were: -

- New Medical Director – Mr. Manhit Obhrai – joining early April
- Laparoscopic Colorectal Surgeon – Michael Hershman – joining February
- Cardiologist – Dr. Ted Lo – joining April
- Matron for Critical Care and Theatres – Deb Fox
- Matron for Maternity – Trudie Roberts

- Non Executive Directors – Sir Stephen Moss and Dennis Haywood appointed

Cannock Developments

It was reported that work would commence during March/April on a mezzanine area on level 3 which would be a staff rest area and include a vending service for hot and cold food and drinks. The work would hopefully be completed by July.

Most of the moves from level 1 to level 2 had been completed and the current economic climate had impacted upon interest from companies in renting vacant space.

She reported that minor works would commence at the beginning of April to improve the reception area for the Out of Hours service at level 1 run by the Primary Care Trust.

The Stafford League of Hospital Friends would be opening a volunteers' coffee bar in Out Patients and a trolley service would be visiting wards. It was estimated that this would commence in May 2009.

Health related Focus Groups

Ms. Perren reported that Carers' meetings had been scheduled for Tuesday 10 February, 2009 and meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 February, 2009 at the Post Graduate Medical Centre, Stafford.

She also provided information on the Trust's Annual Report and response rates in relation to patient surveys.

AGREED:

- (A) That a presentation from the Healthcare Commission be given at a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on the outcome of an investigation being carried out into the Trust having breached its terms of authorisation.
- (B) That a development plan in respect of Cannock Hospital be presented at a future meeting of the Committee.

28. Work Programme

Members considered the Work Programme and agreed that an additional meeting be scheduled.

AGREED:

- (A) That the Work Programme be noted.
- (B) That an additional meeting be scheduled for Thursday 26 March, 2009.

CHAIRMAN