

These minutes were amended at the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting
26 March 2013

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 22 JANUARY 2013 FROM 7PM TO 8.20PM**

*Present: Tim Holton (Chairman), Andrew Bradley, Kate Haines, Philip Houldsworth,
Sam Rahmouni, Nick Ray and David Sleight*

Also present

<i>Karen Hampton</i>	<i>Quality Improvement Lead (Acute) (items 59-64)</i>
<i>Tony Lloyd</i>	<i>LINK Steering Group</i>
<i>Helen Raison</i>	<i>Consultant in Public Health (item 59-65)</i>
<i>Madeleine Shopland</i>	<i>Principal Democratic Services Officer</i>
<i>Dr Justin Wilson</i>	<i>Medical Director, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust</i>
<i>Dr Johan Zylstra</i>	<i>Finchampstead Surgery (item 70)</i>

PART I

59. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

60. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors UllaKarin Clark, Kay Gilder and Wayne Smith, Christine Holland LINK Steering Group, Karen Jackson, Head of Adult Social Care Statutory Functions, Sam Otorespec, Head of Joint Commissioning, NHS Berkshire West and Mike Wooldridge, Senior Manager Improvement and Performance.

61. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Kate Haines declared a personal interest in item 68 LINK Update as she had an ongoing complaint with the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Philip Houldsworth declared a personal interest in item 70 Cedar House and Finchampstead Surgeries – Proposed Merger as he was a patient of Cedar House Surgery.

62. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

63. MEMBER QUESTION TIME

There were no Member questions.

**64. MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING QUALITY DURING TRANSITION BERKSHIRE
PCT CLUSTER QUALITY HANDOVER DOCUMENT VERSION 3 JANUARY 2013**

Karen Hampton, Quality Improvement Lead (Acute) presented the Maintaining and Improving Quality during Transition Berkshire PCT Cluster Quality Handover Document Version 3 January 2013 to the Committee.

During the discussion of this item the following points were made:

- Members were reminded that the Primary Care Trust and Strategic Health Authority would cease operating from April 2013. The Quality Handover document provided an overview of healthcare services in Berkshire and set out for successor organisations the key risks, challenges, achievements and ambitions for quality and patient safety in

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Berkshire, in preparation for handover from the Berkshire PCT Cluster on 31 March 2013.

- The Committee noted that the Health Scrutiny committees of the other Berkshire authorities would also be considering the document. Members felt that an opportunity for joint scrutiny had been missed. Tim Holton suggested that improving joint scrutiny working be looked at further. He went on to suggest that a number of Members attend the West Berkshire Health Scrutiny Panel meeting on 19 March 2013 when the Panel was due to consider the transfer document, to hear the views of other scrutiny Members.
- Tony Lloyd indicated that the Wokingham LINK had received a satisfactory verbal presentation on the document.
- Members were asked whether there were any areas of the document that they felt required further clarification or anything that had been omitted. David Sleight stated that a glossary of terms would make the document easier to read.
- David Sleight asked why the estimated population in Berkshire West in 2008 (457,500) was lower than the current GP registered population (507,500). Helen Raison agreed to check the figures but also commented that GP registered populations were often higher than the estimated population of an area due to the flow of people from other areas, such as Bracknell and Reading. The GP registered population figures were more up to date than the estimated population figures.
- Members noted that not all the MP's for Berkshire had been listed in the document and asked that they be included.

RESOLVED That the Maintaining and Improving Quality during Transition Berkshire PCT Cluster Quality Handover Document Version 3 January 2013 be noted

65. PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION – PROGRESS REPORT

Helen Raison, Consultant Public Health provided Members with an update on the transition of the public health function to local authorities.

During the discussion of this item the following points were made:

- The Berkshire Transition Programme Board was winding down and would hand over responsibility to the Berkshire Public Health Partnership Board with effect from April 2013.
- The Committee were reminded that the model agreed had been for a Berkshire wide public health function with a team of dedicated public health staff located in each unitary authority. The six Berkshire unitaries would share some public health resource.
- Lise Llewellyn had been appointed as Strategic Director of Public Health for the whole of Berkshire. The Strategic Director of Public Health and a core team would be hosted in Bracknell Forest Council. Each unitary would also have a consultant and a local team. Helen Raison was currently acting as the consultant for Wokingham. Whilst recruitment to the public health posts had been successfully completed and public health staff had been appointed to the core team and to unitary authority teams there were some vacancies within most of the public health teams.
- The Government had announced the Public Health funding allocations to local authorities on 10 January. Wokingham had been allocated £3.8million for 2013/14 rising to £4.2million in 2014/15. £3.8million was considered sufficient to cover Wokingham's public health commitments. Tim Holton asked what the additional funding would be spent on in 2014/15. Helen Raison commented that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment would identify areas for potential new investment.