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MINUTES of a meeting of the **IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – HEALTH** held at County Hall, Matlock on 11 March 2019.

PRESENT

Councillor D Taylor (in the Chair)

Councillors D Allen, R Ashton, S Bambrick, S Blank, S Burfoot, A Fox, L Grooby and G Musson.

Also present were Mr James Henders (UHDB), Dr Chris Clayton, Ms H Dillistone, Ms Deborah Hayman and Ms Zara Jones (Derbyshire CCGs).

04/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – Health held on 4 February 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

05/19 **UPDATE ON MERGER OF UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF DERBY AND BURTON (UHDB)** Mr James Henders attended the meeting to provide an update to the Committee on the merger of the University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB). A number of questions were put by the Committee Members and it was noted that:

- In answer to a question on whether the merger had brought about any improvements to the capacity of the hospitals, it was considered too early to determine if this was the case, not least as this winter had been less severe than 2017/18. However, it was anticipated that the merger would lead to improved capacity at both hospitals.
- The merger has increased the size of the hospitals' organisation and this proved to be more attractive to medical staff. In the current climate where staff recruitment was a challenge nationally, the merger was helping the hospitals to attract and retain the medical staff required.
- The UHDB currently worked across 2 CCG areas in South Derbyshire and Staffordshire and it was noted that the UHDB merger placed value on the provision of community beds as part of local service provision. The Committee hoped that this would be considered more widely by the Derbyshire CCGs once they merged in to one CCG for the whole county.

RESOLVED that the update report on the merger of the University Hospitals Derby and Burton be noted.

06/19 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** A number of public questions had been submitted to the meeting. The Chairman referred to these, as set out in the Public Question Pack, and invited supplementary questions from those questioners in attendance at the meeting. Key issues arising were as follows:

- (a) The progress of planning permission for the NHS part of the new Derwent Street development that was to replace Babington Hospital in Belper. This was part of the work Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS) was undertaking to develop services at this site and information on progress would be sought from them.
- (b) The services currently provided at Babington Hospital that were outlined in the engagement document will form part of the new facility.
- (c) “vSPA” referred to the coordination of multiple voluntary sector services into one “Single Point of Access”.
- (d) The Committee’s review of the impact of the CCGs’ Financial Recovery Plan on service users was currently in the planning and research stage. It would be a rolling programme and a report on the review terms of reference and progress would be submitted to the meeting on 20 May.

RESOLVED that the questions and responses be noted.

07/19 **DERBYSHIRE CCG’s FINANCIAL RECOVERY PLAN FOR 2018-19** Following the meeting of the Committee on 4 February 2019, Dr Clayton and his team had been requested to attend this meeting to provide information on the CCGs’ Financial Recovery Plan for 2019/20.

Dr Clayton presented a report on the Derbyshire CCGs’ Financial Recovery Plan and an overview of the 2019/20 QIPP programme. A number of questions were asked by the Committee Members of Dr Clayton and his colleagues. Key points from the discussion were as follows:

- (a) For the financial year 2019/20, there was an in-year deficit of £98.5m. A Control Total of £29m has been outlined by NHS England resulting in a QIPP savings target of £69.5m.
- (b) The Medium Term Financial Plan predicted an in-year break even position in 2020/21 and an underlying surplus in 2022/23 (being achievable without the receipt of Commissioner Sustainability Funds).
- (c) It was noted that the medium term recovery plan had been extended from 3 years to 4 years up to 2022/23.
- (d) The merger of the CCGs was on target to be achieved by 1 April 2019 with the new management structure and operating system in place during quarter 1 of the new financial year.
- (e) The value of the use of community beds, highlighted in the presentation of the merger of UHDB, was raised. The Committee would continue to revisit this issue at forthcoming meetings to ensure that patients received the best care in the best place. Provider organisations will be asked to attend future Committee meetings, as appropriate, to contribute to this process.

- (f) In respect of Mental Health Services, “parity of esteem” referred to the fact that Mental Health Services are as important as Physical Health Services and should be given equal priority and resourced accordingly.
- (g) A large number of potential savings areas would be considered to help achieve the required saving target of £69.5m. Areas of work are at various stages of scoping and the planning is then captured in a Project Implementation Document (PID) which would take into account numerous factors including Quality Impact Assessments (QIA) and Equality Impact Assessments (EIA) and any engagement required with users of those services. The CCGs’ Officers and the Committee’s Improvement and Scrutiny Officer will continue to work closely together to facilitate the flow of information on areas of significant service re-development.
- (h) The CCGs undertook to provide details of the outcome of the savings achieved for 2018/19.
- (i) The CCGs had developed a new engagement model which it would share with the Committee.

It was noted that the Committee had, at this meeting, received details of the first layer of the challenge to achieve the savings target. The Committee would wish to receive details of the specific schemes chosen to go through to implementation as soon as possible. A special briefing session would be held for the Committee Members to help facilitate this.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) The Committee note the report on the Derbyshire CCGs Financial Recovery Plan for 2019/20 and that the Medium Term Financial Plan ran into a 4th year to 2022/23;
- (2) Details of those services selected to go through to Project Implementation Document (PID) stage would be referred to the Committee as part of the pre-engagement process, initially by a briefing session for Members; and
- (3) The Committee reserved its right to refer the changes to services resulting from the Derbyshire CCGs Financial Recovery Plans to the Secretary of State for Health.