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Minutes of the **MEETING of the ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** held via Via Zoom - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92326124304> on Thursday, 17th February, 2022 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor G Waller (Chair) Councillor P Ainsley Councillor W Cross Councillor R Powell Councillor L Toseland	
APOLOGIES:	Councillor K Bool Councillor J Fox Fiona Myers Mark Powell	Interim Director of Mental Health Services, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Deputy Chief Executive, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust
PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Councillor S Harvey	Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care
PRESENT:	Councillor D Wilby	Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services
OFFICERS PRESENT:	John Morley Vivienne Robbins Sandra Taylor Jane Narey	Strategic Director of Adults and Health Consultant in Public Health Health and Wellbeing Integration Lead Scrutiny Officer
IN ATTENDANCE:	Fay Bayliss Laura Norton Janet Underwood (Dr)	Deputy Director of Integration and Transformation, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland CCGs Head of Transformation and Integration Chair, Healthwatch Rutland

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES RECEIVED

Councillor Waller welcomed everyone to the meeting. She informed attendees that as Chair she would reorganise that evening's agenda as an Officer needed to attend another meeting later that evening. She also advised that she had received apologies from Lakeside Healthcare Stamford who could not attend the meeting due to an imminent CQC inspection. However, they had confirmed that they would be attending the next scrutiny committee meeting at the end of March.

Apologies were received from Councillor Bool, Councillor Fox, Mark Powell and Fiona Myers

2 RECORD OF MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2021 were approved as an accurate record.

ACTIONS

Action 1

Dr Janet Underwood requested that the last sentence under Item 8 in the previous minutes be amended to read: It was agreed that Janet would expand on the matter via email with John Morley but that she would not reveal specific details which could reveal identities etc and breach rules of Confidentiality

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed action completed.

Action 2

It was agreed that Viv Robbins would contact Councillor Waller with the data regarding item 2.4 Overview of Health – Children and why Rutland secondary school children were worse than the national average.

The Public Health Consultant confirmed action completed.

Action 3

Redacted correspondence with Lakeside Healthcare Stamford to be circulated with the minutes

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed action completed.

Action 4

Appointment of a new Vice Chair to be added to the agenda for the meeting after the budget meeting in January.

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed the item was on the agenda.

The minutes of the Special Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting held on the 26th January 2022 were approved as an accurate record. There were no actions from this meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Dr Underwood declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy as she was a member of the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board and also a registered patient at Oakham Medical Practice.

Councillors Cross and Powell declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10 as they were registered patients at Oakham Medical Practice.

4 ENHANCED PUBLIC HEALTH OFFER

Report No. 28/2022 was received from Viv Robbins, Consultant in Public Health. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The revised Public Health Team for Rutland was as follows:

1. Director of Public Health (0.2 whole time equivalent [WTE])
2. Consultant in Public Health (0.4WTE)
3. Strategic Leads for Rutland and Rutland Commissioning (1.8WTE)
4. Public Health Analyst (0.2WTE)
5. Additional support from within RCC including Sandra Taylor as the Health and Wellbeing Integration Lead.

- The Public Health Team had expanded through the Public Health Consultant, additional Strategic Lead and Health and Wellbeing Integration Lead posts.
- A clear strategic direction and future objectives were being worked on and these would link in with the development of the Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Rutland County Council would now receive 2 days per week of dedicated Public Health Consultant time and the capacity of the Strategic Leads had doubled.
- The Public Health Team was working closely with Adult Services to continue to provide an innovative and dynamic service to the community.
- Councillor Waller requested that more details be provided as to why people were not engaging with a healthy lifestyle and what the barriers the public were experiencing in trying to gain good health. These pieces of work would be picked up by the team through actions in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- **NOTED** the content of the paper and revised public health offer for Rutland.
- **PROVIDED** recommendations for priority public health areas to focus on over the next year.

5 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed that a deputation and a question submitted at short notice had been received.

Councillor Waller notified all attendees of the process regarding petitions, deputations and questions as detailed in Procedure Rule 28 of the Council's constitution.

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Mr Ramsay Ross joined the meeting at 7.19 p.m.

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Mr Ramsay Ross, on behalf of the Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium, addressed the Chair and the Committee with his deputation regarding the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Committee thanked Mr Ross for his important and interesting deputation.

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Mr Ramsay Ross left the meeting and Mr Andrew Nebel joined the meeting at 7.26 p.m.

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Mr Andrew Nebel, as Co-Chair of the Empingham Medical Centre Patient Participation Group and as a Ryhall Parish Councillor addressed the Chair and the Committee with his question regarding the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Mr Andrew Nebel left the meeting at 7.28 p.m.

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6 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

There were no questions with notice from members

7 NOTICES OF MOTION FROM MEMBERS

There were no notices of motion from members

8 CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A DECISIONS IN RELATION TO CALL IN OF A DECISION

There was no call in

9 ELECTION OF A NEW VICE CHAIR

- Following the appointment of Councillor Harvey to Cabinet and the promotion of Councillor Waller to Chair, the post of Vice Chair was now vacant.
- Councillor Waller requested nominations for the post of Vice Chair.
- Councillor Cross proposed Councillor Powell. This was seconded by Councillor Toseland.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- a) **APPOINTED** Councillor R Powell as the Vice-Chair of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee.

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The Deputy Director of Integration and Transformation left the meeting at 7.24 p.m.

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10 RUTLAND JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

Report No. 41/2022 was received from Councillor S Harvey, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care regarding the Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Place Based Delivery Plan). During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- The strategy is a complex document but an easy-read version would be produced for ease of reading by the public.
- The delivery plan was outlined in seven sections and these linked in with existing work streams/priorities in the Strategy.
- A matrix would be incorporated so that the delivery plan could be monitored on a regular basis.

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The Deputy Director of Integration and Transformation re-joined the meeting at 7.35 p.m.

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- It was confirmed that 4 non-executive directors had been appointed to the Integrated Care System (ICS) with David Sissling appointed as the independent chair of the ICS for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- Work was ongoing in defining the roles of the ICS and the ICB but one of the non-executive directors would be a member of RCC as the Rutland representative but no further details were currently available.
- Membership of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) was currently being defined but it would have significant representation from Rutland including lead members and directors.
- Active engagement was ongoing with all partners to ensure flexible cross border working, which was an important major factor to Rutland County Council.
- An initial outcomes report had been produced but not in time for discussion at this meeting. However, it would be reported to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board on the 22 February 2022 and it was agreed that the initial outcomes report would be published with the minutes of this meeting.

ACTION: Jane Narey

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The Head of Transformation and Integration joined the meeting at 7.38 p.m.

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- It was reported that Rutland Memorial Hospital (RMH), as a cottage hospital, was indispensable as the bigger hospitals must discharge patients as soon as possible so relied on cottage hospitals to be able to do this.
- It was confirmed that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was a separate piece of work to this strategy but that it would feed into the strategy following an update of census data, which was expected to be published within the next few months.
- Dr Underwood confirmed that Healthwatch Rutland, Leicester and Leicestershire had regular meetings with Andy Williams, Chief Executive, LLR CCGs and he had confirmed that each Healthwatch Chair would have a non-voting seat on the ICB and ICP.
- Councillor Waller requested that the sponsor report be six monthly instead of annually.

RESOLVED

That the Committee:

- **REVIEWED** and provided feedback on the draft Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan.

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The Head of Transformation and Integration, the Public Health Consultant and the Health and Wellbeing Integration Lead left the meeting at 8.18 p.m.

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11 PRIMARY CARE TASK & FINISH GROUP: PRELIMINARY REPORT

Report No. 29/2022 was received from Councillor Paul Ainsley, Chair of the Primary Care Task & Finish Group. During the discussion, the following points were noted:

- Over 900 responses were received as part of the patient survey which had been undertaken via leaflet distribution, face-to-face meetings and telephone conversations as well as online.
- The Task and Finish Group was still collating information for publication in the final report.
- The final report would detail recommendations and proposed actions for each committee before being presented to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board and Council.
- The feedback from patients differed between the various medical practices and had been very informative.
- The preliminary report had been distributed to the medical practices, the ICS and the LLR CCG.
- The Committee thanked the 900+ members of the public for completing the survey and giving a comprehensive view of the community feeling regarding accessing primary care services.
- Councillor Ainsley confirmed that no demographic information had been taken regarding the survey participants so no analysis could be done regarding how different age groups etc accessed the primary care services and no information had been gathered regarding the Winter Access Fund.

12 REVIEW OF THE FORWARD PLAN AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

- Councillor Harvey read out a written statement as follows:

Following on from the decision by 'My Dentist' to reduce the NHS list of two of their dentists, we have received correspondence from residents and Councillors regarding the ability to access NHS Dentistry in Rutland.

We were already aware of problems and this had been heard by the LLR Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in [November 2021](#)

Healthwatch Rutland are currently asking residents for their experience of accessing Dentistry. I ask that the survey is shared widely so we can gain the experience of as many residents as possible: [Healthwatch Dental Survey](#)

Please find below a detailed response from NHS England, Primary Care Dental Lead, who commission dentistry services in Rutland:

'At the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, NHS Dental Services were suspended in March 2020. Although face-to-face services have resumed, NHS dental practices are working at a much lower capacity, as they are following social distancing and hygiene rules as per the national guidelines set by Public Health England, to ensure the safety of both our clinical colleagues and patients. As a result, patients may experience a delay in accessing routine NHS appointments.

Practices are being asked to see all regular and non-regular patients (historically referred to as registered patients), where they can accommodate. There are limited routine appointments available as this is dependent on the capacity of each practice, following treating any urgent patients. This can mean that even patients who (before the pandemic) would regularly attend a dental practice, are currently only able to be seen in practice if they meet the criteria for safely accessing an urgent face to face

appointment. If a patient is deemed not urgent then they may wish to enquire about joining a local practice's waiting list for routine care.

There is no patient registration process for dental practices, therefore any patient can ring any practice at any time. For assistance with locating an NHS dental provider, patients can visit <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist> or can contact the NHS England Customer Contact Centre on 0300 311 22 33. We appreciate that some practices may be listed as not accepting new NHS patients, however, may still be able to help by providing urgent care, self-care advice and signposting to another relevant service if necessary.

If a patient requires urgent general dental care, they are advised to call a local NHS dental practice, where the clinician will then assess if the patient requires an urgent face to face appointment and will endeavour to accommodate by offering the next available urgent slot. If they are unable to offer an appointment suitable to their needs, but the patient requires intervention, the patient could be referred to an Urgent Dental Care (UDC) centre where they will be contacted to arrange a convenient appointment. A COVID-19 assessment for the patient will also be undertaken at this time to ensure that the patient attends the appropriate clinic requiring the relevant level of protection.'

It is worth reiterating the comments regarding registration for dentistry as patients are used to being 'registered' at their dentist. This changed a few years ago and as detailed above, a patient can contact any dentist. For emergency cases, our closest UDC is in Melton Mowbray.

- It was reported that the responsibility for dentistry services would be moving from the NHS to the ICS.
- Detailed dentistry data for Rutland was currently not available for analysis by the ICS.
- If anybody had any items they would like adding to the work plan for 2022/23 would they please contact Governance (governance@rutland.gov.uk)

13 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business

14 DATE AND PREVIEW OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 31st March 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom

Proposed Agenda Items

1. Lakeside Healthcare Stamford
2. Dentistry in Rutland: Update
3. Primary Care T&F Group: Final Report
4. Adult Services Performance Data and Risk Register – for information only
5. Public Health and CCG Performance Data – for information only

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

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1.	10	Initial outcomes report to be published with the minutes of this meeting.	Jane Narey
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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.27 pm.

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