

**Minutes of: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting:** 18th November 2009

**PRESENT:** Councillor Sandiford (Chair)  
Councillors Crawforth, Dickinson, Evans (substitute for Milling), Farrington, Forshaw, Lamb, Morris, Neal, Stansfield, H Steen

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Cheetham  
Councillor Graham

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Melanie Catleugh, Consultant in Dental Public Health  
Sharon Young, PCT Commission Manager  
Trish Ellins, Community Safety Manager  
Sion Hall, Acting Chief Inspector for Lancashire Police  
Andrew Cass, Lancashire Probation Service  
Meg Davey, Business Manager, Rehabilitation, Stroke and Older People  
Dave Kirkham, East Lancashire Health Trust,  
Carolyn Sharples, Acting Committee and Member Services Manager  
Michelle Hargreaves, Committee Officer

**ALSO PRESENT:** 4 Members of the public

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Barnes, Milling, C Pilling, Thorne and Bernard Divine, Co-opted Member.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lamb declared a personal interest as she was a Member of the Crime and Disorder Partnership.

**3. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items for discussion.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions raised under this item.

## **5. CHAIRS UPDATE**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed Members that the training session with the IDeA had been booked for the 25<sup>th</sup> January at Hardmans Mill at 6.30pm.

The Chair welcomed Melanie Catleugh, Consultant in Dental Public Health, Sharon Young, PCT Commissioning Manager, Trish Ellins, Community Safety Manager, Sion Hall, Acting Chief Inspector of Lancashire Police, Andrew Cass from the Lancashire Probation Trust and Meg Davey from the East Lancashire Health Trust to the Committee.

## **6. PRESENTATION ON THE CONSULTANT IN DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councillor Cheetham introduced the item on Dental Health as Chair of the Dental Health Task and Finish group. Councillor Cheetham invited Ms Melanie Catleugh and Ms Sharon Young to give their responses to the recommendations.

Ms Young and Ms Catleugh clarified the current provision of Dental Care in Rossendale:

- There are 7 practices in Rossendale
- 4 provide NHS dental services to all patients
- 3 provide NHS dental services to children only

An assessment had been conducted as part of the National Dental Access Program and sites had been highlighted where:

- Demand is high
- An oral health need exists
- Access distance is long
- Choice is limited
- There are comparative service provision inequalities

As a result of the points made above, there were provisional plans to set up a multi surgery practice in Haslingden and also there were plans to expand services in Stacksteads, which would then also cover Waterfoot and Bacup. This development would accommodate the capacity for a further 10,000 patients.

Sign posting packs for a variety of services had been sent to different locations including pharmacies, GP Practices and Optometrists and a contact number was available for patients in these packs.

Ms Catleugh informed the committee that incentives were in place to try and maintain dentists within Rossendale. UCLAN had a Dentistry Course

to cater for 32 students in the first year, in the second year; the group were split into 4 groups of 8 students and these were based at Oak House in Preston. In the final year, students would be allocated places in local practices, which would hopefully encourage new dentists to stay within Lancashire.

Ms Catleugh discussed figures produced by a survey regarding children's dental health and compared these to national statistics.

Six local schools were involved in a dental health scheme where children are provided with a toothbrush and toothpaste, these are:

- Peel Side Nursery, Haslingden
- St James CP, Haslingden
- St Josephs, Stacksteads
- St Mary's, Haslingden
- St Mary's years 1,2 and 3, Bacup
- Waterfoot Primary, Waterfoot.

A question was raised about the selection criteria for the schools and in response to this Ms Catleugh confirmed they were chosen based on the wards with the worst dental caries.

Members raised and discussed issues on the following:

- Space allocation
- Equality of provision of services between Boroughs
- Parents/Guardians responding to letters on behalf of their child
- The length of service dentists are required to complete.

That Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee welcomed the strategies for safeguarding children. Children who are not linked to any form of dental care need looking into.

**Resolved:**

The presentation was noted and the provision of extra dental facilities would be welcomed.

**7. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE LANCASHIRE PROBATION TRUST AND CRIME AND DISORDER PARTNERSHIP**

The Chair welcomed Mr Andrew Cass, from Lancashire Probation Trust who gave a presentation outlining who the Probation Trust are, what they do and how they do it.

Mr Cass outlined the aims of the 'Hidden Heroes' and how the scheme helps and supports offenders by putting them back in to the community in a scheme called 'Community Payback'.

The 'Community Payback' involves the following:

- 40-300 hour orders
- deterrent to re-offending
- Promotes community safety and makes good on harm
- Residents of Lancashire can nominate a community project at [www.lancashireprobation.co.uk](http://www.lancashireprobation.co.uk)

Offenders are fully assessed to ensure the correct sentence is issued; sentences under 12 months were not monitored by the probation officer. Mr Cass explained offenders could be put in any area of work and regular and constructive work is encouraged to enforce positive behaviour.

Mr Cass highlighted the importance of victim support and outlined how the scheme incorporates this to its offenders. There have been 630 offenders complete a behaviour modification programme every year in Lancashire, 1500 offenders have been provided with basic skills each year and 800 have been successful in employment.

A member of the public asked about the after care when offenders are released, are there financial provisions, schedule of work, routine for these people to follow.

Mr Cass clarified a procedure is set in place, one month before release a report is compiled where offenders (if deemed appropriate) can be requested to be tagged, take a drug test etc. If an offender was to re-offend, they can be recalled back to custody. Home visits are conducted once a week for 16 weeks and then once a month thereafter.

Members raised the following questions to which Mr Cass or Ms Ellins responded:

- Employment for offenders that are not successful with work placements.
- What 'the public' class as Community Payback.
- Notifying the public of success stories.
- The cost spent on community work and management enforcement.
- Clarification of who the 'Heroes' are.
- Domestic violence and incorporating conflict resolution training.

**Resolved:**

The presentation was noted. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee requested Ms Ellins to investigate if Community Payback would be feasible within Rossendale and to briefly update members at the next Overview and Scrutiny Management meeting.

The Chair introduced Ms Trish Ellins to present the second part of the presentation about Community Safety Partnership.

Ms Ellins gave a brief overview of the purpose for the Community and Safety Partnership and explained the performance targets to the committee. An outline of the full membership was explained and also how the Partnership was funded.

The Acting Chief Inspector of Lancashire Police also spoke about the partnership.

Members raised the following issues to which the officers responded:

- Ensuring members of the public are reporting crimes
- Ensuring the Council is working closely with the Police
- Getting information to private housing
- Handing out information leaflets at time of election
- Speeding in local areas

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee requested getting a message to the public informing them crime is reducing. Ensuring support is provided and extending the scheme to help vulnerable people. The Committee supported initiatives on increasing road safety. It was agreed that the Lancashire Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) would attend the next meeting in 12 months.

**Resolved:**

The presentation was noted.

**9. PRESENTATION FROM EAST LANCASHIRE HEALTH TRUST ON THE PROPOSED NEW SERVICE MODEL FOR ROSSENDALE REHABILITATION DAY UNIT**

The Chair introduced Ms Meg Davey to present this item.

Ms Davey outlined the current provision of the rehabilitation units available to Rossendale which were Rossendale Hospital Rehabilitation Day Unit (RDU) and Pendle Community Hospital RDU. The services that each unit provides were also outlined.

A proposal of centralising the rehab unit at Pendle was suggested to members and the initial consultation would be based there. An 'out reach' service would be provided to patients in Rossendale which would involve home visits.

Members raised the following issues to which Ms Davey responded:

- Amount of incidents/falls in Rossendale

- What services will remain in Rossendale
- Travelling effects on patients

**Resolved:**

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee strongly disagreed with the proposals outlined in the presentation and required to know why only 2 months ago the rehabilitation unit was to be re-housed in the health hub in Rawtenstall. The Committee are eager to safeguard jobs in Rossendale and welcome patients from Pendle to attend rehabilitation services in Rossendale.

**10. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT**

The Chair informed the Committee that the LAA Task Group Update would be circulated

**Resolved:**

That the update be noted.

**The meeting commenced at 6.30pm and closed at 9.30pm**

**Signed .....** (Chair)

**Date.....**