

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson (Chairman); G Garrity; A Jacob; A Mossop; A Norwood and J Park.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Cole; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs A Faichney; J Kane; M McVeigh and P Tyson.

Also Present: Councillor H Branney.

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; P Robson, Interim Accountancy Services Manager and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

CYPHC 01/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to the addition of Councillor H Branney as an attendee.

CYPHC 02/08 Closer to Home: Response to Copeland Borough Council

The Committee received an update from Peter Clarke of the Cumbria NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) on the response to Copeland Borough Council's comments on the Closer to Home consultation.

During discussion of this item, Members expressed their continued concern regarding the future of the Stroke Unit in West Cumbria. Members challenged the statement that stroke numbers were continuing to fall and also requested clarification regarding support for stroke victims beyond 72 hours. Mr Clarke agreed to supply the supporting data and provide clarification.

Members were advised that the lead GP for Copeland was Dr Dave Rogers, who would be happy to update the committee regarding the perspective of the GP community in the area. The Committee noted that the PCT intended to provide a Closer to Home update in September 2008 and six monthly thereafter.

Overall, Members were disappointed with the document from the Primary Care Trust and stated that there was nothing new and nothing definite contained within.

Members requested that the North Cumbria Acute Health Trust be invited to a future meeting of this Committee. Members also requested that Locality Commissioning Public Engagement Team also be invited to a future meeting, after an initial meeting with a smaller number of Members including the Portfolio Holder.

AGREED – that

- a) the North Cumbria Acute Health Trust be invited to a future meeting of this Committee and to include Dr Dave Rogers;
- b) Locality Commissioning Public Engagement Team be invited to a future meeting.

CYPHC 03/08 Consultation on Improving Mental Health Services in Cumbria

Members discussed how the Committee wished to participate in the Public Consultation by Cumbria Primary Care Trust (PCT) on Improvements to Mental Health Service for Adults.

It was noted that a public meeting was to be held by the PCT in Whitehaven Civic Hall on 21 July 2008.

Members felt they would benefit from a presentation at its next meeting and requested the Scrutiny Support Officer to arrange.

AGREED – that the Scrutiny Support Officer be requested to arrange a presentation to Members on Improvements to Mental Health Service for Adults in Cumbria, at its next meeting.

CYPHC 04/08 Work Plan

Members considered items for inclusion in the 2008/09 Work Plan.

During discussion of this item, it was suggested that regarding Dental Treatment, the Scrutiny Support Officer liaise with Cumbria County Council, that 'Youth Provision in Copeland' be linked with the 'Youth Council and engaging in the Council's decision making process' which was carried over from last year's Work Plan.

The Interim Accountancy Services Manager provided a brief update on Concessionary Travel. It was stated that there was concern in the district

regarding billing. A report on this would be brought back to this committee's next meeting.

AGREED – that the Scrutiny Support Officer update the Work Plan for 2008/09 and where appropriate establish Task and Finish Groups

The Meeting Closed at 4:40pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....