



CHELTENHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of a meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 17 January 2022
6.00 pm
Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership	
Councillors:	Chris Mason (Chair), Alex Hegenbarth (Vice-Chair), Dilys Barrell, Nigel Britter, Wendy Flynn, Alisha Lewis, Emma Nelson, John Payne, Julie Sankey and Jo Stafford

The Council has a substitution process and any substitutions will be announced at the meeting

Agenda

11.	7.30 pm	FEEDBACK FROM OTHER SCRUTINY MEETINGS ATTENDED Gloucestershire Health O&S Committee (30 th November 2021 and 11 th January 2022) – updates from Councillor Barrell	(Pages 3 - 6)

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Report to O and S from HOSC Meeting 30th November, 2021

Full recordings of this meeting, and previous ones, are available and can be found in the “Online meetings” section of the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) website. The link for this meeting is <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings-archive/november-2021-online-meetings/health-overview-scrutiny-committee-tuesday-30-november-2021-1100-am/>

Minutes of the meeting and the public information pack which includes the power point presentations can also be found on the GCC website. Do look at these for more detailed information.

There was one Scrutiny Item: Mental Health Service Briefing

Councillors were told that the demand for mental health services has been increasing and is far outstripping the ability to deliver these services. There has been a particular increase in the requests for children’s services. It has been necessary for the Trust to adapt by finding new ways of working. These include remote access diagnosis and treatment as well as some face to face appointments. The national limited allocation of resources has resulted in increased financial stress as well as stress on the workforce.

Covid related absences are an issue. New roles are being trialled and there is huge emphasis on recruitment, retention, staff health and well-being, flexible working and support. In the longer term the Trust is aiming to develop new community models. The GCC “Your Circle” website is a useful tool which provides information about adult social care, advice and support, along with information about local groups and societies. The link is yourcircle@gloucestershire.gov.uk Councillors were urged to listen to those who need help.

(There will be a remote access briefing on Children’s Mental Health services on 24th January, 2022.)

There were three information items: NHS Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report (GCCG)

An update was given on ambulance response times. This is a national issue and is a “system failure” rather than being the failure of just one part of the system. Officers and councillors are working to strengthen communication channels between HOSC and the South West Ambulance Services Trust (SWAST) Key matters about the report can be found in the HOSC minutes.

One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Report (ICS)

There are changes planned in the ICS. Following Guidance released in August 2021 an Integrated Care Board is to be established. The Board will work towards bringing together healthcare, social care, public Health and wider partners. The government has a target date of July 1st 2022 for the statutory arrangements for the ICB to take effect.

NHS GCCG Clinical Chair and Accountable Officers Report

See the information in the HOSC minutes.

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Report to O and S from GCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting 11th January, 2022

Full recordings of these meetings are available and can be found in the “Online meetings” section of the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) website. According to the website a full recording of this 11th January meeting will be available from 25th January, 2022.

The public information pack which includes the power point presentations is available now and can be found on the GCC website. The minutes will be available soon. These will give you much more detailed information.

There were three Scrutiny Items: Primary Care

As with all areas of the NHS Primary Care has been working under enormous pressure recently. GPs in the county have been mobilising and running vaccination centres with success. The number of GP appointments in the period June-November 2021 went up 11.3% (100,442) compared with the same period in 2019. Face to face appointments are available if clinically appropriate.

There are challenges with staff burnout, sickness and vacancies, and at times staff feeling unsupported. Locally GP numbers are deteriorating. Investment is being made in buildings, and good training practices – it is hoped more GPs will be attracted to work in the county particularly in some more deprived areas. Councils can help recruitment by promoting Gloucestershire as a great place to live and work.

One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Update

Here in Gloucestershire the Integrated Care System (ICS) came into being in 2018 and is known as the One Gloucestershire Partnership. The Health and Care Bill at present going through parliament will formalise arrangements and enable the ICS partners to work even more closely together to plan, provide and improve/join up support and care and will collaborate further on improving health and promoting prevention and earlier intervention. An Integrated Care Board will be formed and the county council will be a part of this. 1st July, 2022 is the target date.

To support the development of priorities they are asking people three questions including “What are the top three things they think we could do to improve health and wellbeing in our county?” Get Involved in Gloucestershire is an online space where anyone can share their views, experiences and ideas to help inform and influence the decisions local health and care organisations make. The website is <https://getinvolved.glos.nhs.uk/>

Temporary Service Change – Hyper Acute Stroke Services Unit to move to Cheltenham

When paramedics see stroke symptoms they will be able to access specialist advice on the phone and if agreed the patient will be admitted to the Unit in Cheltenham 24/7.

There were two information items: (see information pack, recording and minutes for information)

NHS Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report (GCCG)

I asked a question regarding a television report about the Eating Disorder Services in the county. I was told that this service is facing the second highest demand in the country and measures are in place to deal with challenges. Please see the web recording (about two hours into the meeting) for fuller information.

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