

## **Update from Councillor Clucas**

### **Health and care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Since the last meeting of O&S there has been only one planning meeting of HSOSC. The items below are updates on the work of the committee and of the district representative.

Following the election a new Chair of the Committee has been appointed. Cllr Ian Dobie, chaired his first planning meeting earlier this month. A number of councillors from other authorities have stepped down and been replaced, or are in the process of being confirmed by the districts.

(Updates)

TIA

Following concerns that I raised in relation to TIA treatment statistics presented to a previous committee meeting, there is to be a 'walk through' with the TIA clinicians of the stroke/TIA pathway at GRH. I will be submitting questions beforehand and if committee members would like me to ask a question on their behalf, I am happy to do so. The date for the walk through is 31st July. Questions will be sent through a couple of weeks in advance of that date.

Social Care

I have raised the issue of home based short term care for those who already have a carer - for example if the carer is taken ill. Information was patchy, inconsistent and difficult to obtain. This has now been taken forward and will be the focus of attention by the Commissioning Director DASS as it is likely to affect many in Cheltenham and in the county more widely.

Mental Health

There is to be a focus on mental health issues and young people in our early autumn meeting. The suicide rate for the county - which is high - will also be looked at, with a view to improving the preventative help available.

CQC

The CQC has asked for those who use the Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust hospital services to contact them with their views of service provision. An inspection is to begin on 22nd June and Sir Mike Richards, Chief Inspector of Hospitals, is keen to hear from members of the public.

Monitor

An investigation into waiting times at the Acute Hospitals is to be conducted by Monitor. No date for this has been announced.

### **Economic Development Scrutiny Committee**

There has been no meeting as district members had not been appointed in time for the scheduled meeting, which was therefore cancelled.