

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – UPDATE TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD, 3 MAY 2017

The Sub-Committee, following a suggestion by the former Interim Director of Public Health, has been scrutinising in some detail the performance of the Public Health service. Members were taken through the service's own dashboard whereby key indicators used by the service were explained and performance discussed.

NHS officers have also explained the current position with the renegotiation of the Personal Medical Services contract used by a number of GPs in Havering. This tied in with several reports on local GP practices presented to the Sub-Committee recently by Healthwatch Havering who continue to enjoy a productive working relationship with the Sub-Committee.

The Council's Director of Adult Social Care and the Chief Operating Officer for Havering Clinical Commissioning Group also attended a recent Sub-Committee meeting in order to discuss latest developments around the work of the Integrated Care Partnership and in particular the development of three locality areas for Havering whereby health and social care services could be delivered in a different way for the benefit of local residents.

Councillors Alexander, Patel and White also represented Havering at the recent meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Outer North East London. At this meeting, progress with securing a new provider for the NHS 111 service across the region was scrutinised, as was the outcome of the recent inspection of the local Hospitals' Trust by the Care Quality Commission. Whilst both Members and health officers accepted that a considerable amount of work remained to be undertaken, the Joint Committee congratulated the BHRUT Trust on having improved its performance sufficiently to have now been removed from the Special Measures process.

Finally, the Committee scrutinised proposals from the local CCGs to stop certain services due to financial pressures. These included the prescription of over the counter products such as gluten free food and amending the criteria for the provision of IVF and bariatric surgery for weight loss. The consultation on these proposals is presently ongoing.