

## **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Scrutiny (East Staffordshire Health) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room at the Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

### **Present:**

Councillors S Smith (Chairman), Mrs R Carlton, R J Clarke, Mrs J A Killoran, Mrs S McGarry, Mrs S McKiernan, Mrs L Shelton and County Councillor C Wileman.

### **Also Present:**

East Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (ESCCG):  
Mr Tony Bruce (Accountable Officer), Dr Chris Gunstone (Clinical Lead for Improving Lives), Emily Davies (Commissioning Programme Manager), Dr Vivienne McVey (Commercial Director and GP for Virgin Care) and Anita Andrews (Director of Operations).

### **Officers Present:**

The Open Spaces Manager (Michael Hovers)

#### 11/15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

#### 12/15 **MINUTES**

##### **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### 13/15 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business brought to the committee pursuant to Rule 12.

#### 14/15 **EAST STAFFORDSHIRE CCG - IMPROVING LIVES**

Members received an update from representatives from the CCG on Improving Lives. A copy of the presentation, "Improving Lives: the story so far" booklet and the Improving Lives Update press release dated 5 Aug 2015 were circulated at the meeting and are attached to these minutes.

Members noted the reasons for the Improving Lives programme and in particular that the outcomes were poor and costs for care were high and that commissioning was not aligned to the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The contract involved Virgin Care being the prime contractor, with a 7 year contract (total cost of £270m), which was outcomes and standards-based. Virgin Care's role was described as "a like minded and trusted partner who would deliver the CCG's vision with them". Virgin Care shared the CCG's priorities to: improve the experience that patients and their carers have; Reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital; integrate services; embrace different approaches and providers and engage the public in the shape of the services.

Since Virgin Care had been awarded the contract earlier in 2015 a Joint Mobilisation Board had been established, along with continued engagement and in particular with sub contractor negotiations; voluntary sector meetings; public meetings; community events and Citizens' Panel discussion. Virgin Care's priorities included:

1. Improve the experience that patients and their carers have;
2. Reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital;
3. Integrate services;
4. Embrace different approaches and providers;
5. Engage the public in the shape of the services.

While primary care services were not within the scope of this contract, GPs would continue to be engaged over coming months to ensure that they were closely aligned and involved in this programme. Virgin Care would talk to other local groups interested in supporting the Improving Lives programme, they would continue to listen to patients and staff and to learn what worked well and to incorporate all of this in their plans for the service.

The CCG advised that from April 2016, Virgin Care would manage the Improving Lives programme and would be responsible for all of the partners locally to arrange for services within the Improving Lives programme to be delivered. It was agreed to invite Virgin Care and the CCG to a future meeting prior to the launch of the Improving Lives programme in April 2016.

#### 15/15 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions received prior to the meeting for answer by the Leader, Deputy Leader or Officer of the Council.

**Chairman**