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**Health in Dacorum
Agenda**

Tuesday 3 September 2019 at 7.30 pm

Conference Room 2 - The Forum

Scrutiny making a positive difference: Member led and independent, Overview & Scrutiny Committee promote service improvements, influence policy development & hold Executive to account for the benefit of the Community of Dacorum.

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Beauchamp	Councillor Guest (Chairman)
Councillor Bhinder (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Hollinghurst
Councillor Bowden	Councillor Johnson
Councillor Durrant	Councillor Maddern
Councillor England	Councillor Sinha

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Agenda Item 7

Report from Hertfordshire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for the Health in Dacorum Committee Meeting of 3rd September 2019

A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee (HSC) was held on 11th July 2019.

The Committee considered the proposed move of Moorfields Eye Hospital site from City Road in Islington to a new centre, bringing together excellent eye care, research and world leading ophthalmology education on the site of St. Pancras hospital just north of St. Pancras and Kings Cross stations in London. The current estate dates from the 1890s, creating impractical and uncomfortable conditions.

The proposed move does not include changes to Moorfields services at its 30 other sites.

Moorfields provides specialised services for patients from all over the UK. The interest that Hertfordshire clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) hold significant contracts with Moorfields and services at City Road are also commissioned by NHS England specialised commissioning.

An independent travel analysis was carried out, showing that less than 1.5% of patients would have travel times increased by more than 20 minutes.

The consultation runs from 24.05.19-16.09.19.

There was an update on the West Herts. Hospitals Trust estate. The Strategic Outline Case (SOC) has been published on the websites of the trust and Herts. Valleys CCG. The Committee felt that it needed to look at this in depth so decided to set up a topic group, which would meet in September 2019.

The Herts. & West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP), like other NHS organisations had to set a control total in respect of its financial outturn for the year, taking into account its underlying financial position and recent financial performance. The combined control total of the Herts. & West Essex STP for 2019/20 is a deficit of £25.8 million.

The Committee looked at a review of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, a standalone facility run by East & North Herts NHS Trust but situated in north Middlesex and run by Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. 60% of its patients come from Herts and Beds. As well as aging buildings there are limited support services on site, with no high dependency or intensive care beds so patients who become very ill are sent by emergency ambulance to Watford General Hospital. Options are being developed for the Mount Vernon centre.

C/Cllr Fiona Guest

Hertfordshire County Council Adult Care Services Report for the Health in Dacorum Meeting of 3rd September 2019

A meeting of Herts. County Council's (HCC's) Adult Care and Health Panel was held on 6th June 2019.

The Panel discussed the Action Plan that resulted from the Local Government Association Peer Review. The updated Action Plan shows good progress against areas identified in the peer review. There is a strong evidence base to the progress made.

The Adult Social Care Performance Monitor for Quarter 4 of 2018/19 was considered. The downward trend in the number of delayed transfers of care due to social care reasons has continued, but the highest percentage (43%) occurred at West Herts. Hospitals Trust (WHHT).

There was an update on domestic abuse, after the Government launched the Domestic Abuse Bill in January 2019. In Hertfordshire the Domestic Abuse Partnership led by ACS Strategic Partnerships Team (SPT) is evaluating the potential impact of the Bill whilst awaiting the national Act. This will contribute to the Hertfordshire Strategy and therefore services to support those affected by domestic abuse.

The SPT is also evaluating the success of the current Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategy 2016-19, identifying gaps and determining the next steps.

HCC's financial outlook was considered. It was recognised that there are significant funding challenges with how demand for HCC services is greater than the funding available to pay for them, and there is uncertainty with future funding levels. The increasing challenge of meeting the rising demand and costs of services is particularly true for social care services which serve a growing and ageing population, and people with more complex needs are living longer.

Therefore HCC agreed that Chief Officers be commissioned to work with Executive Members and their Cabinet Panels to develop options at the earliest possible opportunity for the delivery of substantial additional savings. The annual refresh of HCC's Integrated Plan commenced in May 2019.

C/Cllr Fiona Guest