

MINUTES

HEALTH SCRUTINY IN DACORUM

7 DECEMBER 2016

Present:

Members:

Cllr Guest (Chairman), Cllr Maddern, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Timmis and Cllr W Wyatt-Lowe.

Outside Representatives:

Cameron Ward	NHS Herts Valleys CCG Interim Accountable Officer
David Evans	NHS Herts Valleys CCG Programme Director.
Edie Glatter	Dacorum Patients Group

DBC Officers: J Doyle, Group Manager, Democratic Services

Also attended: Councillor Ritchie.

The meeting began at 7.30pm

234 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 7 November 2016 were confirmed by the members present but were not signed by the chairman as the printed copy was not legible. She agreed to sign a legible copy at the next meeting.

235 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Cllr Brown, Cllr Hicks, Betty Harris, Dr Fernandes, and Tony Gallagher.

236 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

237 **MATTERS ARISING**

All of the matters arising were included in the agenda and formed part of the discussion during the meeting.

238 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kevin Minier and Gordon Yearwood of the Dacorum Patients Group put to the committee the DPG's concerns regarding recent reductions in service and the future of acute care in Dacorum.

239 **WARD ISSUES FROM OTHER COUNCILLORS**

The councillors present relayed their thoughts and experiences to the committee and discussed the Gossoms End issue, raised by Cllr Ritchie, with the representatives of the Clinical commissioning Group, who responded with their views as Health professionals' of current health provision in Herts.

240 **HERTS VALLEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE INCLUDING WEST HERTS STRATEGIC REVIEW OF HEALTH UPDATE**

The representatives from NHS Herts Valleys CCG gave the committee an update on current initiatives being considered for health care in Herts and shared their views on future developments for future provision of the services: including the future of the Watford Hospital Site; Care in the Community and the campaigns and initiatives being introduced to improve health across the county.

Cllrs Guest, Taylor, Maddern and Timmis again reinforced their view that health provision in Dacorum is reducing and is not adequate to the needs of the community. They stressed that the Borough Council has agreed to be more proactive in supporting the need for a hospital in Hemel Hempstead or on a green field site and would press this view with NHS England.

They re-iterated the view expressed at the last meeting that Dacorum Borough Council shows its proactive support of maintaining a hospital presence in West Herts in general and Dacorum in particular in the most appropriate location to give the people of Dacorum the best possible care.

241 **WEST HERTS HOSPITAL TRUST CQC INSPECTION REPORT UPDATE**

Deferred - awaiting consideration of the report.

242 **HEALTH LOCALISM/HEALTH WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE**

Deferred.

243 **HERTS COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY UPDATE**

The committee considered the report from Cllr Maddern on the HCC Health Scrutiny Meeting held on 8th November 2016.

244 **HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**
2016/2017

The work programme for the committee was considered.

245 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting is on 1 March 2017.

The meeting ended 8.44 pm