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**SOUTH WEST LONDON & SURREY JHSC SUB-COMMITTEE - IMPROVING
HEALTHCARE TOGETHER 2020-2030**

30 April 2019 at 10.30 am

MEMBERS: Councillor Colin Stears (Chair), and Councillors Zully Grant-Duff and Peter McCabe

32. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair, Councillor Colin Stears, welcomed those present.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Colin Stears declared his wife works for the Epsom and St Helier Trust.

35. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019 be agreed as an accurate record.

36. IMPROVING HEALTHCARE TOGETHER PROGRAMME UPDATE

Andrew Demitriades, Programme Director, Improving Health Care Together presented the report.

The Programme Director provided reassurance that consideration of the impacts that the changes to services might have on the provider impact assessment work were completed using like for like comparisons. All information was made available to providers in order that they were able to report the position at present and as it may be in the future as accurately as possible. Providers have reported impacts over a range of areas including capital, income and estates. Any assumptions in the programme are being shared with all providers,

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and the programme team have checked the consistency in reporting by providers. Each provider's Board will review all impacts at their May/June meetings.

The Programme Director confirmed there was a process to ensure stakeholders are provided with all relevant information.

In discussion members suggested the timelines provided for the programme are vague, with dates such as 'late summer' mentioned and that more certainty of the timeline and detail of the consultation plan would be helpful. The Programme Director reassured the Committee that the timetable is clear and is led by providers. Matthew Tait, Joint Accountable Officer, Surrey Heartlands Health and Care acknowledged that detail of the consultation plan should be provided and that capital remains one of the biggest uncertainties. He then explained he felt there was a clear programme in place although uncertainties remain within the programme. The programme has been developed so that national NHS long terms plans are integrated within it.

Members asked for reassurance that there would be sufficient time period to allow people to be made aware of the consultation. The programme team confirmed the consultation would be over a 12 week period within a 20 week window between September 2019 and January 2020.

The Programme Director referred to regulator oversight which would take place at the National Oversight Committee, NHS England and NHS Improvement. Members asked which options would be presented to the National Oversight Committee, the Programme Director explained that the arguments for each option would be reported, balancing clinical and financial issues although a preference may be set out within the options.

Members asked that the Programme team made a single page diagram explaining the programme available including timelines and information about data collected as part of the Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). This should then be made available on the website as it would support the public's understanding and ability to engage with the programme.

The Programme Director outlined the arrangements for establishing a Consultation Oversight Group (COG) working to the Stakeholder Reference Group. Terms of Reference had been agreed and it is anticipated that the COG will go live next month.

37. CONSULTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Consultation plan update was considered within discussions on agenda item 5 - Improving Health Care Together update.

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38. STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP (SRG) UPDATE

David Williams, Independent Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group and Chair of Sutton Health Watch presented the report.

Members asked about the choice of locations of the venues used, and suggested that venues in the east of the borough Merton would have been more appropriate given the higher levels of deprivation and proximity to St Helier hospital. It was noted there had been a rotation of locations and times of meetings, although there had been some limitations due to the availability of suitable venues. The Independent Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group and Chair of Sutton Health Watch agreed he would contact Officers and Councillors from Merton Council who may be able to offer support and advice about location of appropriate venues in the future.

Following an information request from the public gallery it was agreed that the use of a form of non disclosure agreement requested from attendees of the stakeholder meetings would be looked into by Officers and the resulting conclusions added as an addendum to the minutes of this meeting.

Information about the programme has been provided to over 100 stakeholders but active participation involved a smaller number which was disappointing. Information continues to be provided to all including those who have not attended stakeholder events.

The engagement programme will continue to develop as the programme moves to the period of formal consultation.

Members thanked the Independent Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group and Chair of Sutton Health Watch for the work completed.

39. INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IIA) - EMERGING FINDINGS

Brian Niven, Technical Principal, Mott Macdonald presented the report.

The Technical Principal explained there is more engagement work to be completed, and this will include staff at the Epsom and St Helier Trust.

Transport and mitigations to transport have been a part of this work, including blue light ambulance and patient transport. In discussion members noted that costs and complexity of journey is a key theme in this work, and consideration to how these could be mitigated.

The Technical Principal explained the work had focussed on the options as they stand, but that there would be the possibility of reviewing the data if they were asked to, if only one or two options were considered.

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Members asked about the selection of the ward areas for the stakeholder groups, noting that in the borough of Merton, areas included had been Pollards Hill and Colliers Wood, suggesting that these areas are not the parts of the borough which would be most affected by changes. Members suggested that in the Borough of Merton the wards St Helier, Ravensbury and Lower Morden would be those most affected by changes and that these areas should be included in assessments. It was requested by Members that information is reported from those areas. The Technical Principal explained that the wards included were chosen as they showed the communities with the highest levels of deprivation within the area. It was noted there is some crossover between the groups included in the analysis. The Technical Principal stated that analysis of this data at ward level would be provided to the Scrutiny Officers.

The Programme Director confirmed that further focus groups can be developed.

The Programme team agreed that they would add the membership of any groups referred to in reports in the future, and reported that Dr Simon Williams had been appointed as the Independent Chair of the Travel and Access group.

40. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

41. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

The meeting ended at 12.15 pm

Chair:

Date: