

Minutes of the Council of Governors Meeting held at 4.00pm on Monday, 20 November 2017
at Merley House, Merley, Wimborne BH21 3AA,

Present:	Andy Willis	Chair
	Jan Owens	Lead Governor, Public Governor (DRoEW)
	Paul Boseley	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Scottie Gregory	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Sue Howshall	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Alison Fisher	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Joy Ford	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Jack Welch	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Judith Adda	Public Governor (Bournemouth)
	Terry Purnell	Public Governor (Bournemouth)
	Scott Porter	Public Governor (Poole)
	Anna Webb	Public Governor (Poole)
	Becky Aldridge	Partner Governor (Service User Group)
	Steve Cole	Partner Governor (League of Friends)
	Jill Haynes	Partner Governor (Dorset County Council)
	Vishal Gupta	Local Government (Poole Council)
	Stephen Churchill	Staff Governor
	Pat Cooper	Staff Governor
	Peter Kelsall	Staff Governor
	Karen Loftus	Staff Governor
In Attendance:	John Carvel	Non-Executive Director
	Belinda Phipps	Non-Executive Director
	Ron Shields	Chief Executive
	Colette Priscott	Director of Human Resources
	Eugene Yafele	Chief Operating Officer
	Keith Eales	Trust Secretary
	Jacqueline Stratford	PA to the Chair
Apologies:	Bobbie Dove	Local Government (Bournemouth Council)
	Kenneth Lavery	Public Governor (Dorset RoEW)
	Andy Mayers	Public Governor (Bournemouth)
	Celia Millar	Public Governor (Poole)
	Bill Batty-Smith	Local Government (District Councils)
	Karen Parker	Partner Governor (Bournemouth University)
	Phil Redford	Staff Governor

307/17 Welcome

The Chair welcomed Governors and Board Directors to the meeting and reported the apologies received.

The Chair explained that the Board, on 29 November, would be considering the initial priorities and implementation timescales for the Clinical Services Review (CSR) decisions relating to integrated community services. The Board was seeking the views of the Council on this prior to the meeting of the Board. The views of the Council would be submitted to the meeting on 29 November for consideration.

308/17 Clinical Services Review: Implementing Integrated Community Services

The Chief Executive (CEO) gave a presentation on the approach being taken by the Trust following the decisions of NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group in respect of the CSR and delivering integrated community services.

The presentation covered:

- The key priorities of the Trust;
- The locality hubs and the decisions made in respect of each;
- The CSR integrated community services decisions.

The CEO gave an overview of the current position in respect of local partnerships, priorities and progress in developing options and proposals for each of the hubs. The Chief Executive advised that he was leading a workstream that was developing a Countywide estates strategy. This would identify the affordability of the hub programme.

The Council discussed the particular developments, opportunities and issues connected with each of the proposed hub developments.

The Council welcomed the opportunity to comment, at an early stage, on the approach being taken by the Board.

In discussing the position in respect of the hub developments, the Council fully endorsed, supported and congratulated the Board on the evolving vision and innovative approach being taken for developing integrated community services across the County.

The Council noted, and fully supported, the principles set out by the Board which would underpin the development of integrated community services and community hubs, namely the commitment to:

- The co-production of proposals with local communities;
- Building effective partnerships to meet community need;
- Wide engagement with all parties on evolving plans.

With regard to the further development of the hubs, the Council considered that a full implementation plan, with timescales and key milestones, should be agreed by the Board at an early stage. Whilst the Council recognised the complexity involved in taking forward the evolving proposals for hubs, it considered that the proposals for the sites should be supported with anticipated timescales, and outcomes, at an early stage. The CEO commented that a more developed implementation would be available before the end of the financial year.

The Council emphasised the importance of there being a comprehensive communications plan to support the development and implementation of proposals. The Council considered that the plan should both:

- Inform local communities of the proposals and progress with the development of hubs in their area; and
- Build a wider public understanding of the initiatives to deliver integrated community services across Dorset.

The Council emphasised the importance of there being early, comprehensive and informative communication with Trust staff, particularly those affected by the changes brought about by the CSR. This would be key in:

- Developing their understanding of plans for sites and services and likely timescales;
- Allaying, where possible, concerns about their future employment with the Trust;
- Facilitating their full engagement in locally developed co-produced plans for hubs and services.

With regard to the development of specific hubs, the Council considered that:

- The co-production of local plans, and the relocation of any services, should take into account access and travel considerations;
- Proposals for the future delivery of the various rehabilitation services at St Leonards Community Hospital should recognise the importance of these being co-located together on the same site;
- There should be further consultation with the Council of Governors on the closure plan for St Leonards Community Hospital;
- The proposals for community engagement to shape the future plans for health provision in Shaftesbury should be fully supported;
- Proposals for developing and co-locating services in a central area in Boscombe are supported.

The Council supported the proposal for future reporting on the implementation of the plans for integrated community services through a strategic dashboard.

The Chair explained that a summary of the views of the Council would be drafted and distributed to all Governors for comment. The summary would then be despatched to the Board on 22 November for consideration at the meeting on 29 November.

The Council agreed that the views expressed at the meeting should form the basis of the Council's submission to the Board.

[The Council's statement submitted to the Board is attached.]

309/17 Date of Next Meeting

The Council noted that the next meeting of the Council of Governors would be held on Thursday, 14 December 2017 at Merley House, Merley, Wimborne BH21 3AA.

Signed

Date

Andy Willis, Chair

Council of Governors

Statement on the Board Proposals for the Delivery of the Clinical Services Review Integrated Community Services Decisions

1. The Council welcomes the opportunity to comment, at an early stage, on the approach being taken by the Board to implement the proposals for integrated community services arising from the decisions of the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group in respect of the Clinical Services Review.
2. The Council fully endorses, supports and congratulates the Board for the evolving vision and innovative approach being taken for developing integrated community services across the County.
3. The Council has noted, and fully supports, the principles set out by the Board which will underpin the development of integrated community services and community hubs, namely the commitment to:
 - The co-production of proposals with local communities;
 - Building effective partnerships to meet community need;
 - Wide engagement with all parties on evolving plans.
4. The Council considers that a full implementation plan, with timescales and key milestones should be agreed by the Board at an early stage. Whilst the Council recognises the complexity involved in taking forward the evolving proposals for hubs, it considers that the proposals for the sites should be supported with anticipated timescales, and outcomes, at an early stage.
5. The Council emphasises the importance of there being a comprehensive communications plan to support the development and implementation of proposals. The Council considers that the plan should both:
 - Inform local communities of the proposals and progress with the development of hubs in their area; and
 - Build a wider public understanding of the initiatives to deliver integrated community services across Dorset.
6. The Council emphasises the importance of there being early, comprehensive and informative communication with Trust staff, particularly those affected by the changes brought about by the Clinical Services Review, to:
 - Develop their understanding of plans for sites and services and likely timescales;
 - Allay, where possible, concerns about their future employment with the Trust;

- Facilitate their full engagement in locally developed co-produced plans for hubs and services.

7. With regard to the development of specific hubs, the Council considers that:

- The co-production of local plans, and the relocation of any services, should take into account access and travel considerations;
- Proposals for the future delivery of the rehabilitation services at St Leonards Community Hospital should recognise the importance of these being co-located on the same site;
- There should be further consultation with the Council of Governors on the closure plan for St Leonards Community Hospital;
- The proposals for community engagement to shape the future plans for health provision in Shaftesbury is fully supported;
- Proposals for developing and co-locating services in a central area in Boscombe are supported.

8. The Council supports the proposal for future reporting on the implementation of the plans for integrated community services through the submission of a strategic dashboard to its meetings.

Andy Willis
Chair
November 2017