

**MINUTES OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MUSEUM, CHURCH STREET, WANTAGE,
ON THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2019 AT 8.00 P.M.**

Sub-Committee members present:

Wantage Town Council: Councillors C McCarthy (Chairman), A Crawford, S Dickson, JT Hannaby, B Mabbett, JE Nunn-Price (part) and S Trinder.

Grove Parish Council: Councillor G Chown

Other members: Mrs J Hutchinson, Mrs J Parker and Mrs M Swain.

Others: Dr Davies, Newbury Street Practice.

Town Clerk: Mr W P Falkenau.

A. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Town Councillor J Goodman, Grove Parish Councillors Rolfe and Stock and J Mabbertley An apology for late arrival was given by Councillor Nunn-Price.

B. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests

Councillor Mrs Hannaby declared an interest as a member of the Hospital League of Friends and a Trustee of the Wantage Nursing Home Trust. Mrs Swain is secretary to the League of Friends.

C. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

D. To receive an update from Dr Davies on proposals to extend the Health Centre

Dr Davies reported that negotiations were proceeding between the landlord and OCCG concerning the rent to be applied following the extension. The extension works could not proceed until this was settled. It was hoped that this would soon be resolved.

He reported on the initiative to create Primary Care Networks. This involved practices with patient lists totalling 30,000 to 50,000 patients working together to provide primary care services. For Wantage/Grove the 30,000 number was achieved by the Newbury Street and Church Street practices working more closely together.

With regard to staff recruitment, there had been difficulties in recruiting GPs. Two had recently been recruited but there was still a vacancy for one.

E. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2018

The minutes were noted.

G. Minutes of OCCG OX12 Stakeholder Reference Group Meeting held on 13 February 2019 and draft paper of October 2018 "Planning for Future Population Health and Care Needs"

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Mrs Mabberley had been appointed as the Chairman of the Group. The Group would be conducting public consultation with a view to presenting a report to HOSC by mid-June. Concerns were expressed by the sub-committee about the scope and speed of the process.

Councillor Nunn-Price arrived.

A sub-group had been established to progress a survey. There were concerns about whether the survey would be fit for purpose. The Clerk was to advise Mrs Mabberley that the survey should not be distributed without all members of the Stakeholder Group having had the opportunity to review and comment upon it. **Action: Clerk**

H. Other business

Legionella tests at Wantage Community Hospital

Mr Blake was to be asked to request the latest test information. **Action: Clerk**

Physio Services

The Clerk was to enquire about when these services would return to the Wantage Community Hospital. **Action: Clerk**

OCCG Old People Strategy

The Clerk was to invite again a representative of the Group to meet the sub-committee to brief it on its strategy. **Action: Clerk**

I. Date of next meeting.

The meeting date would be set to fit in with the Old People Strategy briefing. **Action: Clerk**

The meeting closed at 9.17 p.m.

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