

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes

5 November 2024

Present:

Chair: Councillor Amir Moshenson

Councillors: Dan Anderson
June Baxter
Govind Bharadia
Graham Henson
Maxine Henson
Vipin Mithani
Samir Sumaria
Antonio Weiss

Absent: Harrow Youth Parliament
Representative
Reverend P Reece
Ms M Trivedi

Recommended Items

114. Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

The Committee received the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (MVCC JHOSC) Membership Report.

The Report sought to inform Members about proposals for changes to Mount Vernon Cancer Centre services, and provide the background to a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee that is being established to scrutinise the proposals and consultation process.

NHS England had been working jointly with other partners in Hertfordshire, North West London, Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, East Berkshire and

North Central London, to lead a review of Mount Vernon Cancer Centre services.

This had been preceded by a report of the 2019 Independent Clinical Advisory Group, which recommended changes. This led to the development of a proposed solution to relocate the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre, to an acute hospital site, with Watford being identified as the preferred solution.

As one of 13 Local Authorities which had more than 100 patients at the MVCC, the London Borough of Harrow had been invited to participate in the new JHOSC. The draft terms of reference were included in the report.

In the discussion that ensued, the Committee raised the following comments and asked questions:

- In response to a concern on Harrow Council's representation on the JHOSC, and if, indeed, two Harrow Councillors would sit on it, the Committee were informed that it was presently not certain how many local authorities would join the JHOSC, with potentially up to 13 able to do so. Other councils were currently going through their governance processes to determine membership on the JHOSC. However, given the modelling for JHOSC representation based on patient numbers, it was most likely that Harrow Council would have two representatives; and
- the Committee queried how the Integrated Care Board (ICB) structure would fit in with the JHOSC, and were advised that the proposed area covered six ICBs across 13 boroughs. Patient numbers would be considered when allocating both representatives in collaboration with the ICBs.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: to Council

- (1) to agree the London Borough of Harrow's full participation in the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (MVCC JHOSC) that is being set up by, and will be chaired by Hertfordshire County Council;
- (2) to agree the appointment of the Chair of Harrow's Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee as Harrow's member on the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (MVCC JHOSC);
- (3) to agree the appointment of any further member/s representing Harrow at the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (MVCC JHOSC) be delegated to the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in the interest of timeliness; and

- (4) to request that Harrow Council officers work with officers in other local authorities on the creation of the Mount Vernon Cancer Centre Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee (MVCC JHOSC), its terms of reference and programme of work, and any other administration to expedite its effective working.