

Council – 10th September 2013

**Recommendation from Cabinet
3rd September 2013**

Coventry City Council

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held at 2.00 pm. on 3rd September 2013

Present:

Cabinet Members:

Councillor Mrs Lucas (Chair)
Councillor Townshend (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Gannon
Councillor Gingell
Councillor Kelly
Councillor Kershaw
Councillor A. Khan
Councillor Lancaster
Councillor Ruane

Deputy Cabinet Members:

Councillor Innes

Non-voting Opposition Members:

Councillor Blundell
Councillor Taylor (substitute for Councillor Andrews)

Other Members:

Councillor Clifford
Councillor Hetherton
Councillor Innes
Councillor Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's:

M Reeves (Chief Executive), K. Bichbiche,
F Collingham, J. Moore O. Taylor

City Services & Development:

N. Clews

Community Services:

B Walsh (Executive Director, People), P. Fahy

Customer & Workforce Services:

L Knight

Finance & Legal Services:

C West (Director), L. Commane C Forde, B. Hastie,
P. Mudhar

Apologies:

Councillors Andrews and Duggins

RECOMMENDATION

56. **Consultation on Refreshing the Mandate to NHS England 2014-2015 – Consultation Response**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Executive Director, People, which set out the proposed response to a Department of Health consultation on refreshing the Mandate to NHS England for 2014/15. It was noted that NHS England was a non-departmental public body of the Department of Health and that its purpose was to oversee the planning, delivery and day to day operation of the NHS in England. The first mandate to NHS England was published in November 2012 and set out objectives from April 2013 to March 2015. However, it was a requirement of National Health Service Act 2006 for the Mandate to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it remained up to date.

The Government was proposing to carry forward the existing objectives but was proposing to make additional requirements on NHS England to reflect the learning from the Winterbourne View and the Francis Inquiries into the Mandate to enable the quality services and patient safety to be improved.

Key additions included objectives to prevent ill health, strengthen A&E services, increase the diagnosis of dementia by two thirds and deliver rapid progress on the vulnerable older people's plan. There was also a commitment to prioritise mental health crisis intervention services and improve support to children.

Overall, the Council welcomed the proposals as a significant step forward in improving the current Mandate to NHS England. In order to make a real difference, the Council believed there needed to be measurable objectives put in place, in order to monitor the process of NHS England in delivering change.

The proposed response urged the Government to appropriately fund the NHS and where applicable local authorities to meet the requirements of the Mandate in order to make a difference to the health and wellbeing of people living in England. Over and above anything else the Council wished to re-emphasise to the Government the need for the NHS to get back to basics and provide good quality, person centred care which ensures people's needs are met with dignity and compassion. These are the very principles on which the NHS was formed.

RESOLVED that the Council be recommended to approve the consultation response.