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# SCRUTINY FOR POLICIES, ADULTS AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

## SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

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**5 September 2018**  
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**Minutes from the previous meeting held on 5 September 2018 - Agenda item 3**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

**Somerset Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) Update - Agenda item 5**

The Committee received a report from the Somerset Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP), the forum for ensuring that the long-term development of health and social care in Somerset was planned as one integrated system.

Members were informed that schemes were in place to mitigate the capacity shortfall due to increased demand over the winter period. Actions have been taken to integrate Taunton & Somerset Foundation Trust with Somerset Partnership Foundation Trust, with a commitment to the further exploration of a range of alternative models and ways of working.

The Committee agreed to note the report and requested a further update be brought to the November or December meeting.

**Somerset Health and Care Strategy Update – Agenda Item 6**

The Committee received a report about the development of the Somerset Health and Care Strategy jointly led by Somerset County Council (SCC) and Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG).

Members were informed the work was underway to develop proposals which will address the challenges identified in the draft case for change and these were on urgent and emergency care, proactive care, long term conditions and frailty, mental health and learning disabilities, children's and maternity services, planned care and cancer.

A multi-agency group has also been established to work together in developing and delivering a communications and engagement strategy.

The report was noted and it was agreed the item be brought back to the meeting in November or December alongside the STP item.

**Update on Current Pressures Facing Community Hospital Inpatient Services - Agenda Item 7**

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	<p>The Committee received an update on the current pressures facing the inpatient services within the 13 Community Hospitals operated by Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Recruiting and retaining registered nurses still posed a significant challenge and in fact had worsened slightly since the last update in June. However due to a slight improvement in the recruitment of registered nurses in Shepton Mallet, the inpatient ward re-opened on 7 July 2018.</p> <p>Members were also informed of the need to increase stroke beds in the county as there was a constant waiting list for them and this led to pressure on other hospital beds.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and supported the need for more stroke beds.</p>
	<p><b>Proposed Changes to Urology Surgery Services - Agenda Item 8</b></p>
	<p>The Committee received a report on proposals to enhance the quality and safety of urology services in Somerset. The key issue faced by the urology service in Somerset is that we are unable to recruit sufficient consultants to sustain two sites providing emergency surgery.</p> <p>The clinical teams from the two hospitals have proposed that the best route to delivering a high quality service is to create a single integrated urology service covering both sites at Yeovil and Musgrove, focus emergency surgery care at a single site (Musgrove Park), maintain the vast majority of care on both sites (all elective and outpatient care), develop the potential at Musgrove Park to repatriate more specialist work from Bristol.</p> <p>The Committee supported the proposals and noted the report.</p>
	<p><b>Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18 – Agenda Item 9</b></p>
	<p>The Committee received the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board’s 2017/18 Annual Report. Key achievements in 2017/18 included a new multi-agency subgroup to enhance local understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act, a shared Think Family Strategy for Somerset, publishing the Mendip House Safeguarding Adults Review, producing practice guidance on ‘Carrying out effective reviews and visits with providers’, development of a new sub-regional Joint Safeguarding Adults Multi–Agency Policy.</p> <p>Priorities for 2018/19 continue to centre on prevention, making safeguarding personal, adopting a Think Family approach, and enhancing the Board’s effectiveness.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report and an update on the Board’s work was agreed to come back at the February or March meeting.</p>
	<p><b>Discovery Performance Update – Agenda Item 10</b></p>
	<p>The Committee received an update on the performance of Discovery, including the overall measure of the contract performance. Members also heard from public speakers who asked questions or gave statement on various issues including reasons for outsourcing, reducing labour costs, concerns about staffing and continuity of care, social work reviews,</p>

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	<p>quality of service, user satisfaction surveys, use of agency staff, staffing terms and conditions of employment, staff shortages, the progress and performance of the contract, communication between Discovery and its staff, staff morale.</p> <p>Members also listened to comments from the Stakeholder Group who expressed concerns about the process Discovery had adopted, the way data had been presented to councillors, the timetable for reviews.</p> <p>The Committee noted the report asked for a position report about the social work reviews to be given at the next meeting. It was also agreed that a briefing session would be held with members of the committee with the Stakeholder group invited to discuss details of this further.</p>
	<p><b>Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee Work Programme - Agenda item 9</b></p>
	<p>The Committee agreed to update the work programme for the next meeting and add the STP and Health Care Strategy items for the 5 December meeting. In addition, for the Community Hospitals and stroke beds update to the same meeting.</p>