

**Minutes of Healthwatch Stockport**  
**Extraordinary Core Group Meeting, Graylaw House**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 17:15 - 19:00**

**1. Present:**

**CORE MEMBERS &  
STAFF:**

Maureen Harrison (MH)  
Sheelagh Peel (SP)  
John Leach (JL)  
Beverley Hart (BH)  
Tony Johnson (TJ)  
Mike Cain (MC)

Gerry Wright (GW)  
Ron Catlow (RC)  
Sue Carroll (SC)  
Roy Oliver (RO)

Ruth Turner (RT)  
David Moore (DM)  
Les Pattison (LP)  
Alan Watt (AW)  
David Kirk (DK)  
Eve Brown (EB)

Anand Dutta (AD)  
Mary Foden (MF)

**WIDER MEMBERS:**

Maria Kildunne (Staff)  
Kirsty Bagnall (Staff)

**Apologies:**

David Atkinson

Mike Lappin

Margaret McCausland

Peggy Hall

**2. Opening Statement**

TS opened the meeting.

**3. Finance - Gerry Wright**

The Board of Directors have been meeting weekly to discuss the future of Healthwatch Stockport following the announcements that Stockport Council need to make savings of 40% across its services over the next 2 years. Future funding for Healthwatch Stockport was discussed alongside possible cost saving options.

**4. Accommodation - Sue Carroll**

Stockport Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is giving up the lease on Graylaw House from April 2015. Healthwatch Stockport will have to move. There is very little appropriate accommodation in the town centre but the Directors have found office space in Hazel Grove, which has adequate space for small meetings. Members made suggestions about possible accommodation for meetings around the borough.

**5. Staffing/Organisation - Sue Carroll**

The Healthwatch Stockport Manager is not being replaced. The office is supported by volunteer members, RO volunteers at least once a week, RT and MC also showed an interest in volunteering in the office. Office hours may also be reduced to help keep costs down.

**6. Stockport FLAG (Information & Signposting) - Beverley Hart**

Stockport Council Adult Social Care have produced a plan for targeted prevention and integration of

services and are identifying which organisations are a 'strategic fit' for this plan.

The Health & Social Care Act sets out three functions for Healthwatch; scrutiny, information & signposting and complaints advocacy. In Stockport, this is separated between Healthwatch Stockport (scrutiny), Stockport FLAG (information & signposting) and NHSCAS (complaints advocacy). FLAG and Healthwatch Stockport have never had a contractual arrangement, but FLAG have been delivering the information and signposting services successfully and want to continue to do so in the future.

Stockport FLAG are considered to be a strategic fit by Stockport Council and are looking to build alliances with other local organisations to put forward a bid within the new procurement processes.

Due to the way the Council tenders are put together, Stockport FLAG and Healthwatch Stockport would not be able to build an alliance together as the alliance may include organisations that provide health & social care services that Healthwatch Stockport may monitor.

## **7. Healthwatch Stockport Activity - Maria Kildunne**

MK went through some of the activity Healthwatch Stockport carries out.

- The Patient Experience Team underpins and informs all the work of Healthwatch Stockport. It is where intelligence is scrutinised and analysed, themes identified and is filtered out the operational team and task & finish groups.
- The Operational Team which includes the leads from: CCG, Health & Wellbeing Board, Adult Social Care, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, Mental Health, Children & Young People, Public Health, Discharge Group, Equality & Diversity and Involving the Voluntary Sector.
- Enter & View currently sits within the Development Team. However, MK recommended that the Lead be part of the Operational Team, as it could be involved in any area of activity.)Other Development Teams include the Publicity & Promotion Team, Reading Group and Training Subgroup.
- Task & Finish Groups - of which there are currently seven. Some of the ongoing Task & Finish Groups need to be reviewed so as to have completion dates. MK recommended that we have no more than 5 Task & Finish Groups at any one time and no new ones should start until completion of another.
- At this time of year, Healthwatch Stockport is always heavily involved in commenting on Annual Quality Accounts and the Council's Local Account.
- Around 30 representative members sit on around 30 statutory committees. MK asked, putting visibility aside, whether all representatives feel they are getting what they need out of their seats on these boards.

Options for streamlining the Core Group were discussed alongside other suggestions for generating income and saving money.

AW proposed a resolution that the Core Group agree for the Directors to take what action was necessary to meet the budgetary constraints. A discussion followed around the restructuring and reorganisation of the organisation to best fit these priorities. TS said that the proposals would be brought back to the Core Group. All agreed with nobody against.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Healthwatch Stockport Core Group Meeting will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 10.15am-12.45midday.

## Appendix i: Members representing and Declarations of interest

Member	Representing	Declarations of interest
David Atkinson	Healthwatch Stockport Director	None
Eve Brown	Individual	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor CCG Patient Panel
Jon Burke	Individual	None
Mike Cain	Individual	None
Sue Carroll	Healthwatch Stockport Director	None
Ron Catlow	Individual	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor
Les Crabb	NHS Complaints Advocacy Stockport (NHSCAS)	Stockport Mind
Joyce Drummond	Individual	None
Anand Dutta	Healthwatch Stockport Director Indian Association	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor
Mary Foden	Individual	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust Governor
Representative	Stroke Association	None
Peggy Hall	Individual	Stockport Health and Care Forum
Maureen Harrison	Individual	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor Expert by Experience for CQC CCG Patient Panel
Beverley Hart	Stockport FLAG	None
Tony Johnson	Individual	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor
David Kirk	Individual	None
Mike Lappin	Individual	Stockport Health and Care Forum Chair
John Leach	Healthwatch Stockport Director	Stockport Health and Care Forum
Margaret McCausland	Mental Health Carers	None
David Moore	Healthwatch Stockport Director	Home Instead Senior Care
Roy Oliver	Individual	None
Les Pattison	Individual	Signpost Stockport for Carers
Sheelagh Peel	Individual	Stockport Health and Care Forum member Patient Representative, Division of Medicine, Stepping Hill Hospital
Dr Nagendra Sarmah	Individual	None
Tony Stokes	Healthwatch Stockport Director	None
Ruth Turner	Stockport Carer's Voice Forum	None
Alan Watt	Individual	Stockport Health and Care Forum Secretary
Gerry Wright	Individual Healthwatch Stockport Director	Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Governor

