

CHILDREN'S HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND EDUCATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors Gary Sumner (Chair), Mathew Courtliff, Malcolm Davies, Henderson, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Gemma McCracken, Barbara Parry, Paul and Nadine Watts.

Gary Evans (Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers), Steve Henderson (Equalities Advisory Forum), Doug Morris (Swindon Parent and Cares Group), Alison Paul (Swindon Association of Special Schools Headteachers), Elaine Poulter (Parent Governor).

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carol Shelley.

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Colledge (Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers) and Liz Townend (Church of England Diocese).

Also present: Councillor Fionuala Foley, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Attainment.

1. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Resolved – That Councillor Gemma McCracken be Vice-Chair of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

Councillor Fay Howard made a non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 8 (Annual Quality Accounts 2016-17 – Great Western Hospital) on the grounds of her employment by Virgin Care.

Councillor Barbara Parry made a non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 9 (Children's Services Performance Report) on the grounds of her employment by Uplands Educational Trust.

Councillor Gary Sumner made non-prejudicial personal declarations of interest in respect of Agenda item 9 (Children's Services Performance Report) on the grounds that his wife was a deputy Headteacher at a Swindon School.

3. Minutes

Resolved -That the minutes of the meeting held on 29th March be confirmed as a correct record.

4. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked or submitted for this meeting.

5. Appointment of Co-optees

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Democratic Services regarding the appointment of co-optees to the Children's Health, Social Care and Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Resolved - (1) That this Committee confirms the appointment of the following voting co-opted representatives:

- (a) Liz Townend as the Church of England Diocese representative.
- (b) Elaine Poulter as a Parent Governor representative.
- (c) That it be noted that a single nomination of a co-opted representative was awaited from the Catholic Church Diocese.

(2) That the appointment of the following non-voting representatives be confirmed:

- (a) Alison Paul (Swindon Association of Special School Headteachers).
- (b) Gary Evans (Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers).
- (c) Steve Colledge (Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers).
- (d) Steve Henderson (Equalities Advisory Forum).
- (e) Doug Morris (Swindon Parent and Carers Group).
- (3) That it be noted that a single nomination of a co-opted representative was awaited from Healthwatch.

6. Annual Quality Accounts 2016-17 - Great Western Hospital

The Committee received a report by the, Great Western Hospital (GWH) NHS Foundation Trust, on the Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's Annual Quality Account for 2016/17. Julie Marshman, Deputy Chief Nurse, GWH, presented a report and advised that the information related to the effective care of both adults and children. It was noted that the Annual Quality Account would be audited by KPMG. She elaborated on the structure of the Annual Quality Account, referring to the Dr Foster audit processes undertaken at GWH.

Julie Marshman explained the national key priorities, national mandated indicators, governor mandated indicator, and GWH's own key priorities. The Committee noted that these national accounts were officially laid before Parliament by the end of May 2017. Julie Marshman advised that the Annual Account relates to the work undertaken over the past year and to the priorities for 2017/18 to meet the changing needs of the local population. She explained that all NHS quality accounts include information on the quality of services offered by both NHS and non-NHS healthcare providers.

Following her presentation of the report, Julie Marshman and Teresa Harding, Divisional Director for the Women and Children's Division, (GWH) responded to members' questions and comments on the following issues:

- Referral to treatment targets.
- Waiting times for young people at the Emergency Department.
- Re-admission rates and reasons for re-admission.
- Discharge procedures.

- Monitoring the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub.
- Monitoring sepsis in children.
- Cardiac arrest and survival rates.
- Mortality rates of young people under 18.
- Set up of transition clinics for young adults.
- Working with the Clinical Commissioning Group and community paediatrics to review resources.
- Collaborative work with external agencies through the “Ready, Steady, Go” programme.
- Palliative care figures included in the report related to adults but information for young people was available.
- Information sharing with partners, particularly regarding children.
- Community paediatrics.
- The investigations carried out on clostridium difficile cases.
- The national clinical audit and clinical outcome review programmes.
- Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMS) and patient involvement in the process.
- A potted view of services provided within the Children’s Unit.
- The need to recruit more nurses to the Children’s department.
- The interaction between paediatricians and the work being undertaken to address the link between looked after children and those self-harming.
- The interaction between locum general practitioners, patients and the emergency department to ensure patients attend the right venue for their needs.
- Safeguarding work being undertaken with the paediatrics department.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Divisional Director for the Women and Children’s Division, be requested to circulate information to the Committee regarding (a) from referral to treatment time targets including paediatric surgeries, (b) waiting times for children at the Emergency Department, (c) children’s mortality rates, d) discharge and re-admission procedures and rates for under 18 year olds, e) the number of young people under 18 years old that contracted sepsis, f) the number of young people under 18 years old that suffered from cardiac arrest and associated survival rates, g) the number of young people readmitted due to mental health issues , h) discharge procedures for young people (i) palliative care data for young people (j) an update on community paediatrics, and (k) data on the clostridium difficile cases.

(3) That the Divisional Director for the Women and Children’s Division be requested to submit a report on the strengths and challenges of the department to the Committee’s meeting in March 2018.

7. Children Services Performance Summary 16/17 Outturn

The Head of Education and the Head of Children, Families and Community Health, submitted a report providing an update on the performance within all service commissioning for 2016/17. The Head of Children, Families and Community Health, introduced the report and explained that it had been structured to highlight the improvements that had been made and areas where further actions would be required. It was noted that the comparator data was based on the 2015/16 outturn and that the department prescribed to a South East data set that provides in-year benchmarking data.

The Head of Children, Families and Community Health, referred to the areas covered that included information on the overall contact rate for Children Services, the reduction in the referral rate to children's social care services, the number of children subject to statutory assessments, and the improved rate in the number of care leavers engaged in education, employment and training.

The Head of Children, Families and Community Health, highlighted the challenges faced by the department, including the number of youth offending for children in care, the increase of children on child protection plans and on work being undertaken with Troubled Families.

The Head of Children, Families and Community Health, and the Head of Education Services, responded to the Committee members' questions and comments in respect of the following:

- Actions undertaken to address the number of Special Educational Needs (SEN) Support records as detailed by schools in the January census.
- The transference of SEN statements to Education, Health and Care Plans.
- Correlation between exclusions and the Troubled Families.
- The work within the Early Years setting to prepare children for school.
- Improved partnership working to support Troubled Families.
- Comparison between secondary and primary schools performance and the actions being undertaken that included sharing good practice.
- The effect of post 16 SEN figures on overall SEN data collated.
- Promoting Swindon schools to stem the number of pupils attending out of borough schools. This may include web links in the admission process to schools' Ofsted reports.

The Swindon Association of Special Schools Headteacher representative advised the Committee that the number of SEN pupils recorded within the January census included a wide range of SEN category levels. The representative also referred to the time consuming task of converting SEN records to EHCPs.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Head of Children, Families and Community Health, be requested to circulate information on "Healthy Child Programme" to the Committee before the next meeting of the Committee.

8. Work Programme 2017-18

The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Democratic Services on the results of the work programme consultation and the suggested priorities for the work for the Municipal Year, 2017/18.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the work programme be updated to include items recommended by the Committee.

(3) That the Committee thanks all the contributors who had suggested topics for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme for the Municipal Year, 2017/18.