

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

**WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2017**

PRESENT:- Councillors Gary Sumner (Chair), Matthew Courtliff, Fay Howard, Colin Lovell, Gemma McCracken, Barbara Parry, Carol Shelley, Caryl Sydney-Smith and Nadine Watts.

Michelle Howard (Equalities Advisory Forum), Doug Morris (Swindon Parent and Cares Group), Alison Paul (Swindon Association of Special Schools Headteachers), Elaine Poulter (Parent Governor), Liz Townend (Church of England Diocese).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Bishop, Steve Colledge (Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers), Gary Evans (Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers), and Steve Henderson (Equalities Advisory Forum).

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

## **9. 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 item13 (Education Health Care Plans) on the grounds of her employment by Virgin Care.

Councillor Barbara Parry made a non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item13 (Education Health Care Plans) on the grounds of her employment by Uplands Educational Trust.

Councillor Gary Sumner made a non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item13 (Education Health Care Plans) on the grounds that his wife was a deputy Headteacher at a Swindon School.

Councillor Carol Shelley made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item13 (Education Health Care Plans) in her capacity as governor of Swindon Academy.

Councillor Matthew Courtliff made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item13 (Education Health Care Plans) in his capacity as governor of Colebrook Junior School.

## **10. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> July be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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## **Public Question Time**

No public questions were asked or submitted for this meeting.

12.

## **NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group - Children's Services Review**

The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) submitted a report providing a summary update for the Committee on the outcomes of the Children's Services Review. Ms Gill May, Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), introduced the report and advised that the review was established as a strategic priority by the CCG in February 2016 and did not provide an in-depth analysis but was structured to update the Committee. The Committee was advised that the review was a review of the wider children's health system in order to assess and strengthen current monitoring arrangements and understand what future provision should look like. The Committee noted that recommendations had been presented to and previously approved by the Swindon Executive Management team and the CCG's Governing Body.

The Chair introduced David Haley, the Council's recently appointed Director of Children's Services, to the Committee. The Director commented on the positive feedback from the Care Quality Commission on the delivery of services by the range of stakeholders and explained that commissioning of services was a priority for him in his new role, and that clear timescales will be set to review the work undertaken with partners.

Following her presentation of the report, Ms May responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- Key Performance Indicators for the various service areas and how these are developed.
- The Clinical Commissioning Group as a Dashboard for Primary Care and the work undertaken by the Group in monitoring performance.
- Measuring the effectiveness of service commissioning.
- Information gathering from service providers to ensure children and young people's views were included in the review.
- Work to be undertaken on the report's recommendations and the timeframe for reporting back to the Committee.
- The importance of ensuring that the various stakeholders have access to the same single list of children currently eligible for Continuing Care.
- The ability of Looked After Children, who are placed out of borough, to access health services.
- The dissemination of service information to ethnic minority families.
- End of life care and adherence to the new NICE guidelines.
- The future vision of children's service provision following the implementation of the recommendations within the report and the capacity needed to move the programme forward.
- The recent recruitment of an additional educational psychologist and the benefits of the educational psychology service.
- Succession planning of services for Looked After Children and the need for advance planning of appointments by professionals.
- Delays experienced by paediatrics patients in accessing primary care and the

subsequent increase in hospital visits.

- The current recruitment drive to increase the number of doctors within primary care following Swindon's expansion.
- The successful Paediatric Advice Line.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) be requested to circulate to members the Great Western Hospital's Dashboard key indicators.

### **13. Education and Health Care Plans**

The Head of Education submitted a report providing an update on (a) Education and Health Care Plans (EHCP), (b) special resource provision and (c) pathways for autism/ ADHD/ ADD diagnoses. Following the Head of Education's introduction, the Committee viewed a short film entitled "Swindon EHC Animation (Subtitled)" (available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AnB04nbNCSI>) which explained how a child or young person accessed the support they need from an EHCP. After the video the Commissioner, Education, gave a presentation expanding on the role of EHCPs. This was followed with updates from a range of commissioners and service users of the EHCPs, including an education psychologist, a Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, the Integrated Service manager, a representative from the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Information and Support Service, the Specialist Community Health Services Manager and a parent whose two children were on EHCPs.

Following the presentations, several case studies were circulated to the Committee for consideration and debate with model responses being discussed afterwards.

The Committee was advised that EHCPs describe positively what children and young people might achieve with appropriate support. The Assistant SEND Manager elaborated on the content of an EHCP and confirmed that they were intended to be clear and concise with relevant and positive outcomes for the child or young person. A range of services were involved in the EHCP process and as such, it was co-produced with the child's voice being a main driver of the process.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

### **14. Work Programme 2017/18**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Law and Democratic Services detailing its updated work programme for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

Resolved – That the report be noted.