

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

**WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2018**

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

Steve Henderson (Cabinet Member Advisory Group - Equalities), Doug Morris (Swindon Parent and Cares Group) and Elaine Poulter (Parent Governor).

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

Apologies for absence were received from Spencer Allen, Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers, Steve Colledge (Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers), Tori Jones (Healthwatch), Alison Paul (Association of Swindon Special School Headteachers) and Liz Townend (Church of England Diocese).

## **24. 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 Barbara Parry made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 29 (Education Standards Update) on the grounds of her employment by Ridgeway School.

Councillor Gary Sumner made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 29 (Education Standards Update) 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 item 29 (Education Standards Update) in her capacity as governor of Oliver Tomkins Primary School.

Councillor Caryl Sydney Smith made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item 29 (Education Standards Update) in her capacity as governor of Swindon Academy.

Councillor Nadine Watts made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item 29 (Education Standards Update) as her children attended Commonweal School.

## **25. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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## **Public Question Time**

Mr Tom Seaward, Evening Advertiser, asked a question regarding mental health services in Swindon. Since the meeting, Mr Seaward advised that a response was being provided by the NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group.

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## **Digital Roadmap - Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group**

Steve Mapleston, Head of IT, at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), gave a presentation on the Swindon Local Digital Roadmap (LDR) and updated the Committee on key projects from the LDR that were being undertaken over the next five years. These included:

- Improving electronic transfer of care records through the Docman Electronic Document Transfers (EDT) system to partner organisations, including general practitioners and urgent care centres. Information shared included End of Life planning and mental health information.
- Utilisation of existing national primary care systems, including Summary Care Record (SCR), Electronic prescribing ESP, Patient online services and e-referrals.
- The replacement of the N3 network with a Sustainability and Transformation Plan which would then enable other digital projects.
- Installing viewers of main clinical systems to key providers, increasing access to patient records.
- Enabling patients to access their digital records on line.
- Ensuring workforce was fully trained to engage confidently with digital technology.

The Committee was advised that the Digital Road Map focused on increasing the range of professionals able to support patients. It allowed professionals access to the right information to enable them make the appropriate decisions with regards to their patients' care.

Following his introduction of the report, Mr Maplestone, with the Director of Children Services and Gill May, the Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- Data capture, security and sharing of patient information.
- Clear governance of data capture, analyses and dissemination.
- Patient compliance when sharing data between partners.
- The End of Life Plan Project and patients' involvement in this process.
- Diversity impact assessments being undertaken at project level as each project would have a different impact on the various sections of the community.
- Discussions held between CCG, Great Western Hospital and the Prospect Hospice on including the care and support provided to families after a patients' death. Outcomes reached following these discussions would be included within the Digital Roadmap.
- Future involvement of Youth Parliament members to gather young peoples' views on the End of Life Project.
- Blackpear as an established electronic system used nationally to improve data sharing.

- The Digital Roadmap's future direction.  
Resolved – That the report be noted.

## **28. Progress Update of Youth Participation**

The Project Manager, Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project, submitted a report updating the Committee on performance and key issues relating to youth participation, with particular regard to the activities of Swindon's Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs), Swindon Youth Council, Young Inspectors and Thought Tank (SEND Participation Group). The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Dobson, Project Manager, STEP (Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project) and Mr Jacob Patterson, elected Members of the Youth Parliament to the Committee meeting. The Youth Parliament representative referred to his experiences during his year as the elected member to the Youth Parliament and he thanked the Committee for its support over the past year.

Following his introduction of the report, the Member of the Youth Parliament responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- His proudest achievement over the year.
- The importance of the Committees' continued support to future members of the Youth Parliament.
- Ways Youth Parliament members engaged with schools to ensure inclusiveness.
- The continued work between Youth Parliament members and Great Western Hospital representatives to design a website on the transitions scheme.  
<http://www.gwh.nhs.uk/wards-and-services/a-to-z/transition-to-adult-care/useful-websites-for-young-people-in-swindon/>
- Ways of communicating with young people, particularly those who engaged by voting in the Youth Parliament elections.
- The support provided by local Members of Parliament.
- His future aspirations.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Committee continues to support the work of the Members of Youth Parliament, Swindon Youth Council, Thought Tank and the wider youth participation agenda across Swindon.

(3) That the Committee continues to make available opportunities for children & young people to enable them contribute to the work streams of Health, Adults & Children Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(4) That the Project Manager, Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project, be requested to submit an update on the work of the various groups at a meeting of the Committee in the next Municipal year.

(5) That the Project Manager, Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project, be requested to circulate an update on the children & young people's hospital 'Experience and Satisfaction Questionnaire' created by the Youth Council in conjunction with Great Western Hospital representatives.

## **29. Education Standards - Update**

The Head of Education submitted a report setting out how well Swindon children and young people had performed in their public assessments in primary and secondary schools. He gave a presentation highlighting the key aspects where

there have been improvements in performance and where there had been declines in standards.

The Head of Education referred to the attainment of pupils between Key Stages 1 and 4. He advised that whilst the attainment level indicators for Early Years to Key Stage 4 were available, some data was un-validated at present. It was explained that Swindon schools were now in line with the national average in their Ofsted assessment. The Committee heard that at the end of Key Stage 1, attainment had risen in all subjects. At KS2, Swindon outcomes were the most improved in the country for children attaining the expected level in reading, writing and mathematics. Similarly in Phonics results, Swindon has been congratulated by the Department for Education for being one of the ten most improved local authorities in the country with outcomes now at the national average.

The Committee noted the excellent work of the Swindon Challenge Board, the Head of Education and his team and all involved, plus the new collaborative approach of the Swindon schools.

Following his introduction of the report, the Head of Education together with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Attainment, responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- The F40 group, together with officers, lobbied at national level for a revised baseline of funding for Swindon schools.
- The commitment by schools to ensure that children of all abilities are encouraged to achieve their full potential.
- Collaboration between schools to promote wider engagement with parents.
- Reasons for the decline in Key Stage 4 attainment results.
- The role of the Higher Education Learning Officers in improving pupil attainment.
- External factors affecting educational outcomes.
- Actions by schools and officers to raise attainment for children with Special Educational Needs.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

### **30. Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report**

The Local Safeguarding Children's Board's Strategic Manager submitted the 2016/17 Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) annual report for the Committees' consideration. Ms Alex Walters, Chair of the LSCB introduced the report and advised that the annual report detailed progress on the work of the Board, its Sub-Groups and partners in promoting and developing multi-agency approaches to safeguarding and protecting children and young people in Swindon.

Ms Walters confirmed that as a statutory partnership, the Boards' remit was to ensure the co-ordination and effectiveness of partners' approach to their work by periodically carrying out quality assurance of policies and procedures. She reflected on the Boards' core functions and its priorities for future work. Ms Walters concluded her report by confirming that with the introduction of the Children and Social Work Act (2017), the LSCB would no longer be a statutory body from 2019 but there would be closer safeguarding agreements between the Local Authority, the Clinical Commissioning Group and Wiltshire Police.

Following her presentation of the report, Ms Walters, together with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Attainment and the Corporate Director, Children's Services, responded to members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- Actions undertaken by partners to help young people who abscond from schools, colleges or home and were vulnerable to sexual exploitation.
- The training undertaken by councillors highlighting the vulnerability of young people with regards to sexual exploitation.
- The arrangements and effectiveness of support provided to families by the Early Help Services, particularly relating to child protection and early help records plans.
- Social workers' case loads and actions undertaken to ensure parents only dealt with their assigned case worker.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That a report on child sexual exploitation, to include information on the number of children who abscond from colleges or home and were vulnerable to exploitation activities and the actions being undertaken by various agencies to address this, be submitted at a meeting of the Committee during the next Municipal Year.

(3) That the Case Worker, Choice Advisor be requested to invite Councillor Fionuala Foley, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and School Attainment and Committee members to visit her department.

(4) That the Corporate Director, Children's Services be requested to circulate information on the number of child protection cases and early help record plans in Swindon.

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#### **Work Programme**

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.