

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

**WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Gemma McCracken (Chair), Maureen Penny (Vice-Chair), Alan Bishop, Cathy Martyn, Teresa Page, James Robbins, Eric Shaw, Carol Shelley, Nadine Watts, Steve Weisinger and Julie Wright.

**Co-opted Representatives:** Paul Sunners (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education), Mary Cosker (Healthwatch) and Steve Henderson (Equalities Advisory Forum).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Bray and John Haines, David Dawson (Catholic Diocese), Steve Colledge (Swindon Association of Secondary Headteachers), Alison Paul (Swindon Association of Special Schools Headteachers), Simon Cowley (Swindon Association of Primary Headteachers).

**Also Present:** Councillor Fionuala Foley, Cabinet Member for Children's Services.

## **8. Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillor James Robbins declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as he was a Foster Carer.

Councillor Cathy Martyn declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest as her child received Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Councillors Gemma McCracken, Maureen Penny, Julie Wright, Nadine Watts, Carol Shelley and James Robbins declared personal and non-prejudicial interests as they were school governors.

## **9. Minutes**

Resolved: That, subject to the amendment of Minute 2 to reflect that Councillor Martyn declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in respect of Agenda item 5 as her child received Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **10. Public Question Time**

No public questions were asked in accordance with Standing Order 28.

The Chair welcomed, Mr Paul Dobson, Project Manager, STEP ([Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project](#)) and Miss Ellie James, the elected Member of the Youth Parliament to the meeting. Mr Paul Dobson referred to the contents of the report on the performance and key issues relating to youth participation, the Thought Tank, and the progress made by Members of the Youth Parliament (MYP). He advised that a new participation officer had been recruited who would continue to facilitate work with schools and youth organisations.

Miss Ellie James referred to the campaigns undertaken nationally by Youth Parliament, particularly, mental health services where a better understanding of common mental health issues at schools was needed together with raising awareness of how young people were able to access support. Following the introduction of the report, the Committee were invited to watch “Mental Health Drama: Not Just A Diagnosis” and “Self-harm Drama – Remote Control – First light” on YouTube. Miss James referred to the importance of promoting “Make your Mark” at schools and explained that ballot papers would be circulated to schools in the autumn.

The representatives, Sue Wald, Head of Commissioning, Children and Adults, Peter Nathan, Head of Education, Cherry Jones, Director of Public Health and Claire Smith, Commissioner, Voluntary Sector, responded at the meeting to the following issues:

- Progress made following meetings with the Police Crime Commissioner regarding the production and circulation of a survey within schools to gather student’s views on crime and education.
- Progress made regarding the Curriculum for Life and how schools engaged in the campaign.
- Where and how the YouTube films viewed at the meeting were being promoted.
- Clarity on the responses within the Swindon Children and Young People Mental Health Questionnaire report highlighting that 35% of children and young people waited over a year before feeling able to seek help from professionals.
- Confirmation that the Swindon Children and Young People Mental Health Questionnaire had been completed by children and young people living in Swindon.
- Detailed background on how the YouTube films were created and produced.
- Clarity on how the “Living Wage” subject was addressed in the “Make your Mark” survey conducted in 2014.
- Ensuring completion of Diversity Impact Assessments in the report reflecting progress made.
- An update regarding proposed wider engagement with schools.
- Clarity on future work to be undertaken resulting from the Swindon Children and Young People’s Mental Health Questionnaire.
- Demographics of Youth Parliament and Youth Forum members.
- Confirmation that results of the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) survey were to be submitted at the Committee’s meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Resolved – (1) That the updates on progress of the Youth Forum, Thought Tank and the Youth Parliament, be noted.

(2) That the Committee endorses and expresses its support for the work undertaken by the Youth Forum, Thought Tank and the Members of Youth Parliament.

(3) That, further to (2) above, the wider youth participation agenda across Swindon, be supported.

(4) That the Contracts and Participation Manager be requested to circulate to the members of this Committee information regarding “Make your Mark”.

(5) That the Contracts and Participation Manager be requested to submit a progress report on work of the Members of Youth Parliament, Youth Forum and Thought Tank to the Committee’s meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

(6) That the Project Manager, (STEP) be requested to circulate copies of “Mental Health Drama: Not Just A Diagnosis” and “Self-harm Drama – Remote Control – First light” to those Committee members who were school governors.

## **12. Children's Health**

The Head of Commissioning, Children and Adults submitted a report providing an update on the performance and key issues relating to Children and Families Health Commissioning. Mrs Sue Wald, Head of Commissioning, Children and Adults, introduced the report and explained that it encompassed work commissioned with a range of providers and that Mrs Louise Campion, Principal Officer, Health and Wellbeing and Dr Wendy Woodhouse, Oxford Health, were in attendance to elaborate on areas covered in the report.

Members noted that the report had been structured to highlight the improvements that had been made, areas where further work would be undertaken and areas where further actions would be required to improve provision of services within each service area. Mrs Wald explained that Swindon Borough Council was one of the few local authorities that provided health visiting and school nursing services as part of the Early Help Team and that recruitment of further health visitors was being conducted.

Mrs Sue Wald, Mrs Cherry Jones, Mrs Louise Campion and Dr Wendy Woodhouse responded to the Committee’s questions and comments in respect of the following points:

- Explanation on the type of traded services provision to schools and colleges by Targeted Mental Health Services (TaMHS) and how these would be promoted and implemented during this scholastic year.
- Reasons for the low antenatal contacts being delivered in Quarter 1 of 2015/16 and actions being undertaken to address this.
- An explanation that whilst there was provision for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CaMHS) in schools, children and young people could decide where they wanted to receive mental health support. Members noted that the school environment might not be best suited for pupils to receive support.
- How the use of technology helped children and young people access CaMHS and actions being undertaken to promote the use of technology.
- The support with and promotion of technology offered to parents of children and young people with mental health issues.
- The number and demographics of children and young people who self-harm and actions being undertaken by a range of agencies to help them.
- Ways of promoting websites that promote well-being and offer support to

- children and young people with mental health concerns.
- Tackling obesity through the promotion of healthy eating. This support was delivered by a range of providers including health visitors, children and family centres and schools.
- The waiting time from referral to delivery of targeted mental health services. Members noted that patients were screened within twenty four hours and cases were prioritised according to the need of the patients. Members further noted the increase in the number and complexity of CaMHS cases.
- Importance of promoting available support for children and young people with mental health through the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

### **13. Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Update**

The Committee reviewed a report by the Chief Executive of the Great Western Hospital (GWH) NHS Foundation Trust on performance, key issues and developments at the Great Western Hospital.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That members of the Committee be requested to submit any questions to the Committee Officer for circulation to the Head of Strategy, Great Western Hospital NHS Foundation Trust for a response.

### **14. NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group**

The Committee received a report submitted by the Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) providing an update on the performance and key issues relating to the service.

Ms Gill May, Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), introduced the report and explained that the CCG was a clinically led organisation, commissioning health care services for the residents of Swindon and Shrivenham. She explained that the CCG is working with NHS England as co-commissioners of Primary Care, emphasising that the CCG has no direct contractual responsibilities with the 26 member practices but they are supporting practices with workforce, estate and quality and patient experience care delivery.

Ms Gill May referred to progress made by MUSE Development to develop a new building to commission services in the Swindon Town Centre, Moredon and Old Town walk-in centres. She referred to collaborative work with Great Western Hospital regarding a review of service provision and accessibility to services for children and young people. Members noted that this work would see a reduction in the number of children attending the Hospital's Accident and Emergency department as they would be able to access service more locally. Ms May commented on work being undertaken through the Prime Minister's Challenge Wave 2 funding.

Ms Gill May and Mrs Cherry Jones, Director of Public Health, responded to questions and comments regarding the following issues:

- Sharing of information between schools and Great Western Hospital relating to appointments for children with complex health needs to ensure their academic achievement was not negatively impacted.

- How Education Welfare Officers could be better utilised as a conduit between schools and the Hospital to support children and young people.
  - Impact on delivery due to shortages of general practitioners and healthcare professionals. Members noted there was a national shortage of healthcare professionals and Ms May referred to the work being undertaken with partners to address this.
  - Support to be offered to alcohol and drug dependent vulnerable people regularly found in the area of the Carfax Street Medical Centre to prevent patient harassment and provide staff and patient security.
  - Need of improvement in communication regarding appointment availability between the Urgent Care Clinic and doctor's surgeries.
- Resolved: That the report be noted.

## **15. Healthwatch Swindon**

Mr Peter Rowe, Manager of Healthwatch Swindon, presented a report updating on performance and key issues relating to Healthwatch Swindon. He referred to the role of Swindon Healthwatch in supporting and engaging children and young people in Swindon and how scrutiny and support of commissioners and providers of services was undertaken. He commented on the work undertaken by volunteers within the community.

Following the presentation of his report, Mr Rowe responded to members' questions regarding the following issues:

- Reasons for the reduction in the number of volunteers.
- Creating opportunities for young people in Years 5 and 6 to become health ambassadors through partnerships with schools,

Resolved: That the report be noted..

## **16. Consideration of Health and Wellbeing Board Recommendations**

The Committee considered the Health and Wellbeing Board minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015. The Chair advised that these had been submitted for the Committee's information.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27<sup>th</sup> May and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015, be noted.

(2) That the Director of Public Health be requested to provide statistical data regarding the age of people detained into Police custody under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act.

## **17. Work Programme 2015/16**

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report concerning a work programme detailing the activities that the Committee would be undertaking during the forthcoming Municipal Year, with the aim of producing evidence based recommendations intended to provide service improvements for Cabinet and external agencies/bodies to consider.

Resolved – That the report be noted.