

NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group

Children's Health, Social Care and Education Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 September 2016

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Wards:	All Wards
Locality Affected:	All Locality Area
Parishes Affected:	All Parish Area

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 This report provides the Children's Health, Social Care and Education O&S Committee with an update of performance and key issues relating to Swindon CCG.
- 1.2 A key purpose of the Children's Health, Social Care and Education O&S Committee is to hold Commissioners of Health and Social Care Services to account.
- 1.3 Any Commissioner of Health and Social Care Services in Swindon is required to provide information on the planning and provision of health and social care services within the Borough and consult with the Committee on any planned substantial changes or developments to service provision.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the report.

Identify any areas of concern that require further investigation.

3. Detail

General Update

3.1 Review of Children's Services

Children's Mental Health Pathways are being developed locally in line with national ambition integrating into a tier-less service to make assessments faster and more seamless.

A full review of community children's provision is being completed this year and we will update the committee as this progresses further.

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3.2 Appointment of Designated Nurse

We are pleased to confirm that we have appointed a full time Designated Nurse who started with the CCG on the 7 September 2016. Swindon CCG is required to employ, or have in place designated professionals for safeguarding children and for looked after children. The designated nurse will be a vital source of advice to the CCG, NHS England, Swindon Borough Council and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board, and offer advice and support to other health professionals.

3.3 SEND

The CCG have been working with Community Paediatricians, the SEND Strategic Lead and colleagues at Swindon Borough Council in order to meet the statutory requirements of the Children and Families Act 2014, with specific regards to children with Special Educational Needs and Disability.

The CCG has created and funded a Designated Medical Officer post; to support the health review for children and young people in Swindon who are requiring an education and health care plan (EHCP). This will provide children and young people with better care planning as a result of multi-disciplinary working across health, education and social care.

The CCG is now using a nationally recognised quality self-assessment tool to further indicate actions moving forward. This will support progress and generate a SEND health specific action plan.

3.4 Maternity Care in Swindon

As part of the NHS Five Year Forward View, a national review of maternity services was undertaken to assess the current maternity care provision and consider how services should be developed to meet the changing needs of women a babies.

The key local issues to are:

	September 2016 Update
Tongue tie pathway	Waiting times have been reduced to one week following a close collaboration with the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) department. Reductions in waiting times are expected to be sustainable and will continue to be reviewed monthly.

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Smoking cessation	A new pathway is due to commence in October 2016 for Swindon patients which will see a transfer of support services from one part-time midwife to an existing service at Swindon Borough Council. This will be closely monitored in respect of contacts and outcomes. This gives the opportunity to extend services beyond the maternity time frame and better extend cessation support to family members also, for longer term effect.
High caesarean section rates (emergency and elective)	<p>GWH are now participating in the SW Network Caesarean Section working party.</p> <p>The CCG are exploring the prospect of a University of Bath Clinical Psychology Placement for an MSc student to look at selection and desire for caesarean from a psychological perspective for professionals, mothers and partners. This is due to start in the Summer of 2017 and could be a unique piece of work nationally.</p>
High induction rates	As above (linked with high caesarean section rates)
Low normal birth rates	As above (linked with high caesarean section rates)
2015 CQC recommendations: <i>Ensure there are sufficient numbers of midwifery staff to provide care and treatment to patients in line with national guidance</i>	<p>A recruitment plan is in place and new staff are being recruited. This issue will be closely monitored through the CCGs Commissioning for Quality Forum.</p> <p>A tele-health project is being planned (with West of England Health Academy) which will allow remote monitoring for pregnant women. This has the potential to release staff from face to face contact in the hospital and will be more patient friendly, for a select group of low risk patients. .</p>

3.5 Supporting Information

3.5.1 None

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4. Alternative Options

4.1 None

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

5.1 None

Legal and Human Rights Implications

5.2 None

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

5.3 None

Diversity Impact Assessment

5.4 None

Risk Management

5.5 None

6. Consultees

6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

7.1 None

8. Appendices

8.1 None