

NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group

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

Date: 9 November 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

The Joint Children's Services Commissioning Lead commenced in post 08.09.2016 and is working across Swindon CCG and Swindon Borough Council.

3.1 Autism Pathway

The current waiting time for autism assessment and diagnoses in children and young people is approximately 12 months. Understanding the challenges within the service and finding a multi-agency solution to reduce this waiting time is a key priority for the CCG. The recent appointment of the Joint Children's Commissioner is providing dedicated leadership for this pathway review.

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A full review of children's services has commenced, which will further support the specific autism pathway review. Swindon CCG, together with clinicians and professionals commissioned to provide specialist assessment, are fully engaged in the review process. The current wait times are not acceptable to the CCG and it is recognised that this delay does not provide effective support or a good experience for those children and families referred for assessment.

There is a high commitment to reduce the autism assessment waiting times in Swindon, ensuring alignment of appropriate and timely specialist interventions as necessary, such as speech and language therapy. A detailed action plan is in development, which will set out clear leads and timeframes for improvement with an aim of ensuring better outcomes for children and their families and carers.

3.2 Young People's Clinics

The Children's and Young Person's (C&YP) Service is part of the Swindon Success Service, which is based in Moredon Medical Centre and Carfax Health Centre. Both operate from 8am – 8pm seven days a week, treating infants, toddlers and young people suffering from common colds, aches or pains but not life-threatening conditions. This service is for any parent or carer who believes their child should see a health practitioner the same day. Parents and carers can call the clinic, where, following a phone assessment an appointment can be made. The contact number for the service is 01793 646 466.

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.

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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.