

ADULTS' HEALTH, ADULTS' CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 25 APRIL 2017

PRESENT:- Councillors Claire Ellis (Chair), Steve Allsopp, Alan Bishop, Steph Exell, Brian Ford, Caryl Sydney-Smith, Steve Weisinger, Julie Wright and Robert Wright.

Mark Edwards (Swindon Healthwatch).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mary Friend and Michelle Howard (Equalities Advisory Forum).

44. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

45. Public Question Time

No public questions were asked or submitted for this meeting.

46. Minutes

Resolved -That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

47. Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust

Mr Newland Anning, the Managing Director, Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust (AWP), submitted a report updating the Committee on the performance and key issues relating to the organisation. He commented on the consultation document, letter sent out to the Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups, the presentation used for the public event at the Pilgrim Centre on the 4th April and to statistical data relating to Place of Safety activity across Wiltshire and Swindon's Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Councillor Brian Ford, Cabinet Member for Adults' Health and Social Care referred to the Council's response to the consultation. He explained that as the next Full Council met after the end of the consultation period, a letter expressing the Council's disquiet at the proposal to close Sandlewood Court was sent to Haley Richards, Chief Executive at Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust. The Committee noted the content of the letter and Councillor Ford explained that further discussions would need to be undertaken with AWP to address issues arising from this proposal. Mr Andrew Dean, Executive Director of Nursing responded to Councillor's Ford comments by explaining the plans in place to ensure enhancement of services in Swindon.

Following the introduction of the report, Mr Anning and Mr Dean responded to members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- The need for a local place of safety to cover the population size in Swindon.
- That Place of Safety was an early and preventative care pathway and the work being undertaken to achieve safety for the patient by utilising the triage and crises teams.
- The future of Sandlewood Court as part of a consolidation process providing the best service from resources available.
- The number of patients in Swindon detained under Section 136.
- The effect on Swindon patients if they had to undertake treatment out of borough.
- That 83% of patients that do not transfer to in-patient care and data reflected that Swindon patients would benefit from a local place of safety where assessments could be undertaken within timescales.
- Other suitable premises were unavailable in Swindon and no capital was available to purchase other buildings.
- The assessment time to review a patient.
- How patients were supported in the community after they were discharged and that only those needing to be admitted would be detained.
- Collaborative work being undertaken with Great Western Hospital (GWH) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) that included having a permanent psychiatric nurse located in the Emergency Department at GWH.
- The tripartite agreement between Swindon and Wiltshire CCG together with the Police Commissioner to look at preventative measures.
- Sandlewood Court was not suitable to be adapted into a Place of Safety.
- Delaying the completion of the consultation period until end of May.
- There would be no adverse impact on Swindon Borough Council as all relevant staffing would be provided by AWP

Resolved - (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That Councillor Ford's letter to Haley Richards, Chief Executive at Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust be circulated to all members of the Committee.

48. NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group Update

Ms Gill May, Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), presented a report providing an update on performance and key issues relating to the service. She explained that Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire had begun working on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and were addressing challenges facing the health and care system. Ms May commented on partnership working with Wiltshire on community plans for people with learning disabilities, the weekly meetings with GWH to monitor the transition of community services and the plans to change the IVF policy.

Ms May with the Director, Adult Services, responded to members' questions and comments on the following:

- The lack of public understanding and engagement in the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).
- The achievements of the STP to date.

Resolved- That the report be noted.

49. Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Committee received a report by the Chief Executive of the Great Western Hospital (GWH) NHS Foundation Trust on key issues and developments at the Great Western Hospital. Mr Kevin McNamara, Director of Strategy, Great Western Hospital (GWH), presented the report and highlighted matters of significance, including the current demand and performance of the emergency department. He commented on the various activities over the last five years for all services that reflected the increase in demand. Mr McNamara drew attention to the increase of population in Swindon over the lifetime of the PFI hospital. He referred to the challenge of national constraints on capital funding and the work with health and social care commissioners. Mr McNamara updated the Committee on the improvement of referrals for treatment, the progress made in reducing the number of patients with pressure ulcers, the improvement plans in place to address the Care Quality Commission concerns following their inspection and the current financial position of the Trust.

Following his presentation of the report, Mr McNamara and Ms Gill May, Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), responded to members' questions and comments on the following issues:

- The number of patients admitted onto wards from urgent care centres.
- The expanding population of Swindon and primary care capacity to cover future community needs.
- Where the recuperation of patients could be undertaken.
- How budgets travelled with patients, particularly out of borough patients.
- Facilities available at Health Centres to alleviate pressures on the Emergency Department.
- The accountable care model with the possible expansion of "hot clinics".
- The number of patients admitted to hospital with complications due to pressure ulcers and how those undertaking independent living were assisted.

Resolved - (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Director of Strategy, Great Western Hospital (GWH) be requested to circulate figures on the number of patients admitted to wards from urgent care centres.

50. Performance for Adult Social Care Commissioning

The Director, Adult Services submitted a report updating the Committee on the performance of Adult Services. The Director explained that the report had been structured to highlight the strengths and challenges of the work undertaken, making specific reference to the challenges of clients with complex needs who required specialist care packages or placements.

Following her introduction of the report, The Cabinet Member for Adult's Health and Social Care, the Director of Adult Services and the Public Health Consultant responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- The waiting times for reviews of people with learning difficulties.
- The increase in funding rates for nursing home residents and how residents received this information.
- The percentage of spend on prevention within the Public Health Budget.
- The overall investment in older people services and that a percentage of this investment pertained to patient discharge from hospital.
- Shortages of nurses in nursing homes following the increase of patients being admitted into care.
- The strategy objectives to prevent catastrophic falls and the work undertaken with the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service to inform the public on the Falls Strategy.

Resolved - (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Director of Adult Services be requested to circulate the percentage of spend on prevention within the Public Health Budget.

(3) That the Director of Adult Services be requested to circulate information on the cost of patients being readmitted into hospital and how this affected budgets.

(4) That the Public Health Consultant be requested to circulate the Council's Fall Strategy.

51.

Dementia - Report

The Committee received a report and recommendations from its Dementia Task Group, established to review undertake a review of Dementia and would focus on partnership arrangements and whether the health journey was meeting the needs of patients. Councillor Bob Wright, the Chair of the Task Group, introduced the report, explaining the rationale for the review and expanding on the structure and methodology of the Task Group's investigation. Councillor Wright advised that the report focused on two approaches that would make a difference. He explained how Swindon could become a Dementia Friendly town and the need to raise public awareness that dementia was a non-communicable disease. He emphasised the need for intervention and that whilst initiatives are in place, members of the public are to be encouraged to adopt a healthier lifestyle. He suggested that an alliance be set up with other bodies to pool resources and encourage change.

Resolved - (1) That the Committee welcomes this report and acknowledges the hard work of its Task Group in undertaking this review to inform the development of future change and improvement for dementia patients.

(2) That Councillors and officers be thanked for their support over the past two years to ensure the success of this task group.

(3) That a Cabinet Member Advisory Group be set up to review the recommendations during the next municipal year.

(4) That further to (3) above, members of the Dementia Task Group be invited to sit on the Cabinet Member Advisory Group.

(5) That an update be submitted to the Committee at its meeting in September 2017.

52.

Work Programme

The Committee received a report from the Director of Law and Democratic Services detailing its updated work programme for the Municipal Year 2016/17.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That all those contributing areas for consideration under this Committee's Work Programme for the Municipal Year, 2016/17, be thanked.

(3) That further to Minute 52, the proposed Work Programme for 2017/18 be updated to include:

- A task group be set up to review the support offered to families of those with emotional disorder.
- A task group be set up to review ways to attract health and social care staff to Swindon.
- That a report reflecting the difference between French and British house building models and the need to ensure the British model meets housing demands be submitted to the Committee.