

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

**WEDNESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2017**

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

Doug Morris (Swindon Parent and Cares Group) and Steve Henderson (Equalities Advisory Forum).

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

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

## **15. 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 Fay Howard made a personal, non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) on the grounds of her employment by Virgin Care.

Councillor Barbara Parry made a personal, non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) on the grounds of her employment by Ridgeway School.

Councillor Gary Sumner made a personal, non-prejudicial personal declaration of interest in respect of Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) 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 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) in her capacity as governor of Swindon Academy.

Councillor Matthew Courtliff made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) in his capacity as governor of Colebrook Junior School and as his wife was a teaching Assistant at Kingsdown School.

Councillor Caryl Sydney Smith made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) in her capacity as governor of Swindon Academy.

Councillor Nadine Watts made a personal, non-prejudicial declaration of interest to Agenda item 21 (Children's performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18) as her children attended Commonweal School.

**16. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**17. Public Question Time**

No public questions were asked or submitted for this meeting.

**18. NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group - Children's Services Review**

Ms Gill May, Executive Nurse at NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), submitted a report providing the Committee with a performance update and a summary of the following key issues in relation to the planning and provision of health and social care services within the Borough:

- The Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Dashboard Key Indicators.
- The publication of the final draft of the Local Transformation Plan in relation to children and young people's mental health
- NHS England's issue of a national standard aimed at incentivising improvements to the experience and outcomes for young people as they transition out of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CYPMHS) and into either Adult Mental Health Services (AMHS), other commissioned services or Primary Care
- The CCG's six month General Practice Forward View as an element of the NHS Five Year Forward View for strengthening and transforming general practice primary care services.

Following her presentation of the report, Ms May and the Divisional Director, Women's, Children's & Sexual Health, responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- Provision of bespoke safeguarding training for each staff member.
- The evaluation of the Blue-Ice mobile app being trialled by Oxford Health Foundation Trust and confirmation that funding for this trial had been agreed until June 2018. This app is a prescribed evidence-based app to help young people manage their emotions and to reduce urges to self-harm.
- The project being undertaken to review software programmes that will facilitate information sharing between partners and that would instigate a whole system approach.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

**19. 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 Project Manager drew the meeting's particular attention to the "Your Space, Your Say", campaign supported by the Deputy Member Youth Parliament. This campaign concerned young people's access to health & leisure services. The meeting was advised that the campaign was a joint venture delivered by a PhD Student in Health from Bath University and the Youth Parliament members.

It was noted that in furtherance of the campaign objectives, the various youth participation groups had been invited to look at what they value about being active, and the factors that prevent them taking part in more active lifestyles, and also to identify opportunities for young people to lead a more active lifestyle. The Project Manager provided further detail on the various ideas put forward by young people to implement change, which ranged from providing more accessible leisure facilities to reducing bullying and negative behaviour by promoting bullying awareness in schools and on social media. It was noted that discussions with the Better Leisure Management Company were being conducted with the aim of reviewing young people's accessibility to leisure facilities. The use of discount cards by young people in leisure facilities was under consideration by the company.

In response to a query regarding the "The Dock", the Project Manager expanded on information available on the site (<https://thedockswindon.co.uk/>) and advised that "The Dock" was a new and different way for young people to find out about services within Swindon.

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 a further report on the work of the Youth Parliament to the Committee at its meeting in January 2018.

(5) That, prior to the next meeting of the Committee, the Project Manager, Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project, be requested to circulate to members of the Committee, a protected characteristics breakdown of those attending participation groups.

## **20. Great Western Hospital Update**

The Committee received a report by the Great Western Hospital (GWH) NHS Foundation Trust, on key issues and developments at the Great Western Hospital. Teresa Harding, Divisional Director for the Women and Children's Division, (GWH), highlighted matters of significance including:

- The positive report by the Care Quality Commission following a routine inspection in March 2017.
- Discussions undertaken with the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group around staffing and funding for Community Paediatrics.
- The benchmarking exercises for the neonates undertaken with the South West Clinical Network.

- The recent opening of the Childrens' Outside Space following a successful appeal by the Brighter Futures' Hospital Charity.
- The recent introduction of gathering customer feedback directly from children.
- The event held in September at GWH designed to offer support to families whose children were transferring from children's to adult services.

Following the presentation of her report, Teresa Harding, 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:

- The need to recruit staff in the Children's and Sick Children and Baby Units.
- The level of community involvement in the transition process of teenagers moving from children's into adult care.
- Prioritising and distribution of funding allocated by the CCG for GWH services including the Designated Medical Officer and Designated Commissioning Officer roles.
- The level and range of training available for staff within the paediatrics department.
- Waiting times for services within Community Paediatrics, the impact this was having on patients and actions being undertaken to reduce the waiting period.
- Joint working between Children Services and the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group to identify and support young people officially or unofficially diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Looked after children being given higher priority on any waiting list.
- Exclusions from school due to behavioural issues associated with ADHD and ASD and its impact on the pupil's education.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Divisional Director for the Women and Children's Division be requested to circulate information presented at the event hosted by GWH for vulnerable teenagers moving into adult care.

## **21. Children's Performance Summary Quarter 2 17/18**

The Head of Education and the Head of Children, Families and Community Health, submitted a joint report providing an update on the performance within all service commissioning groups between April and September 2017. The Head of Children, Families and Community Health, introduced the report and explained that the report provides comparator performance data from the Childrens' social care in-year benchmarking group. This was essential intelligence in relation to current trends in other authorities.

The Head of Children, Families and Community Health highlighted the improvements that had been made including completing statutory assessments within timescales. Areas of improvement centred on the work required due to an increase in the number of children requiring statutory intervention.

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, they were un-validated at present. It was explained that over ninety percent of the primary schools attained “Outstanding” Level in their Ofsted assessment. He advised that following the myriad of changes within secondary schools management, discussions were held with head teachers to improve Key Stage 2 results.

The Head of Education referred to the Swindon Challenge which was a partnership arrangement for driving improvement for pupils in Swindon schools and colleges. He further referred to the NEET (not engaged in education/employment/training) rate which was slightly higher in Swindon. It was explained that this was due to robust tracking processes resulting in the reduction in number of young people with unknown learning destinations.

Following the presentation of their report, the Director of Children Services, Head of Children, Families and Community Health, and the Head of Education, responded to the members’ questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- The cost of out of borough placements and that local placements are and can lead to good outcomes for a young person.
- The Swindon Challenge Board’s involvement in improving Key Stage 4 attainment.
- Sharing of good practice between schools particularly following the introduction of the new curriculum.
- The quality of leadership and management of schools to address behavioural issues of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) or autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
- Swindon’s Key Stage 5 results as compared to regional and statistical neighbours.
- Outcomes of young people attending university and level of employment they subsequently achieved.
- Prevention of school exclusions through dialogue with schools to ensure access and inclusion of pupils.
- High youth unemployment rate figures as compared to national and regional data.

Resolved – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Head of Education be requested to circulate information regarding the outcomes of young people attending university.

(3) That the Head of Education be requested to circulate information on the youth unemployment rate data before the next meeting of the Committee.

## **22. Targeted Mental Health Services (TaMHS)**

The Head of Children, Families and Community Health submitted a report providing an update on performance and key issues relating to Targeted Mental Health Services. The Principal Officer, Health and Wellbeing, introduced the report and explained that it reflected an update on work commissioned. She advised that the report described the TaMHS delivery model, which provides a single point of access and triage process for all children’s mental health services in Swindon. The Head of Children, Families and Community Health explained that the referral to assessment to treatment processes for mental health patients were being completed within timescales. She advised that the department offered traded

service to schools, allowing them to purchase consultations and group and individual work with children and young people from the department.

The Principal Officer, Health and Wellbeing, commented on the work being collaboratively undertaken with The Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Oxford Health Foundation Trust on the Local Transformation Plan.

Following the presentation of her report the Principal Officer responded to the members' questions and comments in respect of the following matters:

- The success of nurture groups for those aged between 8 and 14 years old and the availability of one to one support for those younger or older than this age group.
- Engagement with parents, carers and schools to ensure young people attend referral appointments.
- Support was available for parents and carers through the Family Links Parenting Programme.

Resolved - That the report be noted.

## **23.**

### **Work programme**

The Director of Law and Democratic Services submitted a report on the Committee's work programme for the current Municipal year, detailing the activities that the Committee had undertaken, and would be undertaking, during the course of the year, with the aim of producing evidence based recommendations intended to provide service improvements for Cabinet and external agencies/bodies to consider.

The Committee also considered the priorities and suggestions of Cabinet as detailed in the Cabinet Work Programme and Forward Plan when considering the work programme.

Resolved – That the report be noted.