

HEALTH, ADULT AND CHILDREN SERVICES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT:- Councillors Maureen Penny (Chair), Michael Bray (Deputy Chair), Steve Allsopp, Alan Bishop, Mary Friend, John Haines, Fay Howard, Cindy Matthews, Gemma McCracken, Ann Richards, Eric Shaw, Carol Shelley, Timothy Swinyard, Nadine Watts, Steve Weisinger and Julie Wright, Kevin McNamara, (Director of Strategy, Great Western Hospital [GWH]), Michelle Howard (SEQOL), Ayoola Oyinloye (Public Health), Rosemarie Phillips (Equalities Advisory Forum), Paul Sunners (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education), Claire Smith (Participation Manager), Paul Dobson (Project Manager, Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project), Ellie James and Wilf Steenbergern (Members of the Youth Parliament), Peter Rowe (Healthwatch Swindon), John Gilbert (Board Director Commissioning, Children and Adults), Paddy Bradley (Head of Economy, Skills and property Development), Sue Wald (Head of Commissioning, Children and Adults), Cherry Jones, Acting Director of Public Health.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Baker, Andrew Bennett and James Robbins, Alison Paul (Swindon Association of Special School Headteachers), Andrew Wild (Church of England Diocese), David Dawson (Catholic Diocese), Karen Reeve (Head of Children's Social Care, Community Health and Family Services).

Also Present: Councillors Fionuala Foley, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Brian Mattock, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care.

26. 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 and non-prejudicial declaration of interest as she was employed by Great Western Hospital.

Councillor Tim Swinyard made a personal and non-prejudicial declaration of interest as he was a governor at Millbrook Primary School.

Councillor Eric Shaw made a personal and non-prejudicial declaration of interest as he was a Council appointed representative on SEQOL.

27. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd September 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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Public Question Time

No public questions were asked or submitted for this meeting.

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Progress Update of the Youth Forum

The Chair welcomed Ms Claire Smith, Participation Manager, Mr Paul Dobson, Project Manager, STEP (Swindon Ten to Eighteen Project), Miss Ellie James, the elected Member of the Youth Parliament and her deputy, Mr Wilf Steenbergern to the Committee meeting.

Ms Smith updated the Committee on the progress of the Youth Forum, Thought Tank (previously known as Chatterboxes) and Members of Youth Parliament (MYP). She referred to the ways the Youth Forum and its work linked to the One Swindon priorities.

The Committee received a presentation by Miss James on the work of the Youth Forum and Parliament. She outlined her recent work with ITV Fixers as a part of her campaign to encourage young people to take up free educational opportunities now rather than struggle when older.

She explained how the results of the 11 to 18 year old students' online survey, "What are the main life choices or obstacles that stop you following your dream?" shaped future work for the Youth Forum.

The Committee also heard from Mr Steenbergern on ways available for schools to engage with the issue of bullying in schools.

The representatives, Mr Paddy Bradley, Head of Economy, Skills and Property Development, together with Mr Paul Dobson, responded at the meeting to the following issues raised by Committee Members:

- The range of obstacles encountered by young people that may affect their confidence and aspirations and how these are tackled.
- Ways the Youth Forum offered advice and support to young people.
- Identifying possible links to bullying and its variations as a result of the on-line survey.
- Proposed timescale for circulating the Curriculum for Life related questionnaire targeting PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education) and Citizenship provision teaching staff. The Committee noted that the second part of the survey would target students.
- The support provided by the Council to the Youth Forum.
- Awareness of available access to relevant and appropriate career advice.
- Reasons for low aspiration in young people.
- Dialogue between the Youth Forum and primary schools regarding bullying. The Committee noted that current primary school programmes meant that additional assistance was not required.
- The number and type of schools involved in the Curriculum for Life Campaign.
- Developing an understanding that whilst all schools had an anti-bullying policy, the content and style of the policy varied.

Resolved: (1) That the Chair, in conjunction with the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, be requested to send a letter recommending the Curriculum for Life to those schools that were not yet part of the scheme.

(2) That the Chair, in conjunction with Councillor Eric Shaw and the Overview and Scrutiny Officer, be requested to send out a survey directed at secondary schools regarding their funding.

(3) That the Committee expresses its continued support for the work of the Member of Youth Parliament and Youth Forum.

(4) That Miss Ellie James, the elected Member of the Youth Parliament and her deputy, Mr Wilf Steenbergern, be thanked for their contributions.

30. Infection Prevention and Control Annual Report 2013_14

The Acting Director of Public Health submitted a report providing an update on infection prevention and control (IP&C) in Swindon and on the activities undertaken by the multiagency Swindon Infection Prevention and Control Group.

Dr Ayo Oyinloye, Consultant in Public Health, introduced the report and explained that it highlighted the success and challenges in infection prevention and control in Swindon. He responded to questions and comments from the Committee regarding the following issues:

- The influence of the Committee on health provision in Swindon.
- Further to 3.4.5 of the report, Dr Oyinloye referred to the reasons for the low response to the Care Home Audit for Swindon survey and the Committee noted the work to be undertaken on its recommendations.
- Proposed future work being undertaken to increase the Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccination uptake.
- Clarity on whether the charge for the SEQOL IP&C Link network was a barrier to uptake and on further actions that may be considered to encourage greater take-up by health and social care providers.
- Contract timescales and the frequency of monitoring and inspecting Care homes.
- Patient choices under the “Choose and Book” referrals scheme.
- Further to paragraph 3.4.3 of the report, Dr Oyinloye commented on the learning from dealing with Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) cases. He referred to the action plan produced following the Care Quality Commission inspection of the Great Western Hospital in 2013 that included actions relating to Outcome 8, ‘People should be cared for in a clean environment and protected from the risk of infection’.

Resolved: (1) That the Infection Prevention and Control report, be noted.

(2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to programme in a training session for Members of this Committee providing an overview of Children’s Services and Health related work in the Work Programme for the next Municipal year.

31. Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Update

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 highlighting priorities and achievements for the hospital.

He referred to discussions undertaken with Carillion following its poor hygiene inspection performance and on the monitoring of the hospital's financial situation.

Following the presentation of his report, Mr McNamara responded to member's questions and comments on the following issues:

- The standard of spoken English of recruited foreign staff.
- How ward managers ensure foreign recruits were integrated onto wards.
- Skills monitoring on wards and training provided for staff.
- Differentiation between actions being undertaken to recruit nurses and midwives.
- Communication difficulties with agency staff caused by the temporary short term nature of their employment on site.
- Date when the ophthalmology clinic would be opening and how the department would address transport issues for patients.
- Work being undertaken to transfer the success of the Sepsis Six campaign to acute kidney injury.
- An update on the talking newspaper.
- Following the cleaning inspection, actions being undertaken by Carillion to ensure patient safety.
- The financial arrangements for "out of Borough" patients.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer organise a visit to Great Western Hospital to enable Committee Members to meet nurses and receive a briefing on their work.

(3) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to circulate to Committee members information regarding the start dates for the Eye Care Liaison Officer and New Vision Team.

32. NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group

The Committee reviewed a report submitted by the Head of Communications and Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) on the performance and key issues relating to NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That, if required, Members of the Committee be requested to submit any questions to the Overview and Scrutiny Officer for circulation to the Head of Communications and Patient and Public Involvement .

33. SEQOL Update

The Customer Services Director (SEQOL) submitted a report outlining performance and key issues for SEQOL.

Ms Michelle Howard (SEQOL) explained the report structure and commented on the work undertaken in the infection control area, particularly in patient's homes and care homes. She referred to training available and extended an invitation to all Committee members to attend.

Following the presentation of her report, Ms Howard and Mrs Sue Wald, Head of Commissioning and Adults, responded to questions and comments on the following issues:

- The impact of the Housing Strategy on health and wellbeing.

- Training available for carers.
- How SEQOL contributed to facilities available at the Family Contact Point in Sanford House.
- Explanation on how SEQOL was a conduit between integrated services available at Great Western Hospital.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Head of Housing Services be requested to submit a report on Housing and Wellbeing to this Committee's meeting in March 2015.

(3) That, further to (2) above, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to liaise with Ms Howard (SEQOL) regarding content of the report.

34. Consideration of Health and Wellbeing Board Recommendations

Ms Cherry Jones, Acting Director of Public Health, submitted a report on the recommendations and issues arising from the meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 10 September and 8 October 2014.

Resolved: (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to circulate details regarding the waiting list for the Memory Clinic to Committee members.

(3) That the new report format for Commissioner and Provider reports be noted.

35. Work Programme 2014_15

The Committee received a report from the Director of Law and Democratic Services detailing its updated work programme for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

Mrs Sally Smith, Overview and Scrutiny Officer, referred to the changes within the programme.

The Committee discussed the creation of sub groups to address particular issues requiring scrutiny and noted that the Corporate Governance Review Working Group was to review the success of the operation of the existing Overview and Scrutiny Committee structure in early 2015.

Mrs Smith and Mr Paul Sunners provided an update on the Out of Borough Placements Sub-Group.

Resolved – (1) That members of the Committee be requested to inform the Overview and Scrutiny Officer of any subject they believed required the establishing of a sub-group of this Committee.

(2) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to refer the findings of Out of Borough Placements review to the Corporate Parenting Advisory Group for its consideration and to request that it report back to this Committee in the next Municipal Year.

(3) That the Overview and Scrutiny Officer be requested to update the work programme as agreed in consultation with the Chair.