

Health Scrutiny Panel – Meeting held on Thursday, 30th June, 2016.

Present:- Councillors Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan, M Holledge, Mann, Pantelic, Qaseem (from 6.37pm), Smith and Strutton

Non-Voting Co-optee – Colin Pill, Slough Healthwatch representative

Also present:- Councillor Hussain

Apologies for Absence:- None.

PART I

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

2. Election of Chair for 2016/17

The Panel was invited to make nominations for the position of Chair for the 2016/17 municipal year. Councillor Pantelic was proposed by Councillor M Holledge and seconded by Councillor Mann. Councillor Chaudhry was self-nominated and this nomination was seconded by Councillor Cheema.

The two nominations were put to the vote and, a prior request having been made, for the record of the voting:

Those voting for Councillor Chaudhry:- Councillors Chaudhry and Cheema.

Those voting for Councillor Pantelic:- Councillors Chohan, M Holledge, Mann, Pantelic, Smith and Strutton.

Not present at the time of the vote:- Councillor Qaseem.

Councillor Pantelic was therefore elected as Chair of the Panel for the 2016-17 municipal year by six votes to two.

Resolved - That Councillor Pantelic be elected Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Pantelic in the chair for the remainder of the meeting)

3. Election of Vice-Chair for 2016/17

The nomination of Councillor Strutton was moved and seconded. There being no other nominations it was:-

Resolved - That Councillor Strutton be elected Vice-Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing year.

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4. Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st March and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 4th April 2016

Resolved –

- (a) That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2016 be approved as a correct record.
- (b) That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 4th April 2016 be approved as a correct record.

5. Member Questions

There were no questions from Members.

6. Introduction to Health Scrutiny

The Panel received presentations from the Director of Adult Social Care, Assistant Director of Public Health and the Chair of Slough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) introducing the key themes and issues relating to the remit of the Panel.

(Councillor Qaseem joined the meeting)

Adult Social Care

The key points noted are summarised as follows:

- The legislative framework for adult social care was set out in the Care Act 2014. Services were undergoing a period of significant change and aimed to support people to maintain their 'independence, dignity and control'.
- Adult social care budgets had reduced by 31% in real terms nationally in the past five years and in Slough the net budget for 2016-17 was £31m, down from £40m in 2013-14. A major Reform Programme was in place which included planned savings of £7.8m between 2015 to 2020.
- Spending patterns were changing with a shift from supporting people in care homes towards more support for care at home. Despite the funding pressures, all but one key performance indicator was improving.
- Future strategy aimed to prevent, support and delay the need for social care services; help support people to live at home; make safeguarding personal and integrate support with the NHS and other partners.

In response to a question it was noted that it was generally more cost effective to support people at home rather than in a care home setting, although costs were rising partly due to the increasingly complex needs of many people. Most care home provision was through spot purchase with only one block contract at present. The Council was commended on the quality of

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its reablement service and it was recognised to be performing well. Direct payments were increasing from around 20% a few years ago to a target of 40% in the next two years. A Member asked about the linkages with other services, particularly housing, to ensure people receiving care at home were fully supported. It was responded that a new housing strategy was being developed and this had recently been considered by the Health Priority Delivery Group to identify the important linkages between social care and housing. A number of practical steps had already been taken to improve engagement and it was recognised that further progress was required to provide people with the support that fully met their wider needs.

The Panel discussed the integration between health and social care services and noted the significant changes underway as part of the transformation programme. Members recognised the importance of working closely with the NHS and other partners to improve services and meet the financial challenges facing social care.

Public health

The key points noted are summarised as follows:

- The scope of public health services was detailed and aimed to extend healthy life expectancy and reduce premature death. The Public Health Team sought to work with Council departments and partners to address the determinants of health such as education, housing employment etc.
- Significant public health data was available to Members, including ward profiles and emerging trends from www.phoutcomes.info.
- The Strategic Director of Public Health, based in Bracknell, was a shared service arrangement across Berkshire with local teams in each authority.
- The Public Health Grant from the Government had been subject to a significant in year cut last year and was set to reduce for the next two years.
- Performance indicators were closely monitored and the Panel noted the successes made on a number of key local priorities e.g. to tackle childhood obesity, flu immunisation and CAMHS services.

Members welcomed the range of programmes and activities underway and offered their support in championing and promoting such initiatives. It was agreed to give further consideration to how this could best be achieved. The Panel also commended the Public Health Team for the numerous ways in which they had engaged Slough Youth Parliament and it was suggested that they be involved with the Panel on relevant areas of scrutiny in the future.

A Member asked what was being done to identify and adopt innovative practices in areas such as mental health services. A significant amount of work had been done on providing mental health 'first aid' training for 400 people and local CAMHS services were considered innovative. In response to a question about the wards in Slough with the highest levels of admissions

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it was noted that there were particular challenges in Chalvey and activity was underway there to promote physical activity and prevent conditions such as diabetes.

NHS/CCG services

The key points noted are summarised as follows:

- Slough CCG sought to work with providers, the Council and other CCGs to improve the health of the local population and improve the outcomes for patients. For an overview of how the NHS worked, Members were encouraged to view a video put together by the Kings Fund and it was agreed to circulate the web link.
- Of the overall NHS budget of £120bn, £72bn was provided to the 209 CCGs to purchase routine and planned services, urgent and emergency care, elective (planned) hospital care, community health services, maternity and mental health.
- The NHS Five-Year Forward View set the future national direction for the service which included more out-of-hospital care, new models of service delivery and increased investment in primary care.
- The CCG Assurance Process had now changed to the Improvement and Assessment Framework focusing on Better Health, Better Care, Sustainability and Leadership to deliver the Forward View.

The Panel asked a number of questions about the likely impact of the increased GP investment and co-commissioning arrangement for services in Slough and the wider engagement with the wellbeing agenda locally. It was responded that the additional resources were required to meet rising demand and that services were being changed to help patients navigate through the health system and address the needs of people with complex and long term conditions. This included the roll out of activity piloted through the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund for a 'seven day NHS' and to provide longer GP appointments for people with complex conditions. The local partnership arrangements of the Slough Wellbeing Board and Health Priority Delivery Group were also explained.

At the conclusion of the discussion the Panel noted the information provided and thanked Alan Sinclair, Angela Snowling and Dr O'Donnell for their presentations. The overview was considered to be helpful background and would be used to shape the Panel's Work Programme for the year ahead.

Resolved – That the presentations to introduce the Health Scrutiny agenda be noted.

7. Slough's Learning Disability Plan 2016-19

The Panel considered Slough's Learning Disability Plan 2016-19 which was a partnership approach to continue to improve and develop services for people with learning disabilities in the borough. It had been developed by the Learning Disability Partnership Board jointly with Berkshire Healthcare NHS

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Foundation Trust, Slough CCG, the Council, services users and their families. Delivery of the plan would also contribute to the Council's efficiency targets.

The Plan was split into seven parts and the key elements of the plan were summarised. It was informed by what people thought of current services and how they could be improved, and incorporated the principles of the Government Strategy 'Valuing People Now'. It also took account of the financial climate and changing needs of service users.

The current review of the in house day services for people with learning disabilities was discussed. The Cabinet would consider a report at its meeting on 18th July that recommended an increase in the amount of community based activities and a decrease in the number of building based services. The proposal was to retain and invest in the centres at Phoenix and Priors and to close the Elliman Resource Centre. In response to questions, the Panel were assured that those people who were assessed to need building based day services would continue to be able to do so, but that others could be best supported through a range of community based activities. Work would be done with each family to ensure people received safe and secure services which met their needs. This process was due to be completed by the end of the year with closure likely in early 2017, subject to Cabinet approval.

Members raised a number of issues about the proposal to close the Elliman Resource Centre including staffing issues; the range and quality of community based provision; and how friendship groups amongst users of the centre would be maintained. An engagement process was in place with staff to prepare for the changes and community based provision was in place and would be identified to meet the needs of individuals. The Council would seek to maintain friendship groups where possible and this would be monitored. Officers had a detailed knowledge of the individuals involved and were working closely with them, their families and advocates to understand their precise needs. Members requested that future such reports to Cabinet come to the Panel for scrutiny first. The Panel decided not to make any recommendations to the Cabinet at this stage but would be kept informed of progress and would consider whether further scrutiny would be required at a later stage in the process.

Members asked about the diagnosis and support for people at the lower end of the Autism Spectrum Disorder, particularly those moving into Slough who may have been misdiagnosed and were therefore not receiving the appropriate support. It was confirmed that ASD rates were higher than expected in Slough, indicating that diagnosis was not an issue. Members were invited to consider raising such matters with the Autism Partnership Board if they had specific concerns. The Panel discussed a number of other aspects of the plan including the performance management arrangements. It was a high level strategic plan with detailed actions and performance measures sitting below it. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Panel agreed to note the report.

Resolved – That Slough's Learning Disability Plan 2016-19 be noted.

8. HSP Work Programme 2016/17

Members considered the work programme of the Panel for the forthcoming municipal year. In terms of the general approach, the following was agreed:

- 2/3 substantive scrutiny items per meeting, ideally collated into an overarching theme.
- The Panel to scope and specify the focus of future reports as part of its work programme item at each meeting.
- Chair and Vice-Chair to work with Scrutiny Officer on detailed work programming, liaising with Overview & Scrutiny and other Panel Chairs accordingly.
- Consider the engagement of residents, patients and young people (including both Reach Out and Youth Parliament) and plan programme of engagement.

The following outline programme and themes for future meetings was suggested, subject to further discussion with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Director of Adult Social Care and Scrutiny Officer:

- 1st September – Frimley System Sustainability and Transformation Plan and Better Care Fund.
- 6th October – Performance & Quality - to include annual reports – BHT, CCG plan, Safeguarding Adults, Local Account; Wexham Park update; and Preparedness for Winter.
- Date TBC – Wellbeing (possible extra meeting) – to include links to housing; leisure and activity.
- 23rd November – Assets & Infrastructure - to include Slough Central update; consider links to Local Plan Review; mapping of services against population.
- 19th January – Focus on Slough CCG issues.
- 27th March – Transformation & Innovation - to include digital.

It was also suggested and agreed that a programme of visits for Panel Members to a range of services be arranged.

Resolved – That the Panel's Work Programme for the municipal year be developed to reflect the themed approach agreed at the meeting and that a programme of visits for Panel Members to a range of services be arranged.

9. Date of Next Meeting - 1st September 2016

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on 1st September, 2016.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.30 pm and closed at 8.19 pm)