

Health Scrutiny Panel – Meeting held on Monday, 10th July, 2017.

Present:- Councillors Chaudhry, M Holledge, Pantelic, Qaseem, Rana (Chair from item 3 onwards), A Sandhu, Sarfraz, Smith and Strutton

Apologies for Absence:- Colin Pill, Slough Healthwatch Representative

PART I

1. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Rana declared that a close relative worked at Wexham Park Hospital

2. Election of Chair for 2017/18

The Panel was invited to make nominations for the position of Chair for the 2017/18 municipal year. Councillor Rana was proposed by Councillor Chaudhry and this nomination was seconded by Councillor A.Sandhu.

Councillor Rana was elected as Chair of the Panel for the 2017-18 municipal year unanimously by all members.

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

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

3. Election of Vice-Chair for 2017/18

Councillor Smith was proposed by Councillor Strutton and seconded by Councillor Chaudhry. There being no other nominations it was:-

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

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 27th March 2017

Resolved- That the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th March 2017 be approved as a correct record.

5. Action Progress Report

Resolved- That the Action Progress Report be noted.

6. Member Questions

There were no questions from Members.

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7. Update Report on the Reconfiguration of the Borough's Activities Offer for People with Learning Disabilities

The Acting Head of Adult Social Care updated the Panel on the progress that had been made in reconfiguring the borough's activities offer for people with learning disabilities. As part of the wider Learning Disabilities Change Programme, the reconfiguration aimed to provide enhanced community based opportunities for people with learning disabilities. The Elliman Centre closed on the 1st January 2017 and the Capital Strategy Board had awarded £826,000 to refurbish the buildings of Phoenix and Priors. The report detailed services being accessed by users of the three centres. The needs of each service user had been reviewed to ensure that those who required building based services continued to receive this support from either Phoenix or Priors and others were accessing the wider range of community based activity that was provided.

The Panel asked about the overall feedback from service users and officers responded that although it was early, that the signs were promising and people welcomed the focus of choice, variety, control and independent living.

Members asked a number of questions and raised the following points during the course of this discussion:

- Individual support plans- Individuals had a support plan that reflected their personal wishes, needs and aspirations.
- Savings- the saving of £347,000 had been made by deleting vacant posts and making greater use of community facilities.
- Service User Feedback- There were various ways of reporting feedback which included letters and feedback forms from carers, parents, service users which were uploaded to case files and reviewed by the individual social workers involved with the client. There were also formal reviews of progress carried out every 6 months by the Council which assessed what was working well and any changes to the service user's needs.
- Refurbishments of Phoenix & Priors- It was discussed that there were control measures in place to ensure that the refurbishments remained within the anticipated budgets and designated time frames. There was reliance upon the asset management team to deliver the building work on time and within budget. There had been some minor delays in relation to the work however there were monthly meetings of the LD Programme Board at which progress was monitored. After discussing, the Panel agreed in support of the escalation for the refurbishments to the Capital Strategy Board.
- Information sharing protocols in place for local business and voluntary services- There are information sharing protocols in place, however some service users are limited in mental capacity due to their learning

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disabilities and can make unwise choices. It was discussed that there was a tumultuous balance between risk and safety when disclosing particular information.

The Panel discussed feedback mechanisms from service users and whether they would be able to have an opportunity to discuss this directly at a future meeting including input from individual service users regarding their own experiences over the past year. The Director of Adult Social Care advised that a follow up report one year on would provide Members with a more realistic overview of the inputs of the reconfiguration from service users.

A Member raised the wider issues of monitoring, quality of care provision, the respective roles of the Care Quality Commission and Healthwatch's role were discussed. It was agreed that a report on quality be considered by the Panel at its meeting in October 2017.

- Resolved-**
- (a) That the report be noted.
 - (b) That a future update be provided to the Panel in January 2018 including a survey and feedback from service users.
 - (c) That the Panel support the escalation of the refurbishment of Priors and Phoenix day care centres to the Capital Strategy Board.
 - (d) That details of the refurbishment be circulated to all Panel Members.
 - (e) A Member raised the wider issue of monitoring and quality of care provision, the respective roles of the Care Quality Commission and Healthwatch were discussed . It was agreed that a report on quality be considered by the Panel at its meetings in October 2017.

8. **Progress Update on the Adult Social Care Transformation Programme 2015-2019**

The Director of Adult Social Care, introduced a progress report on the adult social care transformation programme and an update on the adult social budget.

The 4 year programme which began in 2015 included 25 different projects, of these 12 had been completed, 11 were still ongoing and 2 were still to be delivered. The most significant project was the restructuring of Adult Social Care by creating three locality teams with a focus on asset based and strength based conversations and connecting people to the range of support and services available in their communities. Other projects included the reconfiguring of learning disabilities provision, SPACE contracts and housing related services.

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A Member requested that a cross-party approach to lobby for ASC funding be considered. The Director indicated that this could be discussed with the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care. A Member asked why there was an increased amount of money being spent on nursing home costs, it was explained that the price increases were due to the local authority having limited control over all beds and that the service providers can sell the beds to the open market whereas the local authority cannot compete by buying beds in block purchases to compete with other authorities operating in the locality.

The total budget had been falling between 2013-2017 but there was some additional funding for the last two years via the adult social precept and new one off national funding for the next 3 years which had been agreed by government through the improved Better Care Fund.

Resolved- (a) That the report be noted

(b) That the Panel note and agree the updated changes to the ASC Transformation Plan 2015-2019.

9. **Frimley Health and Care Sustainability and Transformation Partnership**

The Director of Adult Social Care, presented a report on the Frimley Health & Care Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Plan (STP). The purpose of the report was to provide the panel with an update in relation to the delivery of the plan and its potential governance arrangements.

In response to a question it was noted that the Frimley STP was in the tranche of STPs to move towards an accountable care system. This meant there were opportunities to access new funding more quickly than other areas but would require rapid progress to develop new ways of working. The Panel also discussed local representation on the STP Governance structures and the impact of the closer collaboration between the three East Berkshire CCGs since 1st April 2017.

The report discussed the seven STP work streams that had been established and where they were currently at in their various stages of development.

A Member asked that the future report style reflects the design and progress of different work streams that could be brought back to future meetings for comments and consideration.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

10. **Forward Work Programme**

The Panel considered the Work Programme for 2017-18 and the following items were confirmed and/or added:

31st August 2017:

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- Mental Health- Early identification and intervention
- 0-19 Service Re-provision
- Five Year Plan (Outcome review)
- STP Update

10th October 2017:

- Safeguarding Annual Report
- Resident's involvement in shaping services
- Community Hubs
- Quality of Care
- STP Update

22nd November 2017:

- Frimley NHS Foundation Trust update (meeting to be held at Frimley Park Hospital)
- CCG Operating Plan
- Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Annual Report
- STP Update

18th January 2018:

- ASC Programme Update
- Public Health Programme
- Learning Disabilities Programme Update
- STP Update

Resolved– That the Forward Work Programme be agreed, subject to the above amendments.

11. **Date of Next Meeting - 31st August 2017**

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on 31st August 2017.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.32 pm and closed at 7.50 pm)