

## **Health Scrutiny Panel – Meeting held on Wednesday, 23rd November, 2016.**

**Present:-** Councillors Pantelic (Chair), Strutton (Vice-Chair), Chaudhry, Cheema, Chohan (until 8.00pm), M Holledge, Mann, Qaseem and Smith (from 6.36pm)

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

**Apologies for Absence:-** None.

### **PART I**

#### **30. Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Cheema declared that a family member worked for Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillor Pantelic declared that she had been appointed as the Council's outside body representative to the Council of Governors of Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust as a non-voting stakeholder governor.

#### **31. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 6th October 2016**

**Resolved –** That the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 be approved as a correct record.

#### **32. Action Progress Report**

The Scrutiny Officer informed that Panel that there was one outstanding action to be followed up on the 'Preparedness for Winter' report from the 6<sup>th</sup> October meeting relating to the further information requested from Slough CCG on the local impacts of air pollution on respiratory conditions.

**Resolved –** That the Action Progress Report be noted.

#### **33. Member Questions**

There were no questions from Members.

*(Councillor Smith joined the meeting at 6.36pm)*

#### **34. Reconfiguration of the Borough's Activities Offer for People with Learning Disabilities**

The Head of Adult Safeguarding and Learning Disabilities 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

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to choose how best to meet their own support needs whilst also ensuring the Council was complying with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.

It had been proposed to reduce the number of day centres from three to two, by investing in the centres at Phoenix and Priors and closing the Elliman Centre, whilst enhancing community based facilities. The Panel noted the outcomes of the reviews with service users completed to date and received re-assurance that no one would lose access to a building based service without a formal review. A wide range of new community opportunities were being put in place including provision at the Britwell Hub, an allotment, sports taster sessions, healthy walks and courses on photography and social media. It was recognised that there was more work to do to evolve the community opportunities but a good start had been made and service users had been positive about the improved range of activities.

The Panel raised the following points during the course of the discussion:

- Feedback from service users did not come through strongly in the report and the Panel requested a further update in six months which included input from individuals and their families.
- The enhancement of community based activities was welcomed and a number of other suggestions were made such as increasing activities at Council owned assets such as parks, open spaces and allotments.
- Members also encouraged more training, employment and apprenticeships opportunities be developed for service users e.g. mechanical engineering. An employment services team was in place to liaise with local businesses and help raise awareness of the skills and attributes people with learning disabilities could offer employers.
- Service users no longer requiring building based provision would continue to be tracked and supported and would be reviewed annually.
- Adult social care was working closely with Slough Children's Services Trust to identify young people's needs early. The Panel welcomed this approach and agreed that it was particularly important to properly manage the transition to adult services.
- There was growing demand for services, with 2,153 adults with learning disabilities in 2007 predicted to increase to 2,644 in 2017. The Officer explained that this was one of the principle reasons driving the reconfiguration to increase community based provision. People's needs would have to be met with less funding available, which required transformation of the service.
- A Member raised the issue of respite services for carers and the Panel noted the provision had been widened including a change to two smaller respite units with appropriate support and greater use of direct payments.

The Panel discussed the proposal to close the Elliman Centre as part of the reconfiguration. As a result of the work undertaken with people, families and service users, a recommendation would be made to the Director of Adult Social Care to close the Elliman Centre on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 under the delegated authority given by the Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The decision

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would result in a revenue saving of £300,000, mainly from staffing and management costs.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Panel welcomed the work being done to transform learning disability services. The challenges in changing services, particularly when the closure of a centre was involved, were recognised and the Panel supported the approach being taken to carefully review each individual's needs and to enhance the community based opportunities available. The Panel also agreed to make two recommendations to Cabinet, which would also consider an update on this matter at its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2016, to encourage the further employment and apprenticeship opportunities for people with learning disabilities; and the potential to make greater use of Council assets and facilities for community based activities.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the report was noted.

### Resolved –

- (a) That the update be noted.
- (b) That the Panel receive a further report at its meeting on 29th June 2017 on the progress made in enhancing the range of community based provision; feedback from service users and families on the impacts of the reconfiguration; and tracking information on the services being used by those effected by moving from building based day centre provision.
- (c) That the following recommendations be made to the Cabinet on 19th December 2016:
  - i. That the Commissioner for Health & Social Care work with the Head of Adult Safeguarding and Learning Disabilities to explore further employment and apprenticeship opportunities for people with learning disabilities.
  - ii. That the Head of Adult Safeguarding and Learning Disabilities review the opportunities for residents to use Council facilities and open spaces e.g. allotments.

## 35. Mapping of services against local population

The Panel received an interactive presentation on the geographic distribution of health and related services mapped against population in Slough. The Slough Maps software showed facilities such as hospitals, home care agencies, nursing homes and residential homes. The mapping was still in development with additional data to be added. It was agreed that Members be given access to Slough Maps to enable them to further study the detailed information available for their ward.

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A Member commented that it appeared some wards had more provision than others, however, it was recognised that as Slough was relative small borough most services were accessible and close to where people lived. The Panel discussed public transport services, particularly the recent changes to bus services to and from Wexham Park Hospital and disability access on public transport. The Panel agreed to add a short scoping report to its Work Programme for the next meeting on public transport services to the hospital to determine any areas for further scrutiny. It was also noted that First Buses would be attending the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

### **Resolved –**

- (a) That the presentation be noted.
- (b) That Members of the Panel be provided with access to Slough Maps.
- (c) That a scoping report on public transport access to health facilities be added to the Panel's Work Programme for 19th January 2017.

## **36. Slough Central Update**

John Lisle, the Accountable Officer at Slough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), introduced a report providing an overview of the CCG Estates Strategy and the progress of the Slough Central concept which had previously been considered by the Panel.

The overall strategy linked to the Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP) and was driven by an approach to provide services closer to people; to promote the integration of health, social care and mental health services; and to deliver resilience and efficiency. The estates strategy set out the investment proposals to assist practices become 'health hubs' to operate at scale and increase integration. These included the new Chalvey Medical Centre, Britwell Community Centre Health Hub, Trelawney Avenue Health Hub and Farnham Road Practice re-location to the new Health & Wellbeing site on the Farnham Road. In relation to the Walk-In Centre it was noted that the options for Upton and St Marks Hospitals were under review. It was expected that an options appraisal would be ready by February 2017 and there would be public consultation.

The Panel discussed a range of issues including the progress being made on linking up the IT systems across primary and acute care. Mr Lisle updated the Panel on the work being undertaken on the Digital Roadmap which would start with shared care records in emergency situations. Many GPs currently used the same IT system and an interoperability platform would allow all major systems to be linked together. However, it was also recognised that there were wider challenges and public confidence issues to address in relation to the sharing of individual's health records. Members emphasised the importance of building public confidence by ensuring there was a common digital strategy across relevant health partners. It was agreed that further

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information on the Berkshire East Digital Roadmap be circulated to the Panel. It was also noted that the Panel's work programme for March 2017 would include items on digital transformation and innovation.

*(Councillor Chohan left the meeting at this point)*

Members raised other issues including the prevalence of multiple registrations at GP practices and the co-ordination of the flu jab programme. A Member expressed concern about disabled access in some local health facilities and it was responded that any specific concerns be raised directly through the appropriate channels so that any issues could be addressed. The progress of the Britwell health hub was queried and it was agreed that further details and the timescale be circulated to the Panel. At the conclusion of the discussion, the report was noted.

**Resolved –** That the update be noted.

### 37. **Frimley Sustainability and Transformation Plan**

The Interim Director of Adult Social Care updated the Panel on the Frimley Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP). The background was reviewed and it was noted that the latest STP for the Frimley footprint was submitted to NHS England on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016. The five-year plan set out five key priorities and seven initiatives as detailed in the report.

The STP had been under national embargo, however, it would be published on 24<sup>th</sup> November and be followed by a period of public engagement which Members were encouraged to participate in. Further information would be circulated to Panel Members upon publication. It was proposed and agreed that the Panel hold a joint workshop on 21<sup>st</sup> December with the Slough Wellbeing Board to consider the local implications and delivery of the STP.

Members commented on the geography of the Frimley STP and highlighted that it provided an opportunity to increase joint working with other authorities and scrutiny panels in the footprint. It was commented that the STP did not cut across local activity, but was instead intended to identify several major, common issues which could be jointly addressed to increase scale and efficiency of service delivery.

**Resolved –**

- (a) That the update on the Frimley Sustainability & Transformation Plan be noted.
- (b) That the Plan be circulated to Members of Panel following publication on 24th November 2016.
- (c) That a joint workshop be held with the Slough Wellbeing Board to consider the local implications of the STP on 21st December 2016 at 6.30pm.

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### 38. Forward Work Programme

The Panel considered the Work Programme for 2016-17 and the following items were confirmed and/or added:

#### 19th January 2017

- CCG Five Year Plan.
- Leisure and activity (to scrutinise progress on the implementation of the Council's community leisure strategy).
- Scoping report on public transport access to health facilities (noting that HSP members could attend the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at which representatives of First Buses were expected to be present).

#### 27th March 2017

- New item - Five Year Plan refresh.

#### 29th June 2017

- New item - Update on Learning Disabilities Change Programme (including specific information regarding impact on Elliman Centre service users).

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

### 39. Attendance Record

**Resolved** – That the Members' Attendance Record 2016-17 be noted.

### 40. Date of Next Meeting - 19th January 2017

The next meeting of the Panel would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 6.31 pm and closed at 8.32 pm)