

Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday, 23 September 2021 at 4.30 pm in Council Chamber - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 4.30 pm
Concluded 8.08 pm

Present – Councillors

LABOUR	CONSERVATIVE	LIBERAL DEMOCRAT
Greenwood (Chair) Humphreys (Vice-Chair) Berry Godwin Mir	J Clarke Glentworth Hargreaves	Griffiths

NON VOTING CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Susan Crowe	Bradford District Assembly Health and Wellbeing Forum
Trevor Ramsay	i2i patient involvement Network, Bradford District NHS Foundation Care Trust
<u>Helen Rushworth</u>	Healthwatch Bradford and District

Apologies: Councillors Iqbal and Majkowski

10. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

In the interest of transparency, Councillor Goodwin declared an interest in respect of Minute No.13, as he was a Bank Staff at Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.

11. MINUTES

Resolved –

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2021, be signed as a correct record.

12. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

13. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Members noted the following referrals:

- At its meeting of full Council on 13th July 2021, Members noted the motion that was considered and referred to the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
- At its meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 22nd July 2021, the Committee considered the Full Year Performance report. Members noted the recommendations agreed at this meeting.

Resolved -

(i) That no further action required: and

(ii) That the matter be referred to the Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee pending consultation between the Chairs of both Committees

ACTION: Scrutiny Lead Officer

14. INTEGRATED HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRADFORD DISTRICT AND CRAVEN

The Integrated Care Partnership Board Programme Director submitted a report (**Document “C”**) which provided an overview and updates in relation to the integrated Health and Care Partnership Arrangements in Bradford District and Craven, and across the West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

It was noted that the changes addressed the requirements of the current Health and Care Bill 2021. The new partnership arrangement would bring the local NHS, councils and communities closer together by establishing a new Board to strengthen joint working arrangements between all organisations involved and to further improve health and care for people living across the area.

In the ensuing discussion, the following points were highlighted:

- Service change was often very hard to understand, in terms of, where to go for health care services. It was recognised that explaining Integrated Care Systems (ICS) would be difficult for the public to understand. It was recognised that more needs to be done to communicate and to share examples of how integrated care would bring benefits to communities;
- needs to ensure that all services receive the support they need to progress and to understand how services would be delivered to people in the local areas;
- concern was expressed that engagement with the public had been limited and patient voice was not heard. It was acknowledged more needed to be done with engaging widely with the public and the importance of meaningful of public engagement;
- focus must be on convincing the public of the benefits of working in collaboration and how services would be delivered to people in the local

area to their specific needs.

The Programme Director, ICP Board acknowledged the challenges and stressed that the Integrated Health and Care Partnership Arrangements was to improve health and social care for all. The public may not notice a great deal of change but would see better integrated and digitalised health and social care.

The change to legislation would reduce the amount of unnecessary procurement. There would be no redundancies in employment and no cost changes to the services.

It was reported that the changes would not affect the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee responsibilities, although it would be important to align the new Partnership's responsibilities as closely as possible. A new Unitary Board, to govern the NHS ICS Body would be constituted by a full range of NHS providers, General Practice and Local Authority representatives.

Resolved –

That a progress report on the development of the Integrated Health and Care Partnership arrangements for Bradford District and Craven be presented during the current 2021/22 Council year and that the issue of patient voice / involvement be added to the Committee's work programme.

Action: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

15. HOME SUPPORT LOCALITY CONTRACT: UPDATE AND COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS

The Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing submitted a report which provided an update on the Home Support Locality Contracts.

It was reported that following the end of the Integrated Personalised Support and Care Framework (IPSAC) in September 2019, a new open tender process established the Home Support Locality Contracts. These were awarded on 28th January 2019, to twenty providers in thirty-five areas across the Bradford District. This included a twelve-month implementation period for provider organisations to encourage a smooth transition, where appropriate, between provider organisations.

In the ensuing discussion, Members raised a number of questions and comments:

It was recognised there were issues around staffing and that recruitment had become challenging during the pandemic and that by offering low paid wage to care workers wasn't appropriate to maintain staff. Members acknowledged the importance of care workers and stressed that this was a high skilled job.

It was reported that older people and people with physical disabilities received 19 hours of home support with 44% of the hours supported through the Locality Contracts. It was recognised that patients being discharged from hospitals during the pandemic had put pressure on Home Care Services being delivered.

Resolved –

That an update, including an opportunity to contribute to the full system-wide review of Home Support, be added to the Committee's 2022/23 work programme.

Action: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

16. £2M CONTRACT REPORT: SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES REVIEW

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which provided an update on the timeline for procurement of services and key steps in preparation for any tender; this also supported the compliance with Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) pre-procurement requirements to report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee Contracts valued at £2m or above.

Clarity was sought of the services commissioned by the NHS were out of scope which included:

- Abortion services;
- Sterilisation and Vasectomy;
- Non-sexual health elements of psychosexual health services;
- Gynaecology, including any use of contraception for non-contraception purposes;
- Contraception provided as an additional service under the GP contract;
- HIV treatment and care (including drug costs for post-exposure prophylaxis after sexual exposure);
- Promotion of opportunistic testing and treatment for STIs, and patient-requested testing by GPs
- Sexual health elements of prison health services;
- Sexual Assault Referral Centres;
- Cervical Screening; and
- Specialist foetal medicine services.

Resolved –

That the report be noted.

17. SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Director of Public Health submitted a report providing an update on Sexual Health Services, the direction of travel and the challenges faced during the pandemic.

The following key points were highlighted:

- the number of those being tested for Sexually transmitted infection (STI) had increased significantly, however it was recognised that more needed

- to be done targeting women and men to get tested.
- contraception, including implants and intra-uterine contraception and all prescribing costs, but excluding contraception provided as an additional service under the NHS GP contract.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- it was confirmed the emergency contraception (morning after pill) prevented pregnancy and was not the same as the abortion pill;
- there was a greater demand for online sexual health services as a result of Covid19;
- it was proactive offering tests to both women and men;
- those at risk were still presenting at sexual health clinics and had a full screen and not just a test for chlamydia;
- Screening kits for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) were available online;
- GPs services were under pressure due to funding cuts affecting the services provided which impacted on patients failing to get a GP appointment.

Whilst a range of services were being provided, face to face and online, Members stressed that there were long term issues about getting the right care at the right time and it was important to get things right at the outset.

Resolved –

That an update be presented to the Committee in 24 months

Action: Director of Public Health

18. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

The Overview and Scrutiny Lead submitted the Committee's work programme. Members were informed that an update in relation to Autism had been added to the programme. Furthermore, Members requested that updates in relation to Mental Health to be included on every agenda of this Committee.

Resolved –

That the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme be noted.

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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