

**Priorities - Headlines Report to Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny and Committee from Cllr Carol Runciman, Chair CYC Health and Well-being Board and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health – June 2016**

**Review of Public Health** - Permanent appointments have been made to the posts of Director of Public Health and Assistant Director of Public Health – a thorough review of the structure of the public health team and the delivery of public health is underway.

**CYC Children's Health Team** - Staff who have come over from NHS to CYC (school nurses and health visitors) have been welcomed and I contributed to their induction. I feel that they will be an effective team to deliver improvements to children's health from 0 to 19yrs. They will also contribute to community based provision in York as they will be based in the Children's Centres.

**Mental Health Provision** - I attended part of both consultation sessions run in York by TWEV at which the public were invited to discuss their plans for the delivery of Mental Health Services in the area. They were well attended with some enthusiastic participants who were very willing to give their views.

**Mental Health, Young Adults** - Both as the portfolio holder and as a member of the University Court, I have met with the Vice Chancellor (VC) of York University to discuss the report produced for him by specialist staff within the university on student mental ill health. The VC assured me that he would be taking forward both of the two top level recommendations; firstly to take immediate steps to improve University support for student mental health and secondly to ensure a coordinated approach to improve mental health services for students in York and North Yorkshire. The new drop in mental health service recently set up by York St John University and open to all is very welcome in this regard.

**Older People's Accommodation** - There has been good progress made with the Older People's Accommodation programme and plans for the Burnholme site are now well advanced and in the public domain.

Similar plans will soon be brought forward for provision on the Lowfields site. My recent visit to a new care facility at Garforth demonstrated what can be achieved when modern, up-to-date, high quality accommodation is established (Augustus Court Care Home provided by Meridian Care).

**Adult Social Care Provision and commissioned services** - I have visited both The Avenues and Sycamore House with the service manager to understand the provision they make and consider their future. I have also visited the services provided at the Union Terrace hostel by Arclight, who have merged with Changing Lives and I met the new Chief Executive, Eileen Ronan. I was also able to thank Jeremy Jones for his services to homeless people in York and wish him well in his new rural life in Italy.

**Reductions in Delayed Transfers of Care** - The progress made in managing delayed transfers of care continues. The daily numbers remain in single figures on most days; 4 at the last count could be attributed to CYC ASC. Despite a marginal increase on last year's overall figures, rates have not returned the high levels of previous years. Officers are to be congratulated on this achievement and I will be kept up to date on any changes in this figure.

**Workforce Development** - A multi- agency workforce conference has been held which was well attended and well received. It is clear from the discussions that the recruitment of workers in the care sector is less of a problem than expected but that their retention is a challenge which all agencies will be considering.

**Better Care Fund** - Work on the outcomes of the discussions about the Better Care Fund is continuing. The Chief Executive, the Director of ASC and myself alongside representatives from the Vale of York CCG visited the Department of Health to discuss a way forward and we have been given until the end of July to submit a plan. It is hope that this can be achieved with the cooperation of all parties. I have also had productive talks with Keith Ramsay, Chair of the CCG and hope he will soon become a member of the HWBB. Financial sustainability is a key issue for all agencies and progress is being made by the Integration and Transformation Board to look at bringing budgets together and to ensure services are planned and delivered cooperatively.

**Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** – work on the new JSNA is well underway, the new steering group has been established and consultation has begun with different groups on the priorities. Concern has been expressed about the resources available to develop the JSNA. The steering group are working on a business case with a number of different options for what the new JSNA might look like and a proposal will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board in due course. In the meantime work has started to review the information on the website and a consultation has started on a Student Health Needs Assessment which it is anticipated will be completed by the Autumn.

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Abbreviations:

CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group

CYC – City of York Council

HWBB – Health and Wellbeing Board

JSNA - Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

NHS – National Health Service

TWEV – Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS

VC - Vice Chancellor