

Meeting	Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	10 September 2015
Present	Councillors Doughty (Chair), Cuthbertson (Vice-Chair), Cannon, Craghill, Douglas (sub for Cllr Richardson) and Shepherd (sub for Cllr S Barnes)
Apologies	Councillors S Barnes and Richardson

17. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or disclosable pecuniary interests which they might have in respect of business on the agenda.

Councillor Douglas declared a personal interest in relation to items on the agenda relating to her membership of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board.

18. Minutes

The following updates were given in relation to decisions made at the last meeting:

- Progress in relation to Member Safeguarding training
- Reporting date for the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Groups report on wheelchair services
- The Chair confirmed receipt of an email from Healthwatch which he would circulate to the Committee regarding Cllr Richardson's potential scrutiny topic on pain management. He confirmed that Healthwatch would be requested to attend a future meeting to inform the Committee's work.

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21 July 2015 be signed and approved by the Chair as a correct record.

19. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

20. 2014/15 Finance and Performance Year End Report - Health & Wellbeing

Members received a report which analysed the financial outturn position and performance data for 2014/15 by reference to the service plans and budgets for all the services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Public Health.

It was noted that detailed benchmarking of the city's position for 2014/15 would not be available until late autumn however early indications had shown improvements in the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework which could lead to improvement in national rankings.

In answer to a number of issues raised by Members, Officer confirmed that:

- Vacant posts were kept under review and were only left vacant when it was considered safe and sensible to do so
- It would be possible to benchmark the authority against both neighbouring, national and regional authorities
- Future report narratives referring to staff savings should include details of impact etc
- Stress Risk Assessments and resilience training were undertaken with teams

Resolved: That the report be received and noted.

Reason: To update the Committee on the outturn financial and performance position for 2014/15.

21. 2015/16 First Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report - Health & Wellbeing

Members received a report which analysed the latest performance for 2015/16 and forecast the financial outturn position by reference to the service plans and budgets for all of the services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Public Health.

Officers highlighted the Department of Health in year reduction in Public Health Grant of 6.2%, which had not been accounted for in the budget and confirmed that discussions were ongoing with the Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the Better Care Fund.

Members questioned a number of issues which Officers agreed to investigate further and provide responses:

- Seasonal flu vaccine uptake, as the uptake fell for under 65's at risk, did other costs rise and had this been budgeted for?
- The detection rate for Chlamydia was lower in the city owing to a smaller % of young people being tested, could this be a problem?
- The reasons for the lower take up of GP health checks in the city compared to the national average?

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: That the report be received and noted.

Reason: To update the Committee on the outturn financial and performance position for 2015/16.

22. Update from Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group on Urgent Care Resilience Plans 2015-16

Members received a report which outlined the current and forthcoming plans around Urgent Care and whole System Resilience (winter pressures monies) during 2015/16 and beyond.

The Senior Improvement and Innovation Manager, Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group presented the report. Members noted that as this years funding allocation had been received in February this had allowed a number of schemes to continue from the previous financial year without a break in service which had also provided an evidence base from which to identify whether schemes could be maintained or decommissioned. An analysis of all the schemes currently underway were detailed individually.

Members questioned a number of the schemes including:

- The impact of GP's working in the hospital emergency department – confirmed that it had been difficult to evaluate their effectiveness and impact owing to a number of staff changes however meetings had been arranged to take this forward

- Resources in place for winter fuel poverty – confirmed that the Integrated Care Team examined at risk groups

Following further discussion, Members thanked the Innovation Manager for her attendance and it was

Resolved: That the report and update be received and noted.

Reason: To update the Committee on the schemes provided under the Urgent Care Resilience Plans for 2015/16.

23. Be Independent Year End Position and 1st Quarter Monitoring Report

Members considered a report which provided details of the year end position of the Be Independent Service, an independent social enterprise since 2014 which provided Community Alarm, Telecare and Community Equipment Service under contract to Adult Services.

The Assistant Director for Adult Social Care presented the report, the first since the service had become a social enterprise, to allow the Committee to review current performance against the outcomes of the first year. He highlighted the achievements, customer satisfaction and growth of the service, pointing out the continual monitoring that would be undertaken.

In answer to Members questions the Assistant Director confirmed that he would clarify the relationship between the Council and the Board and email the details to Members.

Resolved: That the quarterly monitoring report and performance of the Be Independent Service be received and noted and future reports be presented to the Committee on a six monthly basis.

Reason: To advice the Committee on the performance of Be Independent.

24. Update Report on Changes to Direct Payments

The Committee considered a report which updated them in respect of concerns raised regarding the Direct Payments and Terms and Conditions raised by members of the York Independent Living Network and Lives Unlimited at a previous Committee meeting.

Members noted that significant progress had been made and the key points of concern agreed, with the concerns resolved in a way that met both the needs of the Council and its customers.

Resolved: That progress made on consultation with the York Independent Living Network and Lives Unlimited and the draft policy in relation to Direct Payments be received and noted.

Reason: To inform the Committee on the changes to Direct Payments

25. Work Plan 2015-16 including proposed scrutiny reviews

Consideration was given to the Committees work plan for the remainder of the municipal year.

The Chair confirmed that Members would receive updates in relation to the national issue of changes to the Public Health Grant.

Resolved: That the Committees work plan for the remainder of the municipal year be received and noted.

Reason: To keep Members updated and to ensure that the Committee has a planned programme of work in place.

Cllr P Doughty, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.45 pm].