

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE

1000 hours on 17th September 2019, Committee Room 6 – Actions

Present:

Councillor Rob Pocock (Chair), Peter Fowler and Ziaul Islam.

Also Present:

Alex Borg, Director of Mental Health Services, Birmingham Women and Children's NHS Foundation Trust

Dr Angela Brady, Clinical Director for Mental Health, BSol CCG

Joanne Carney, Director of Joint Commissioning, BSol CCG

Dr Anupam Dharma, Medical Director, FTB, Birmingham Women and Children's NHS FT

Maria Gavin, Assistant Director, Quality and Improvement, Adult Social Care

Councillor Paulette Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Rose Kiely, Overview & Scrutiny Manager, Scrutiny Office

Elaine Kirwan, Deputy Chief Nurse, Mental Health Services, Forward Thinking Birmingham

1. NOTICE OF RECORDING

The Chairman advised that this meeting would be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (which could be accessed at "www.civico.net/birmingham") and members of the press/public may record and take photographs.

The whole of the meeting would be filmed except where there were confidential or exempt items.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. APOLOGIES

Councillors Mick Brown, Diane Donaldson, Zaheer Khan and Paul Tilsley.

4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING

The action notes of the meeting held on 13th August 2019 were agreed.

The following issues were noted:-

- It was noted that the response from the Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Culture to the query raised during the 16th July evidence gathering as part of the Period Poverty Review, regarding how educational programmes in schools teach children about the menstrual cycle, had still not been received and a response was again requested to be provided by the Cabinet Member as soon as possible.
- In relation to the Adult Social Care Performance Monitoring Scorecard, the further clarification requested on some areas of performance was circulated to members on 15th August.
- No further information has been received in response to the further information requested on how many users of the in-house enablement service also have a medical condition and are also being supported by the health service.
- The figure on the current cost per hour for the Enablement Service has been provided and circulated to members but further clarification is being sought.
- The further in-depth work on the experience/potential learning from other local authorities and NHS providers around enablement will be coming to the 29th October meeting.
- It was noted that the Scrutiny Office is currently liaising regarding arrangements for a visit to the Community Early Intervention Prototype, dates to be confirmed.
- An update on the BCC Preventive Programme Pilot will be provided by John Williams the new Assistant Director at the 29th October meeting and the CCG have also been invited to attend.

5. REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Councillor Paulette Hamilton (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) presented a report which summarised the key portfolio priorities and provided an update on key areas of work undertaken since last reporting to the committee in November 2018.

The Cabinet Member emphasised the importance of ensuring that adult social care continues to move forward and the central role of partnership working and collaboration in bringing about the necessary shift towards more early intervention and prevention, community based services and place-based planning.

She highlighted the crucial role of the BSol STP in this and the significant developments around Primary Care Networks contributing towards the emergence of Integrated Care Systems.

In discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Public Health has information/data relating to health inequalities across the City which can be broken down to each Ward but each Ward can have

'hotspots' of inequality and therefore further work is being undertaken to 'drill down' to areas/individuals where there is more significant levels of need and target resources to meet that need.

- Work is being done to educate people about healthy eating in order to tackle the challenge of obesity which will be reported back to committee on a regular basis.
- Following the Day Opportunities Consultation officers will be preparing a Strategy which will be shared with the Cabinet Member in October and the committee will have an opportunity to see that before it goes to Cabinet in November.
- Budget 2018/19 underspend of £10.7m in adult social care has been achieved through modernisation of the service and staff working differently e.g. through Social Workers using the 3 conversations model. The underspend will not be brought forward to 2019/20 but will be used to ease pressures in other directorates.
- Members congratulated the Hall Green Adults Social Work Team for being awarded 'Outstanding Innovator of the Year' at the last Chamberlain Awards.
- The Cabinet Member clarified that she was not in support of West Birmingham remaining outside of the Birmingham STP and had contacted NHS England and NHS Improvement concerning this. Systems have been put in place to ensure that residents of West Birmingham, who sit outside the Birmingham and Solihull footprint, get an equal service of the same quality and this is being monitored.
- The Public Health budget has been under a lot of pressure. If central government continue to cut the Public Health budget it will remain under pressure.

RESOLVED:

- That the Director of Public Health, when he appears before committee next month, demonstrates the geographical spread on a local level of health inequalities across the City.

6. FORWARD THINKING BIRMINGHAM

Elaine Kirwan (Deputy Chief Nurse, Mental Health Services, Forward Thinking Birmingham); Alex Borg (Director of Mental Health Services, Birmingham Women and Children's NHS Foundation Trust); Dr Angela Brady (Clinical Director of Mental Health, BSol CCG), Joanne Carney (Director of Joint Commissioning, BSol CCG) and Dr Anupam Dharma (Medical Director, Forward Thinking Birmingham) attended to give a presentation which highlighted some of the areas of improvement and actions arising out of the quality improvement since last reporting to committee.

In discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Reassurance was given that young people that are placed out of area are monitored very closely. There are currently 5 young adults who are placed out of area in acute in-patient beds and try to repatriate those young people as close to home as soon as possible. Reasons for out of area placement include not having a bed locally or a speciality bed being required. In terms of trends, there has been a reduction in those beds. This has been achieved by trying to keep young people as close to home as possible and offer all means to avoid admission in the first place through the Crisis Resolution Treatment Team.
- The CCG commissioned Forward Thinking Birmingham because it covered the 0-25 age group therefore overcoming the gap when transitioning from CAMS to Adult Services.
- There is a lot of variability regarding the waiting list and it is difficult to give a median per se but young people are still waiting too long. There has been progress regarding the waiting list size. The focus has been on the right young people being added to the waiting list and then ensuring that those young people on the waiting list are seen as quickly as possible. Therefore, as a result the median waiting time has got higher because there are a lot more young people who have been waiting 0-1 weeks because they never make it to the waiting list because they access services elsewhere. 35% of young people wait over 18 weeks. The waiting time for an initial assessment has come down, in some areas, to 11 weeks.
- The use of text messaging appointment reminders has led to a reduced number of missed appointments i.e. Did Not Attend (DNA).

RESOLVED:

- To provide further data/statistical profiling showing the pattern of waiting times.
- To forward a copy of the CQC report when published.

7. ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE MONITORING

Maria Gavin (Assistant Director, Quality and Improvement, Adult Social Care) presented the quarterly update on the performance of adult social care highlighting the 5 key indicators that are reported to HOSC in detail but also including performance monitoring of all key indicators.

In discussion, and in response to Members' questions, the following were among the main points raised:

- Members commended the ongoing work that is being undertaken to reduce Delayed Transfers of Care which had exceeded the end of year target but noting that the City Council was still in the bottom quartile when benchmarked against other local authorities.

RESOLVED:

- The report was noted.

8. PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE MONITORING

The item was deferred because the data was not available as it had yet to be presented to Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

- Discussion to take place with the Director of Public Health to ascertain how the committee can receive more timely performance data.

9. WORK PROGRAMME – SEPTEMBER 2019

- The Budget Consultation to be added to the work programme in December.

The work programme was noted.

10. REQUEST(S) FOR CALL IN/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION/PETITIONS RECEIVED (IF ANY)

None.

11. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

12. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

RESOLVED:-

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1149 hours.