

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE O&S COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

**1000 hours on Tuesday, 15 February 2022, Committee Room C,  
Council House Extension, 6 Margaret Street**

**Action Notes**

**Present:**

Councillor Mick Brown (Chair)

Councillors: Debbie Clancy, Mohammed Idrees, Ziaul Islam, Rob Pocock and Paul Tilsley

**Also Present:**

Karl Beese, Commissioning Manager, Adult Public Health Services, Birmingham City Council (on-line)

Maureen Black, Umbrella Service General Manager (on-line)

Meg Boothby, Umbrella Clinical Service Lead

John Bristow, Birmingham Mind (on-line)

Joann Bradley, Public Health, Children and Young People (on-line)

Robert Devlin, Birmingham and Solihull CCG (on-line)

Dr Marion Gibbon, Assistant Director, Partnerships Insight and Prevention, Public Health (on-line)

Martin Luke, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust (on-line)

Fharat Rehman, Senior Commissioning Officer, Public Health Services (on-line)

Amanda Simcox, Scrutiny Officer (on-line)

Ceri Saunders, Acting Group O&S Manager

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**1. NOTICE OF RECORDING**

The Chairman advised that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6\\_5dnVnYlw](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Safia Akhtar and Peter Fowler.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair declared a pecuniary interest due to working for a mental health provider and the Committee agreed that Cllr Pocock would therefore chair item six.

## **4. ACTION NOTES/ISSUES ARISING**

(See document Nos. 1 and 2)

### **RESOLVED:**

- The action notes of the meetings held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2021 and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were noted.
- A full update on the matters arising will be provided for the March 2022 committee meeting. This is to include the request for the maps to be circulated to the committee to show the alignment between PCNs, clusters of GPs and localities.

## **5. BIRMINGHAM SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES – UMBRELLA HUB**

(See document No. 3)

Karl Beese, Commissioning Manager, Adult Public Health Services, Dr Marion Gibbon, Assistant Director, Partnerships Insight and Prevention, Public Health, Maureen Black, Umbrella Service General Manager, Fharat Rehman, Senior Commissioning Officer, Public Health Services, and Meg Boothby, Umbrella Clinical Service Lead, were in attendance for this item.

The presentation was given and this included the overview of the contract, the service requirements, key outcomes and performance, the reduction in the late diagnosis of HIV, the increased funding via the Fast-Track Cities pilot, the re-procurement of the contract and there having been shortages of the home testing STI kits because of Covid.

Details of the Umbrella services and the contract were also provided, as were the challenges from Covid, including clinics, pharmacies and GP's closures, and the re-deployment of staff to acute front line services, the opportunities from Covid, the recovery, future direction and details of the re-procurement - with the final strategy, along with the procurement and commissioning strategies to be presented to Cabinet for consideration in the summer of 2022.

In addition, information on the sexual health provision for under 13 year olds and details of the Umbrella services were provided.

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

- The core cities comparisons were welcomed.
- Parts of the services are mandated with the funding coming from the Public Health grant from the Department of Health and Social Care and is in essence ring-fenced which is backed up by a robust Needs Assessment.
- It is inevitable, now that young people can mix socially due to the ending of lockdowns, that there will be an increase in STI's etc, and there are campaigns and they are linking in with partner organisations, such as the Youth Service to address this.
- All the clinics are fully open and have returned to business as usual which includes face to face appointments.
- The reduction in the under 18 year old's conception rate was welcomed, however it was noted that this may be because of the pandemic and lockdowns. They will be considering how they improve the situation even further in terms of the work they undertake with teenagers around pregnancy.
- The Umbrella service has its own stand-alone clinic, which operates alongside the walk-in centre in Boots in the City Centre which means that the service is not tied to the future of the walk in centre.
- The work Public Health has undertaken around the pharmacies model was welcomed.
- They have met with the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee regarding contraception and signposting into the services for athletes and their teams. There is an expectation of 50,000 condoms for each of the three Games sites. They are also working with neighbouring local authorities to make sure that they have consistent sexual health messages.
- As a core service was maintained there have not been savings due to the reduction in demand for services because of the lockdowns.
- The attendees gave examples of what stands out over the last two years and this included the resilience of the staff, the ability to maintain the service, and how they have adapted the service.
- Umbrella has been recognised nationally for the way they have provided services.
- They are looking at introducing health chat which will enable young people to text their questions and queries. The work undertaken in their Research Unit will also be explored.
- Public Health work closely with 19 different community organisations so they can liaise with these, so the messages are understandable to people, especially those harder to reach. Umbrella use the translation service where English is not their first language and their campaigns are often very visual.
- A number of Umbrella GPs will also provide services to those patients who are not registered with their practice. Therefore, it doesn't mean that if

you're not registered with Umbrella GP practice that you cannot access Umbrella GP services.

**RESOLVED:**

The update was noted, and a slide will be put together regarding Fast Track and how Birmingham compares to European Cities of a similar size.

**6. PERSHORE ROAD RESIDENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH REHABILITATION UNIT**

(See document No 5)

The agenda item was switched with the Period Poverty and Raising Awareness Tracking Report item, and Cllr Pocock chaired this item due to Cllr Brown having declared a pecuniary interest.

Robert Devlin, Birmingham and Solihull CCG, John Bristow, Birmingham Mind, and Martin Luke, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust, were in attendance for this item. They gave the presentation and highlighted the Community Rehabilitation Strategy, the drivers for why the model needs to be changed, including service user preference and the fragmented approach and settings, details of the service, current picture and the service redesign consultation and engagement at Pershore Road care home, details of the new model such as the service will operate seven days a week, and the benefits include providing a holistic person-centred, recovery focussed support to individuals within their own homes.

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

- The new service will cost more than the block contract for Pershore Road of £415,000 pa and they have received assurances from the Mental Health Trust for the remainder, which is c.£900,000.
- Timelines have not been given as they are guided by the Committee's acceptance and others to obtain a mandate to proceed. However, it may take approximately six to nine months to mobilise a new team.
- All residents will be given the opportunity to move to the new model and alternative residential care will be provided if this is not an option for them.
- Birmingham Mind has been a managing agent for Midland Heart and a number of other housing associations across Birmingham. They have been in discussion for some time regarding leasing or buying the buildings Midland Heart own and manage on their behalf and this includes Pershore Road. However, circumstances have since changed around the limitation of the building and the difficulties and challenges in attracting people into the home.
- During Covid, the numbers of people in residential care reduced and they are fairly confident there are vacancies available if that is what people require, either within their own provision or with the other providers around the city to assist with being able to offer service users a choice.

- They are working with Alison Malik in Commissioning regarding how they move forward as this has been very fragmented rather than being strategic, and they will have a workshop on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 which will set the parameters of that work.
- Part of the Birmingham Mind re-design is to get a range of housing throughout the city.

**RESOLVED:**

The Committee gave its conditional support in principle on the proviso that written assurances are received regarding the financial viability of the new model, information on the consultation, including the options that were considered before coming to a final decision, and that there is sufficient provision for those people who want this.

## **7. PERIOD POVERTY AND RAISING AWARENESS TRACKING REPORT**

(See document No 4)

Dr Marion Gibbon, Assistant Director, Public Health, was in attendance for this item and Members discussed the Cabinet Member's assessment for the outstanding recommendations:

- Rec 2: 2 - Achieved (Late).
- Rec 3: 3 - Not Achieved (Progress Made).
- Rec 4: 3 - Not Achieved (Progress Made).
- Rec 5: 2 - Achieved (Late).

**RESOLVED:**

The update was noted, and the Committee assessed the outstanding recommendations as:

- Rec 2: 2 - Achieved (Late).
- Rec 3: 3 - Not Achieved (Progress Made) and Dr Gibbon will discuss undertaking the research project with Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health within 2023. Timescales and information on the work with West Birmingham Schools and 2023 Year of the Child to be provided.
- Rec 4: 3 - Not Achieved (Progress Made).
- Rec 5: The committee assessed this as 3 - Not Achieved (Progress Made) and requested an officer from Procurement reports back on this.

A further update on the outstanding recommendations is to be added to the work programme after discussions with officers on the outstanding recommendations 3, 4 and 5.

**8. WORK PROGRAMME**

(See document No. 6)

**RESOLVED:**

The work programme was noted

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

None.

**10. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**11. AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

**RESOLVED:**

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

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The meeting ended at 12.11 hours.