

Health Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2016

Present:

Councillor Craig – In the Chair

Curley (Item HSC/16/30 onwards), Mary Monaghan, E.Newman, Paul (Item HSC/16/30 onwards), Stone, Webb, Watson (Item HSC/16/30 onwards), and Wilson

Councillor Andrews, Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing
Professor Nav Kapur, Centre for Suicide Prevention, the University of Manchester
Nicky Lidbetter, Chief Officer, Self Help
Councillor Midgley, Mental Health Champion

Apologies: Councillors Hitchen, T.Judge, O’Neil, and Wills

HSC/16/27 Minutes Silence

The Chair paid tribute to Jo Cox, Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen who was tragically killed. She also invited the Committee to reflect upon the tragedy of the recent terrorist attacks in Istanbul and Orlando.

The Members and all those present at the meeting observed a period of silence in respect and remembrance.

HSC/16/28 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 26 May 2016 were submitted for approval. The Chair requested that item HSC/16/24 ‘Sexual Health’ include a reference to the discussion on the availability of the Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) being dependent on future funding.

Decision

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2016 subject to the above amendment.

HSC/16/29 Suicide Prevention Update and development of Local Action Plan

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Public Health which provided the Committee with an update to the paper submitted in March 2015 (See minutes HSC/15/22 Prevention of Suicide in Manchester) and specifically reported the progress in the development of a Local Suicide Prevention Plan for Manchester. The Director of Public Health introduced the report across its broad themes.

The Committee welcome Professor Nav Kapur, Centre for Suicide Prevention, University of Manchester. Professor Kapur said that the incidents of suicide in Manchester had reduced and were currently below average for the North West. In response to a members’ question he said that a death can only be categorised as a

suicide following a Coroners inquest and that this accounted for the information being available up to 2014. He added that national policy and guidance in relation to suicide and self harm was being refreshed.

Professor Kapur said that the factors that contribute to a suicide are complex and varied. He said that research demonstrated that economic factors, such as periods of economic recession are a contributing factor to the incidents of recorded suicide.

Professor Kapur said that more need to be done to monitor those patients presenting at hospitals as a result of self harm. He explained that evidence showed that patients with a history of self harm are at a higher risk of suicide. He said that this is a concern as rates of reported self harm in Manchester are increasing. In addition to this awareness of suicide prevention amongst Primary Care is very important in identifying those patients at risk of suicide and self harm.

In response to a members question regarding young people and mental health Professor Kapur said that the role of schools is very important. The Director of Public Health said that the Healthy Schools Programme included emotional health and wellbeing awareness and promotion. He said that this programme is delivered at both primary and secondary schools with approximately 80% of Manchester schools delivering this programme of activity. The Programme Lead, Public Health said that Public Health hopes to work with partners to look at what additional support is available to schools, both staff and pupils for those schools affected by a suicide.

A member commented upon the incidents of suicide amongst the student population. Professor Kapur said that the reasons for this are complex and can not be simply attributed to pressure of exams. He said that students are at the same risks as the wider population. The Director of Public Health explained that work is being developed with Student Welfare bodies in the city to fully understand the local picture.

The Committee then welcomed Nicky Lidbetter, Chief Officer, Self Help. She described the service that Sanctuary provides for people. She said that this service is available both day and night and diverts people away from attending Accident and Emergency Departments. She said that Accident and Emergency Departments are often inappropriate for people experiencing crisis. She said that co-location working with the NHS is helpful as peer support can be provided at Emergency Departments and that this is more appropriate for people experiencing episodes of crisis. The Chair requested that any future update report contains information and examples of good practice delivered in Emergency Departments to support people presenting in crisis.

Ms Lidbetter said that there are a significant number of people who take their lives who are not known to any service. She said that the use of language and terminology in any promotional activity or awareness campaigns needed to be appropriate to encourage people to engage with support service and seek appropriate help. She further advocated the use of social media to raise awareness amongst the population, especially hard to reach or those groups identified as at higher risk of suicide such as middle aged men. The Programme Lead, Public Health said that

training for key staff groups who come into contact with people at risk of suicide is one of the elements of the Action Plan and will be delivered at an appropriate level.

The Committee welcomed Councillor Midgley, Mental Health Champion. She said she welcomed the report and the commitment and dedication of the work undertaken by The Suicide Prevention Working Group. She said that suicide is a complex issue that has a profound effect on individuals, families and communities.

The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing said that Mental Health, in both adults and young people is a priority for him. He said that he welcomed the Committees continued support and scrutiny of this important area of work and that a substantive report describing the future delivery of this service will be submitted to the September meeting.

The Committee thanked the invited guests for attending the meeting and contributing to the discussion.

Decision

The Committee noted the report and thanked all of the invited guests for contributing to the discussion.

HSC/16/30 Locality Plan – Investment Planning

The Committee received a presentation from the Joint Director, Health and Social Care Integration which provided an overview on the Greater Manchester Transformation Fund. The fund of £450m is available at a Greater Manchester level over a period of five years.

The presentation described that the fund is designed to deliver improvements in clinical sustainability; ensuring localities are well placed to manage the future health needs of their populations. The presentation further described the proposed planning and implementation process. In response to members questions the Joint Director, Health and Social Care Integration said the funds are to be assessed and allocated based on evidence based funding submissions from each locality across Greater Manchester.

The Committee noted that a substantive report is to be received at the next meeting which describes progress in the development of a Single Hospital Service. The Committee requested that this report provides information on the progress of the investment submission to the Greater Manchester Transformation Fund.

The Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing said that governance arrangements are established and that this fund will support the integration of Health and Social Care to radically change the delivery of services for the benefit of Manchester residents.

Decision

To note the presentation.

HSC/16/31 Adaptations and Equipment

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director Adult Social Services which updated members on the transformation programme underway for equipment and adaptations services and included information about the recent award of contracts to undertake major adaptations, the new delivery model for adaptations in properties managed by Registered Providers of social housing, collaboration with other providers and the work underway to increase the service offer for the provision of equipment. The Programme Lead Health and Social Care Integration introduced the report across its broad themes.

Members welcomed the report and the improvements in the service described. A member commented that it is important that residents receive a consistent and accountable service to support and allow people to remain in their homes, especially young people to remain with their families. The Programme Lead Health and Social Care Integration acknowledged this comment and said that they had undergone improvements in how they manage and deliver the service. She further described that strict service level agreements had been established to define clear roles, responsibilities and performance criteria for the service and providers. The Service Manager Independent Living said that the tendering process for the new framework was very robust with improved standards and timescales.

The Committee welcomed this improvement in service standards and requested that information on who had been awarded the Independent Living Framework Contracts be circulated to members. The Programme Lead Health and Social Care Integration acknowledged this request and agreed to circulate this to members of the Committee.

A member asked if the Adaptations and Equipment service can meet demand. The Service Manager Independent Living said the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) which funds major adaptations for tenants of registered providers, owner-occupiers and tenants of private landlords was increased by 80% this year and is currently set at £5.7m. She said that this increase in funding will allow the service to meet demand. She said that this funding had been increased by central government in recognition that funding people in nursing and residential homes is significantly more expensive than helping and supporting people to remain in their own homes.

A member asked if data is available at ward level that describes the number of people using the Adaptations and Equipment service. The Programme Lead Health and Social Care Integration said that this information is collected and will be provided in a future update report. The Committee welcomed this and requested that an update report includes information on the timescales involved following a request for service to completion.

In response to a member's question regarding budgets for adaptations to highways, such as dropped kerbs the Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing said that it is not part of the DFG. He said he would clarify with the Executive Member for the Environment who has responsibility for highways and respond to the member.

In response to a members question the Service Manager Independent Living explained that equipment is recycled however if an item costs less than £25 it is not always cost efficient and is cheaper to replace.

Decisions

1. To note the report.
2. The Committee welcomed the reported improvements in the equipment and adaptations services.
3. The Committee requested that a list of the providers who had been awarded the Independent Living Framework Contacts be circulated to members.
4. To receive an update report at an appropriate time. This report will contain information on the number of people accessing this service at ward level; and information on the timescales involved for people requesting services to completion.

HSC/16/32 Health and Wellbeing Update

The Committee received a report which provided an overview of developments across Health and Social Care and the local NHS.

A member welcomed the information provided within Part 2 of the report regarding NHS Finances that had been submitted. The member recommended that representatives from each Manchester Hospital Trusts be invited to any future meeting when this is to be discussed in further detail. The Committee agreed this recommendation.

Decisions

1. To note the reports.
2. To invite representatives from each Manchester Hospital Trusts to a future meeting when NHS Finances are to be considered.

HSC/16/33 Additional membership of Home Care Task and Finish Group

Decision

To appointment Councillors T.Judge, Mary Monaghan, Stone and Wills to the Home Care Task and Finish Group.

HSC/16/34 Overview Report

A report of the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit which contained key decisions within the Committee's remit and responses to previous recommendations was submitted for comment. Members were also invited to agree the Committee's future work programme.

Decision

To note the report and approve the work programme.