

REPORT OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL 27TH SEPTEMBER 2012

The draft minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Panel are herewith attached. The main items discussed were as follows:

WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE PANEL

We AGREED:

That the Senior Policy would look at NCL integrated working strategy with a view to this linking into a piece of work undertaken by the Panel.

That the Senior Policy Officer would do some research on integrated care, including under-pinning budgets to inform a piece of work on joint working.

CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS

The Panel asked Cllr Vanier, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Services questions on her portfolio area.

The Panel heard that the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (sHWB) is due to become a statutory body as of April 2013. Work which has been undertaken by the sHWB includes the production of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Other areas of work have included looking at early anti-natal bookings as this had been flagged as an issue. The Panel were informed of the current membership of the sHWB and that governance issues were still under discussion whilst they wait for government regulations to be published.

The Panel raised concerns about the lack of transparency of the sHWB and felt that it would be beneficial to residents if there was more information available on the work undertaken by the sHWB and if the minutes were available.

The Panel were informed that there was no guarantee that the budget for Healthwatch would be at least that currently spent on the Local Involvement Network due to budget pressures.

We AGREED:

The Senior Policy Officer would send information to the Panel on the relationship between scrutiny and the Health and Wellbeing Board as and when this becomes available.

A briefing on the sHWB work programme would be circulated to the Panel.

A briefing note on the funding of HealthWatch and the PALS funding transfer would be provided to the Panel.

We RECOMMENDED:

That the minutes of the sHWB are published on the Haringey website to allow transparency of work undertaken.

BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13

The Panel were informed that the current financial pressure is due to an increased demand for services, particularly in older people services and mental health services and also due to Continuing Healthcare where people leave the care of the NHS and need adult services. There is also a lot of pressure due to the rate of people coming out of hospital, and those who are no longer being admitted who previously would have and who need social care services.

The Panel were reassured that there is ongoing and robust dialogue between health and social care colleagues about the shifting of costs from NHS services onto social care services, particularly around the continuing healthcare assessments.

We AGREED:

The Panel would write to support the case for greater funding for Haringey.

LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE - TRANSITION FROM WHITEHALL STREET

The Panel received an overview of the move from Whitehall Street to Campsbourne.

The Panel noted that an Independent Mencap Advocate has been commissioned to do a review with the service users who are now residents of Campsbourne which overall this review found the residents to be very happy in their new home and enjoying an active social life. The Panel also heard from two relatives of residents who both noted that their relatives were very happy with their new home and that they were happy with the outcome. The Panel also noted that the relatives felt that whilst there was a lot of consultation about the actual move the decision had been taken by Cabinet to close Whitehall Street.

Edenvale (Care providers) noted that residents able to enjoy every day activities which most people take for granted, for example doing their own clothes shopping and their own food shopping.

The Panel heard that for future developments Adults would ensure that residents were able to meet contractors a lot earlier to discuss their needs. They would also drive people around the area so that they have more of a feel for the neighbourhood that they will be moving into.

The Panel thanked the representatives for attending and congratulated them on the service change.

We AGREED:

That residents of Campsbourne should be introduced to their local Safer Neighbourhood Team.

That the Independent Mencap Advocacy report to be circulated to the Panel.

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP UPDATE

The Panel heard from Sarah Price, Accountable Officer, Haringey Clinical Commissioning Group who updated the Panel on the transitional progress of the CCG before it becomes fully accountable in April 2013. The update included that the CCG currently has a delegated responsibility and can therefore make decisions and that the next 6 months would be a time of change and risk, but that this had been planned for.

The Panel were also informed that the CCG was carrying forward a significant overspend and that it is changing the way that services are provided, moving towards a more integrated approach and one

which wraps around families. They are also working closely with other boroughs and organisations to improve services and value for money. Challenges for the CCG included referral management and demand management. At the same time the direction of travel is towards greater integration, of which dialogue with Adults is taking place on a continual basis.

We AGREED:

That the Senior Policy Officer to look into what disease areas are likely to cause the highest budget pressures.

HORNSEY PARK SURGERY

Hornsey Park Surgery was discussed under urgent business with the Panel raising concerns that any move to Hornsey would make it very difficult for existing patients to travel as although it is geographically close, it would be two bus journeys and would further exacerbate health inequalities in the borough.

The Panel noted that whilst Doctor continuity is important, the quality of provision was also important and this would need to be balanced when considering the premises for the surgery.

We AGREED:

That Sarah Price, Accountable Officer, Haringey CCG would speak to North Central London NHS to get an update on the situation for the Panel.

Cllr Gina Adamou

Chair