

## **HEALTH, SCHOOLS AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dutton (in the Chair); Councillors Biant, Brosnan, Dale, Davidson, Gartside, Hartley, Hornby, McCarthy Susan Smith and Sullivan.

**OFFICERS:** J. McGregor (Assistant Director – Children’s Services), T. Harrison (Assistant Director – Commissioning, Public Health and Wellbeing) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** J. Booth (Independent Chair – Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Board), S. Taylor (Chief Executive – Northern Care Alliance), Dr S. McCallum, B. Williams (Northern Care Alliance), Dr C. Duffy (HMR NHS CCG) and one member of the public

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

84 There were no declarations of interests.

#### **MINUTES**

85 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee, held 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018, be signed by the Chair and approved as a correct record.

#### **NORTHERN CARE ALLIANCE**

86 The Committee received a presentation from the Chief Officer Northern Care Alliance (NCA) Bury and Rochdale and Chief Officer of the Local Care Organisation (LCO), Mr. S. Taylor, together with Dr S. McCallum (Northern Care Alliance) and Dr C. Duffy (Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale CCG) which provided an update on the activities of the Local Care Organisation thus far in 2018/19.

The NCA was an NHS Group formed by bringing together two NHS Trusts, Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust. The NCA Group provided a range of healthcare services including five hospitals and associated community services - Salford Royal, The Royal Oldham Hospital, Fairfield General Hospital in Bury, Rochdale Infirmary and North Manchester General Hospital.

The NCA was being developed to fully align and to be consistent with the priorities of the strategic themes of the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership. One of its key aims was to develop new ways of working that will ensure patients receive consistently high standards of care. Another key function of the Group is to support its Care Organisations in the following areas: Developing Service Strategy; Agreeing new/replacement building and equipment; Agreeing annual operational delivery plans; Developing a standardised operating model which determines best care on the basis of

evidence of best practice; and organising standardised care to be delivered effectively across multiple sites and locations.

A key area of development for the LCO had been the promulgation of mental health services and in this regard a Mental Health Steering group had been established to monitor progress.

In answering the various questions that were asked by Members of the Committee, the representatives from the Northern Care Alliance extended an invitation for Members of the Committee to visit the trust's facilities at their Rochdale infirmary site to view first-hand some of the services provided and to discuss the provision of services with staff on-site.

Resolved:

1. The presentation be noted.
2. The Committee's membership be invited to visit the Trust's facilities at their Rochdale infirmary site to view first-hand some of the services provided and to discuss the provision of services with staff on-site.

## **ROCHDALE BOROUGH SAFEGUARDING BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

87 The Committee scrutinised the Annual report for 2017/18 from the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Children's Board and from the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Adults Board. The report provided details about current needs in the Borough, the availability, quality and effectiveness of services to respond to that need, and on the work of the two Boards themselves.

The Independent Chair of the Boards set out the challenges from 2017/18 which will continue throughout 2018/19, including widening the use of technology to support multi agency work, and improving engagement with stakeholders in relation to: financial abuse of vulnerable adults, Child Sexual Exploitation' Domestic abuse and Dementia abuse

The report reflected on the information about agency performance derived from data collection and analysis, audits and case reviews. Many of the performance measures used scored in the range that was seen as reflecting good practice. The audits and reviews continue to highlight some areas still requiring practice improvement some of which are proving to be difficult to resolve.

Higher than average levels of deprivation continued to have a significant negative impact on the Borough's population, with both higher levels of child poverty and poorer health and life expectancy being recorded. The Borough's population is growing faster in the areas of highest deprivation and the population aged over 85 years old is predicted to rise by 28% by 2025.

Members sought clarity on how well agencies have responded to the challenges set in 2017/18 and the risks incorporated within the challenges for 2018/19.

The Committee noted that this report had been considered by the Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Resolved:

That the Rochdale Borough Safeguarding Boards Annual Report 2017/18 (Adults and Children) be commended.

### **ADULT, CHILDREN & PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE PLANS 2018-19 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

88 The Committee considered a report detailing progress during the first two Quarters 2018/19 (1st April – 30<sup>th</sup> September) towards achievement of the targets contained in the Adult Care Directorate Plan 2018/19, Children's Services Directorate Plan 2018/19 and Public Health Directorate Plan 2018/19.

Decision: That the report be noted.

### **MARKET OVERSIGHT REPORT**

89 The Committee considered a report of the Assistant Director - Adult Care (Commissioning) regarding the Market Oversight Plan which provided quality assurance information for services commissioned by the Adult Care service for the second quarter of 2018/19 (July - September).

The Adult Care Service commissioned external provider services to deliver a range of care services to adults with eligible social care needs. The Adult Care commissioning team assured the quality of the services. The market oversight report presented quality assurance information for quarter two of 2018/19 for the Committee to scrutinise.

Resolved – that the report be noted.

### **SUFFICIENCY STATEMENT**

90 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children's Services which noted that Children's Social Care are required to produce a Sufficiency Statement detailing the Local Authorities intentions to ensure that there is sufficient support and placements for children and young people who are cared for by the Local Authority.

The Committee was informed that the number of children and young people who are Cared 4 by the Local Authority is increasing therefore it is important to secure sufficiency both within the Rochdale Borough and across Greater Manchester. The detailed commissioning action plan was the priority area of work for the Commissioning Manager within Children's Social Care to ensure that the sufficiency would be met.

The gap analysis that has been completed showed that there were specific areas within services that required improvement, this includes the recruitment of foster carers within the internal service and ensuring that the skills of these

carers can meet the needs of the children and young people who are being cared for.

With regard to placement choice and sufficiency, the Council was committed to ensuring:

- Children and young people are placed in the right placement at the right time to meet their needs
- That children and young people of Rochdale are best placed within the borough of Rochdale and not at a distance from their local geographical area.
- That local services are provided and wrapped around our children to meet their needs
- Where children and young people of Rochdale are placed at a distance, this is based on assessed need and in accordance with an agreed plan
- That placement choice and provision promotes consistency and stability of care, recognising that stability is wide-ranging and provided through access to a range of consistent and familiar supports.
- The voice of the child is heard for all Cared for Children and young people.

Members considered the report in detail seeking clarification on the reducing numbers of foster carers that are resident in the Borough and the number of older foster carers.

Resolved:

The Committee approves the Sufficiency Statement and the Commissioning intentions from the Councils Children's Social Care to ensure that the required sufficiency is being met.

#### **JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR PENNINE CARE (MENTAL HEALTH) TRUST**

91 Resolved – that the Minutes of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust, held 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, be noted.

#### **JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR PENNINE ACUTE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST**

92 Resolved - that the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, held 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018, be noted.

#### **GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

93 Resolved: - that the Minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018, be noted.

#### **HEALTH, SCHOOLS AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

94 The Committee considered its updated Work Programme for 2018/19.

Resolved:

The Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme 2018/19 be noted.

**2019/20 - 2020/21 SAVINGS PROGRAMME FOR THE INTEGRATED HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE POOLED FUND**

95 Resolved:

That consideration of this item of business and of the individual savings proposals, be deferred to the Committee's next scheduled meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019.