

HEALTH, SCHOOLS AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Wednesday, 31 July 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Dale (Chair); Councillors Bromfield, Davidson, Faisal, Jackson and T. Smith.

OFFICERS: N. Thompson (Director of Health and Care Integration), H. Ashall (Assistant Director of Commissioning Adult Social Care and Prevention), A. Siddique (Assistant Director Children's Social Care), L. Davies (Assistant Director of Public Health and Communities), E. Rowe (Chief Executive, Your Trust), A. Pardoe (Human Resources, Your Trust) and J. Jenkinson (Senior Governance and Committee Officer).

14 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Arshad, Councillor Beswick and Councillor Aiza Rashid.

15 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bromfield declared that she was the Independent Chair of the SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Stakeholder Forum. Councillor Bromfield remained in the room during the meeting.

17 ITEMS FOR EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

There were no items for the exclusion of the public and press.

18 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 22nd May 2024 be approved as a correct record.

19 GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13th March 2024 be noted.

20 YOUR TRUST PERFORMANCE UPDATE Q1 (APRIL – JUNE 2024/25)

The Chief Executive, Your Trust and the Director for People, Organisational Development and Wellness introduced a report which provided an update on performance for Quarter 1 (April – June) 2024-25 and highlighted key aspects of progress, including risks and challenges.

The Chair thanked officers for the report and then opened the meeting to comments and questions from Members.

A discussion ensued, during which the following points were raised:

- It was noted that the condition of the tiling in the two pools at Middleton Arena had been flagged as a red risk for a number of months. In response, the Chief Executive, Your Trust explained that problems had arisen due to defective installation by the original contractor. It would be necessary to close both pools for 12-16 weeks during the summer 2025 to facilitate repair works. In the meantime, the situation was being closely monitored and repairs were being carried out where possible.
- In relation to Rochdale Leisure Centre, it was reported that a number of water leaks into the basement plant room area had been detected. Your Trust and Rochdale Borough Council had planned further investigatory works to determine the cause of the leaks.
- With regard to the Healthy Eating, Staying Healthy course, the Committee welcomed the 'person-centred approach' adopted to engage with attendees. It was suggested that a 'heat map' diagram be created to illustrate the geographical spend and delivery of projects across the Borough.
- It was highlighted that a recent #Be Well survey had indicated that girls were increasingly opting out of participation in competitive sports. In response, the Chief Executive, Your Trust welcomed the comment and agreed that this would be an area of focus for the development team.
- Concerns were raised in relation to staffing and the management of Hollingworth Lake Water Activity Centre. It was noted there was some ambiguity regarding staffing responsibilities between Your Trust and the Council, and explained that the issues had recently been discussed with the Council's Leadership Team
- There was discussion in relation to apprenticeships and it was explained that a new approach would be adopted in the current year, with up to six apprentices being recruited to work across the Your Trust organisation to obtain a Level 2 Coach Activator qualification.
- Councillors highlighted the importance of providing internships to young people with special educational needs and disabilities. It was noted that Your Trust offered Coach Core apprenticeships to young people from disadvantaged and less represented communities.

RESOLVED – That the Your Trust Performance Update Q1 (April – June 2024/25 report be noted.

21 HMR PATIENT PARTICIPATION REVIEW REPORT

The Chair reported that the Healthwatch Rochdale representative had been unable to attend the meeting. In the absence of a representative, it was suggested that consideration of the report be deferred to the March 2025 meeting.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the HMR Patient Participation Review be deferred to the March 2024.

22 ENHANCED CARE HOME MODEL OVERVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Wellbeing / Assistant Director Adult Social Care Commissioning and Prevention that provided an overview of the Council's newly established Enhanced Care Home Model Programme.

It was explained that the enhanced care home offer focused on developing a variety of interventions, services and support that care homes could deliver either themselves or access from system partners to ensure that residents had the care they needed to stay well.

The Chair then invited comments and questions from Members.

During the discussion the following points were raised:

- In response to a question regarding personalised care, in particular shared decision-making in relation to end of life care – the Assistant Director explained that work was being undertaken with Spring Hill Hospice to consider areas to develop and best practice.
- The importance of co-production to inform future plans was highlighted.
- It was noted that despite new provision that had been put in place, commissioners were not satisfied this would sufficiently meet the growing demand over the coming years. It was explained that a detailed needs analysis was required to fully understand the market position – and work was scheduled to commence during August 2024.
- It was highlighted that smaller care facilities provided better person centred care.
- Members commended Keswick Gardens and Riverside Langley Care Home as fantastic facilities. It was suggested that local schools be encouraged to engage with outreach programmes, to encourage young people to visit care homes - as intergenerational projects were known to benefit both children and care home residents.
- It was explained that a capital investment bid was being developed to request a capital budget to either buy, develop, and build a scheme on either council or non-council land or to develop an existing building. A cost benefit analysis was being undertaken to demonstrate the level of investment required and outline the projected plan to be able to repay that investment. It was anticipated that the outcome of the bid would be known by the end of autumn 2024.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked the Assistant Director for the report and the excellent work being undertaken.

RESOLVED – That the Enhanced Care Home Model Overview report be noted and the programme of work outlined within the report be supported.

**23 ADULT, CHILDREN & PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE PLANS 2024-25:
QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report which set out progress towards achievement of targets contained within the Adult Care, Children's Services and Public Health Directorate Plans 2024-25, as at the end of Quarter 1 (1st April – 30th June 2024).

Adult Care Directorate Plan 2024-25

It was noted that all (11) actions were currently ongoing.

The development of a co-production charter was underway. Six co-production networks had been established. Five of the six networks had held their first network session and some had held a second session. Monthly monitoring meetings were in place with each host and a Co-production and Engagement Officer. A co-production event had been planned for 2nd July 2024 with network hosts. The Co-Production Charter was awaiting completion; a launch date would be confirmed once the document had been signed off.

The Director of Health and Care Integration reported that further to feedback from the co-production network, the Council's Leadership Team were reflecting on the process and expectations of co-production.

In relation to Ref. ASC2401.A Develop an Adult Social Care savings and efficiency programme, due for completion on 30 April 2024, and currently showing as 75% complete – it was explained that a plan was in place and continual development work underway to ensure the Adult Social Care recovery plan was robust and deliverable. Work was being focused on the management of high cost placements – however, it was acknowledged that demand for services was beyond the control of service.

Children's Services Directorate Plan 2024-25

The Assistant Director of Children's Social Care introduced the Plan and reported that all (9) actions were currently ongoing.

In relation to Ref. CS2407.A - Implementation of SEND advice line it was confirmed that the line had gone live the week commencing 29th July 2024, and in the first few days, 14 calls had been received. Councillors welcomed the initiative and highlighted the importance of publicity being distributed across the borough.

In relation to Ref. CS2405.B Ensure sufficient early years and child care provision – it was explained that applications for wraparound expansion were being reviewed. The importance of wraparound 8am – 6pm provision was highlighted.

Further details were requested in relation to CS2406.B - Delivery of the Free School programme – the Assistant Director of Children’s Social Care agreed to circulate an update to the Committee.

Public Health Directorate Plan 2024-25

The Assistant Director Public Health and Communities introduced the Plan and reported that all (4) actions were currently ongoing and on track to be completed by the target dates.

In relation to the programme to increase accessibility, community engagement, and improve the uptake of HPV vaccine – the Assistant Director agreed to circulate data information to the Committee.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Adult, Children and Public Health Directorate Plans 2024-25, Quarter 1 Performance Update report be noted.
2. That the Assistant Director of Children’s Social Care be requested to circulate an update in relation to CS2406.B - Delivery of the Free School programme.
3. That the Assistant Director Public Health and Communities be requested to provide to the Committee date information in relation to the programme to increase accessibility, community engagement, and improve the uptake of HPV vaccine.

24 WORK PROGRAMME 2024-25

Consideration was given to the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024-25.

RESOLVED –

1. That, the HMR Patient Participation Review Report be scheduled for the 12th March 2025 meeting.
2. That the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s Work Programme 2024/25 be noted.