



Report title: Report of the Chair of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Report to: Council

Report of: Councillor Dale, Chair of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee Report

Public or private: Public

Key Decision?: N

1. Report summary

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the activities of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 Since the last report to Council on 13th December 2023 there has been one meetings of the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 29th January 2024. An update on the meetings is provided below.
- 1.3 At the beginning of the municipal year the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee established two 'Task and Finish' groups: Real Living Wage for Care Providers Task and Finish Group and Rochdale Borough Council Ofsted Inspection Report Task and Finish Group. An update on the work undertaken by the groups is provided below.

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Your Trust Performance Update Q3 (October - December 2023/24)

Consideration was given to a Your Trust performance update report for Quarter 3 (October – December 2023).

Resolved

1. That the Your Trust Performance Update Q3 report (October – December 2023/24) and Appendix 1 of the report, including the success and risk sections be noted.
2. That the continued success and growth of Your Trust as it recovered from the impacts of the Covid pandemic be noted.

3. That the Chief Executive, Your Trust, be requested to circulate information (i.e. age, ethnicity and geographical location) in relation to exercise referrals to the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. That the Chief Executive, Your Trust, be requested to circulate comparative information regarding the employee attrition rate for Quarter 2 and Quarter 3 to the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The Development of the 2024-27 Children and Young People's Plan

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education / Director of Children's Services regarding the development of the 2024-27 Children and Young People's Plan.

Resolved

1. That the process proposed for the production of the 2024-27 Children and Young People's Plan be noted.
2. That the format and initial content of the draft version of 2024-27 Children and Young People's Plan be noted.

Social Services Complaints Updates

Consideration was given to reports that provided the Committee with a summary of Adult Social Care and Children Social Care complaints and compliments received during the reporting periods for April 1 2022 - 31 March 2023 and April 1 2023 - 30 September 2023.

Adult, Children & Public Health Directorate Plans 2023-24: Quarter 3 Performance Update

Consideration was given to a report which set out progress towards achievement of the targets contained in the Adult Care, Children's Services and Public Health Directorate Plans 2023-24 as at the end of Quarter 3 (1st October – 31st December 2024).

Adult Social Care (ASC) Commissioning – Quality Assurance and Market Oversight (2023.24 – Q1 and Q2)

Consideration was given to a report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Wellbeing / Assistant Director of Commissioning for Adult Social Care and Prevention that provided an overview of the quality of both residential and community based services within and outside the boundaries of Rochdale Borough Council.

The Committee noted there were currently:

- 110 Care Quality Commission registered providers (60 care homes and 50 community based services).
- 55 care homes commissioned in the Borough with 77.7% of beds rated good or outstanding.

- An additional 110 care homes providing placements out of area.
- 58 community based providers commissioned, with 82% rated good or outstanding.
- There was a range of non-direct support contracts and projects supported by adult care commissioning, ranging from advocacy to night sitting services, multiple contracts due for re-tender.

Resolved

1. That the Adult Social Care (ASC) Commissioning – Quality Assurance and Market Oversight (2023.24 – Q1 and Q2) report be noted.
2. That future Quality Assurance and Market Oversight reports be accompanied by a presentation at the meeting to provide the most up to date information available.

Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee agreed to exclude the press and public during the consideration of the following item.

Rochdale Pop Up Birthing Suite

Consideration was given to a report of the Locality Associate Director Nursing, Quality and Safety (Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale) and the Quality and Safeguarding Manager, that provided background and contextual information regarding the request for a proposed pop up birthing suite in the Rochdale locality.

Resolved

1. It was requested that information in relation to the outcomes of home births in Rochdale Borough be circulated to the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. It was requested that a summary report that was 'public friendly' in relation to the future provision of a Rochdale pop up birthing suite be provided to Councillors to assist with resident queries.
3. That an update Rochdale Pop Up Birthing Suite report be reviewed by the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2025.

Real Living Wage for Care Providers Task and Finish Group

Membership: Councillor Blundell (Chair), Councillor Atewologun and Councillor Arshad.

The scope of the review:

- To understand the Council's current position – including its limitations and any requirements needed to achieve the desired outcomes.

- To understand the wider Greater Manchester context.
- To understand constraints / barriers care providers face in relation to paying the Living Wage.
- To identify and evaluate if the current methods of working are achieving the appropriate result, and if not, suggest alternative approaches.

The Task and Finish Group is scheduled to meet in the coming weeks to discuss the review.

Rochdale Borough Council Ofsted Inspection Report Task and Finish Group

Membership: Councillors Dale (Chair), Councillor Ayrton, Councillor Dale, Councillor Faisal and Councillor Atewologun.

The scope of the review:

- To understand the Council's current Ofsted position, and to consider the requirements needed to achieve the desired outcomes.
- To identify and evaluate if the current Improvement Plan is achieving the appropriate result, and if not, suggest alternative approaches.

The Task and Finish Group met on 19th February 2024 to discuss and formulate its conclusions and recommendations.

The final report, setting out the group's findings will be submitted to the first Cabinet meeting of the new municipal year.

Councillor Pat Dale

Chair – Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee