

HEALTH, SCHOOLS AND CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 20th September 2018

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

OFFICERS: D. David (Assistant Director – Adult Care Service). T. Harrison (Assistant Director – Adult Care Service), J. McGregor (Assistant Director - Children’s Social Care Service), J. Daniels (Head of Service (Complex Safeguarding) – Children’s Social Care Service), R. Bardsley, E. Wilson (Public Health Service) and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

APOLOGIES

73 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brosnan, McCarthy and Susan Smith.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

74 There were no declarations of interests.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

75 There were no urgent items of business for the Committee to consider.

MINUTES

76 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Health, School and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27th June 2018 be approved as a correct record.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

77 Decision:

The Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for Decision:

Should the press and public remain during debate on this item there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Parts 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

SUNRISE TEAM - ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

78 The Committee scrutinised a report of the Director of Children’s Services that provided an overview of some of the key highlights from the 5th Sunrise Annual Report (April 2017 to March 2018); and was structured around the four key strategic approaches to tackling Child Sexual Exploitation:

prevention, protection, prosecution and ensuring professional and public confidence.

The report highlighted the continued drive to raise confidence, whilst managing new challenges from what are often described as vigilante groups. The success of the team has continued to be highlighted by external bodies – examples provided in the report include positive responses/findings from the media, annual peer review and Ofsted inspection.

The report also highlighted some of the key data including demographics, gender and ethnicity. The team's operational performance was detailed throughout the report and was reflected in the performance data. 100% young people referred to the Sunrise Team have been allocated a Sunrise Social Worker and assessed against the Child Sexual Exploitation index of vulnerabilities tool.

The Child Sexual Exploitation dataset was been reviewed and had been agreed by the Complex Safeguarding subgroup focusing on the performance of all agencies within the Sunrise Team. The overall feedback from young people who have been open to the team continued to be highly positive

The report sets out how the Sunrise Team plans to move forward, with a key focus being on the development of the team into a Complex Safeguarding Team, reflecting the approach being implemented across Greater Manchester. The strategy embedded for the Sunrise Team will continue to provide a firm basis for the team's work but the scope will need to broaden and evolve in order to address emerging complex safeguarding issues specifically in relation to the exploitation of children.

Decision:

The report be noted and welcomed.

The press and public were readmitted to the meeting.

MARKET OVERSIGHT REPORT - 1ST QUARTER 2018/19

79 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 quarter one in 2018/19 (April – June).

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 one of 2018/19 for the committee to scrutinise.

Members noted that this was the last occasion at which Dianne David, Assistant Director – Adult Care (Commissioning) would be attending a meeting of this Committee prior to his retirement in October 2018.

Decision:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Committee expresses its appreciation of the work carried out by Dianne David during her time as an employee of Rochdale Borough Council.

ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

80 The Committee scrutinised a report of the Director of Public Health, which highlighted the issues relating to the oral health of five year old children in the Borough. The Committee was advised that local authorities have a statutory role to provide or commission oral health promotion programmes to improve the health of the local population, to the extent that they consider appropriate in their areas. Whilst local authorities have a statutory lead role it is recognised that there are roles for oral health improvement across the health, education and voluntary sectors.

'Health Matters' had recently focused on child dental health and highlighted that improving this requires a whole-systems approach. Action was therefore required across the sector, from national and local health policy, to healthcare, families and the food and drink industry.

In a recent survey of five-year-olds, 47.1% of five-year-old children in the Borough of Rochdale had experience of obvious dental decay. This was worse than the 2015 survey results which found that 43.5% of five year-old children had experienced dental decay.

The Borough's children have on average 1.9 teeth affected (at age five, children normally have 20 primary teeth) this represents an improvement from 2.1 in 2015. The percentage of children with incisor caries (bottle decay) currently stood at 13.2% which was an improvement from the 2015 figure of 16.6%.

The regions of England which had the worst oral health tended to be located in the north (34% with tooth decay in the North West compared to 16% in the South East) and these differences were even greater at a local authority level with 47% of five-year-olds having tooth decay in Rochdale compared to 13% in Cambridgeshire. Therefore stark inequalities existed with some of the most vulnerable, disadvantaged and socially excluded children facing significant oral health problems.

In terms of addressing the problem tackling poor Oral Health in Rochdale the following Commissioned services were in operation: Locality and transformation fund programmes:-

- a. Borough wide fluoride varnish programme for children aged 3 - 5 years in both private and LEA nurseries and reception classes - fluoride varnish is applied twice a year to the children's teeth. This programme is funded as part of the Rochdale Transformation Plan.
- b. Greater Manchester (Public Health England) transformation fund programme for tooth-brushing in Schools, taking place in LEA and private day nurseries for children aged 2 - 5 years.

c. “Brushing for Life”, a Health Visitor led family fluoride tooth-brushing scheme for children aged 9 months and 2 years. This programme is delivered during child assessment visits.

The organisation Living Well Service, delivered a range of preventive programmes: - “Bump to Baby” - a maternity family fluoride toothpaste scheme; ‘Tooth Time’, within both LEA and Private Nurseries; the ‘Golden Grin’ award scheme – that was designed for all early years settings, based on healthy snacking; referral programmes to the Living Well Oral Health specialist, for children and families with additional needs; the design and delivery of oral health learning packages for schools staff and private day nurseries to roll out in class; and learning packages in oral health for child minders.

The Borough’s Oral Health Improvement Strategy was currently being updated and the Council was working with the Public Health Team at Oldham Council. In this regard a number of actions had been identified and progressed including an Oral Health Steering Group has been developed to ensure actions were taken forward from the peer review and to further develop partnership working and support the Oral Health programmes.

Other initiatives included the Sugar Smart Borough –SUGAR SMART was a campaign run by Jamie Oliver and Sustain. GULP – (Give Up Loving Pop) was a campaign led by [Food Active](#). It aimed to raise awareness of the health harms associated with the over-consumption of sugary drinks. It involves participants completing a 30 day challenge to give up fizzy drinks and drink water.

Also the ‘breast feeding welcome’ initiative was being progressed - Rochdale had over 90 Breast Feeding Welcome venues. It was important to encourage and support breast feeding as evidence suggested that breast fed babies were less likely to suffer tooth decay and become obese in later life. This campaign supported the work of our childhood obesity strategy and also the oral health action plan and strategy.

- Tooth decay is largely preventable yet it remains a serious problem
- Daily application of fluoride toothpaste reduces the incidence and severity of tooth decay in children.
- Bi Annual application of Duraphate fluoride varnish reduces the incidence and severity of tooth decay by 25%
- Children in more deprived areas are less likely to brush their teeth at least twice a day
- Nice guidance recommends that targeted early years settings can provide a suitable supportive environment for children taking part in a supervised tooth-brushing programme.
- Dental surveys for 5 year olds are delivered every 2 years the data is then available approx. 10 months later.
- The 2018/19 survey will start to take place later in this school year the results will not be available until 2021.

- The 3 year old children who are engaged in the start of the locality plan and GM transformation fund programme will be surveyed in 2020 21 the results will be available in 2022.

Members of the Committee considered the report in detail and referred to the positive benefits that fluoridation of the domestic water supply can bring. In this regard the quality of teeth for people of all ages, who live in Birmingham and the wider West Midlands region, for instance, is far higher than for those parts of the country where the domestic water supply is not fluoridated. It was suggested that a report on this matter be brought back to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decision:

1. The report be noted and welcomed.
2. A report on the positive benefits that arise from a fluoridated domestic water supply be presented by appropriate staff from the Council's Public Health Service to a future meeting of the Committee.

SUGAR SMART BOROUGH

81 The Committee received the notes and supporting information of a meeting of the 'Sugar Smart Borough' group that was held 2nd August 2018.

Sugar Smart Borough – SUGAR SMART is a campaign that is run by the 'celebrity chef' Jamie Oliver and Sustain. It supports local authorities, organisations, workplaces and individuals in their efforts to reduce the amount of sugar consumed. All organisations, partners, Directorates and teams are able to sign up to the campaign and pledge to become sugar smart – from councils and schools to restaurants, hospitals and work places. Rochdale has 26 participants signed up to the campaign with 23 pledges to reduce sugar. This is being done in a variety of ways through promoting messages, designing sugar quizzes, encouraging free drinking water rather than fizzy drinks, revising food menus and the content of vending machines. In addition the GULP initiative (Give Up Loving Pop) is a campaign led by [Food Active](#). It aimed to raise awareness of the health harms associated with the over-consumption of sugary drinks. It involves participants completing a 30 day challenge to give up fizzy drinks and drink water. Working closely with teachers, young people and health sector colleagues, Food Active has developed a series of resources designed specifically for children and young people to think about sugary drinks, their effect on health, to learn how to identify sugary drinks and to understand the benefits of drinking water. We have delivered GULP in 2 schools in the Rochdale and have identified a further 6 schools to work with during this school year.

Decision:

That the report be noted.

GREATER MANCHESTER HEALTH AND CARE BOARD

82 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester Health and Care Board, held 11th May 2018, be noted.

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

83 Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust, held 12th July 2018, be noted.