

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 29TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

Present – Councillors Mistry (Chairman), C. Burrows (Vice-Chairman), Allen (as deputy for Councillor Morgan), Darvesh, Mrs. Fairclough, Francis, Graham, Greenhalgh, Iqbal, Irving, Murray, Jones, Richardson and Wilkinson.

Lay Member

Ms. A . Baines - Healthwatch

Also in attendance

Councillor Mrs Thomas	-	(Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader's Portfolio)
Councillor Cunliffe	-	Cabinet Member for Public Health and Safeguarding Children
Dr. J. Livesey	-	Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms. R. Tanner	-	Assistant Director Care Management and Provider Services
Dr. W. Bhatirni	-	Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr. J. Bene	-	Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Ms. T. Armstrong-Child	-	Director of Nursing, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Mr. M. Wilkinson	-	Director of Strategic and Organisational Development, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Ms. J. Littler	-	Head Public Health Commissioning
Ms. M. Bisset	-	Public Health Commissioning
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	-	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bashir-Ismail, Martin and Morgan, Councillor A. Ibrahim (Cabinet Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care), Wendy Meredith and Dawn Williams (Age UK).

Councillor Mistry in the Chair.

13. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th July, 2015 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be signed as a correct record.

14. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out the updated work programme for the remainder of the 2015/2016 Municipal Year.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

15. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S 5-19 HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICE

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which set out details of the progress of the implementation of the new 5-19 Children's Health and Wellbeing Service.

By way of background information the report explained that the health and wellbeing of children and young people in the early developing years was critical to improving the health and educational outcomes that influenced and set the course for adulthood. Setting down strong foundations at an early age had a great influence over the life choices and health of people in adulthood. Services including school nursing had a very important role to play in supporting children and young people in order that they had the best possible outcomes for their overall wellbeing moving into and through adulthood. In order to achieve this, services were often able to best meet the needs of children and young people if they were integrated and focused targeted interventions on children and young people who were at risk and in need of support, including those with disabilities or complex emotional needs.

The report went onto set out an update on the specific progress within the Council of delivering a holistic and integrated service to meet the health needs of Children and Young people aged 5-19 years in Bolton.

The report also set out details of the ambitions, rationale, the consultation undertaken and the Commissioning of the new service from December, 2015.

A copy of the specification was appended to the report.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- recruiting the right calibre of staff;
- where the winning tenderers currently worked;
- how the funding areas would be shaped;
- the monitoring arrangements;
- matters around avoiding overlap working and also the filling of gap areas;
- the input targets and outputs; and
- the various vulnerable groups of children including young carers.

Resolved – That the update report be noted.

16. UPDATE ON STAFFING LEVELS AND AGENCY STAFFING AT THE ROYAL BOLTON HOSPITAL

Ms. Trish Armstrong-Child, Director of Nursing and Mr. Mark Wilkinson, Director of Strategic Organisational Development gave a presentation which updated the Committee on staffing levels and agency staffing within the Bolton NHS Foundation Trust.

The meeting was informed that 5000 people worked for the Trust in various capacities. In 2013 the Trust Board approved an investment of £2.5 M in nurse staffing on wards. National guidance on the issue of staffing was also referred to.

The Committee was advised of matters around staffing level monitoring and the challenges in terms of a national nursing

shortage, the commissioning of nurse training and restrictions in overseas recruitment.

The meeting was further notified of Bolton NHS Foundation's approach which included an agreement to try to recruit to 105% establishment.

Also referred to were details of the current staffing position, temporary staffing solutions, medical locum agency spend and matters around people priorities.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- contractual hours;
- succession planning;
- apprenticeships;
- young doctor's working abroad and the challenges for Bolton;
- the level of training provided;
- the standards of agency staff and staffing levels on wards meeting the guidelines.

Resolved – That Trish Armstrong-Child and Mark Wilkinson be thanked for their informative presentation and that the position be noted.

17. UPDATE ON SITUATION WITH INFECTION CONTROL AT THE ROYAL BOLTON HOSPITAL

Ms. Trish Armstrong-Child, Director of Nursing and Mr. Mark Wilkinson, Director of Strategic Organisational Development gave a presentation which updated the meeting of matters around the situation with infection control at the Royal Bolton Hospital.

The meeting was apprised of statistical information regarding MRSA blood stream infections which had greatly reduced since 2007/8, Clostridium Difficile infections and the reductions in this regard also.

The Committee was further apprised of matters concerning emerging infections and the impact and planning for this.

Members in their deliberations referred to the issue of the emerging infection entitled, Carbapenemase producing Entrobactericae and the screening programme.

Resolved – That Trish Armstrong-Child and Mark Wilkinson be thanked for their informative presentation and that the position be noted.

18. MEMBERS BUSINESS

The Committee received the extracts of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:-

- (a) The Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader's Portfolio held on 17th August and 14th September, 2015;
- (b) Health and Wellbeing Board held on 2nd September, 2015;
- (c) Adut's Social Care Policy Development Group held on 26th August, 2015; and
- (d) The Cabinet held on 17th August, 2015.

Resolved – That the minutes be noted.

(The meeting started at 5.30p.m. and finished at 6.50 p.m.)

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