

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Liz Smaje Panel: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From 18 September 2017 to 27 November 2017

Panel Highlights

(Include examples of pre decision work, scrutiny getting out and about, etc.)

Lead member briefings with:

- Strategic Director for Adults and Health.
- Service Director Policy, Intelligence and Public Health
- Lead Member/Portfolio Holders Briefing
- Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
- Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT)
- Locala
- Greater Huddersfield and North Kirklees CCGs

Panel Meetings and follow-up

- Panel meeting 3 October 2017. Items discussed included: Robustness of Adult Social Care; and Health Optimisation Programme.
- Lead Member briefing with CCGs and Public Health to discuss outcomes of the Panel discussion on the Health Optimisation Programme.
- Panel meeting 14 November 2017. Items discussed included: Proposed Changes to Podiatry Services; Integration of Health and Adult Social Care; and proposed interim changes to inpatient provision of Elderly Medicine, Cardiology and Respiratory Services

Outcomes:

(Summarise the value scrutiny has added by looking at the issue(s) and any recommendations)

The Panel has made a number of recommendations that have been aimed at improving the quality of Health and Adult Social Care services being delivered across Kirklees. In addition the Panel has put forward suggestions and recommendations to help improve the approach that is taken to engaging and consulting with people on proposed changes to services.

Monitoring Work

(If monitoring previous recommendations please identify what difference Scrutiny has made)

As a result of findings from the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel on Adult Mental Health Assessments further informal follow up sessions looking at issues relating to Dual Diagnosis have taken place.

Looking Ahead

(What are the next issues the Panel plans to look at?)

A themed discussion for the December Panel meeting looking at the work of the Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board.

Other issues that will be covered early 2018 include: an update on the financial position of the Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Acute Trusts; looking at the quality and standard of Wheelchair Services in Kirklees; and scoping out a potential task oriented review on carers in Kirklees.

General comments

The Panel is coping well with a challenging Work Programme and attendance has generally been very good. New members have adapted quickly to the issues many of which are complex and cover wide ranging areas of the health and adult social care sector.