

## Kirklees Council

### Scrutiny Lead Member Report

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

Period of Update : From 22 August 2018 – December 2018

#### Panel Highlights

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

Lead member briefings with:

- Deputy Chief Executive South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.
- Chief Officer Greater Huddersfield CCG and North Kirklees CCG.
- Strategic Director for Adults and Health
- Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
- Chief Executive Healthwatch Kirklees
- Chief Executive Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust

Panel Meetings and follow-up:

- Panel meeting 11 September 2018. Items discussed included: Transforming Outpatient Care; Update on the Kirklees Integrated Wellness Model; and Diabetes in Kirklees.
- Panel Workshop 17 September 2018. An informal workshop with Adult Social Care to discuss the work being done on developing an Adult Care Offer and to provide the Panel with an opportunity to have input into core elements of the offer that included: the Resource Allocation System; the Support Planning Tool; and the Direct Payments Policy.
- Panel meeting 9 October 2018. Items discussed included: Planning for winter across Health and Social Care in Kirklees; and the Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit at Dewsbury district hospital.
- Panel Meeting 6 November 2018. Items discussed included: An update on mental health services across Kirklees; Suicide Prevention; and the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board 2017/18 Annual Report.
- Panel meeting 4 December 2018. Items discussed included: Integration of Health and Adult Social Care; and Mental Health Rehabilitation and Recovery Services Transformation Project.
- Panel informal meeting 4 December 2019. An informal session with CCGs and Kirklees Integrated Community Equipment Service to discuss the new contract specification for Wheelchair Services.

#### Outcomes:

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

The Panel provided constructive feedback on the work being done by Public Health in developing an integrated wellness model and managing and preventing diabetes. It included a number of recommendations that focused on sharing best practice across all providers of diabetes healthcare and seeking assurance that the wellness

model focused on both physical and mental health.

A number of actions were agreed at the workshop session with adult social care that were designed to ensure that the adult care offer was accessible and equitable to all communities across Kirklees that included: a recommendation to produce a simple to follow diagram/flow chart that helps individuals to navigate the various options and pathways available; and a suggestion that the service investigates the feasibility of using a similar facility to the “My Kirklees Account” to develop a patient portal/adult social care portal.

The Panel has focused its attention on encouraging greater co-operation and collaboration between health and adult social care. The discussions on winter pressures resulted in a number of recommendations to support this aim that included a request that work takes place to improve communication and understanding between NHS and Adult Social Care on the pressures and capacity facing each organisation.

### **Monitoring Work**

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

None this period

### **Looking Ahead**

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

The meeting scheduled for 15 January 2019 will focus on an issue that was put forward by a member of public requesting a review of the provision of support in Kirklees for children with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. The scope of the review has been widened to include looking at the support provided by CAMHS and the special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) service. The lead investigator of a UK wide study that aims to determine the incidence of FAS in the UK and Ireland will also be attending.

At the meeting in February the Panel are expecting to receive: details of the proposed Future Service Model for Mental Health Rehabilitation and Recovery Services; and the outcomes of a joint CCG and Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust impact assessment on the closure of Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit at Dewsbury district hospital.

### **General Comments**

Although the work of the Panel continues to be challenging most of the key issues that were identified at the start of the year have been covered. The Panel has also managed find the capacity to deal with new issues that have emerged such as the closure of the Ambulatory Emergency Care Unit at Dewsbury district hospital.

Our new co-optee Lynne Keady joined the Panel in September and is proving to be a valuable member of the team. Panel attendance has been generally good and everyone continues to work well together.