

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Bill Armer

Panel: Health and Adult Social Care

Period of Update: From: June 2023 - August 2023

Panel Highlights

Work Programme Workshop (informal) meeting

On 7 June 2023 the Panel held an informal workshop to discuss its planned programme of work for 2023/24. Representatives from the local health and adult social care system were invited to attend and asked to comment on proposed issues and to put forward any new issues that they felt should be considered for inclusion in the work programme.

During the reporting period the Lead Member has had briefings with a number of key contacts from across the local health and adult social care system including:

- Richard Parry – Strategic Director for Adults and Health.
- Anna Basford – Deputy Chief Executive, Director of Transformation and Partnerships
- Diane Tinker - Director of Midwifery and Women's services, CHFT
- Lindsay Rudge – Chief Nurse, CHFT
- Subha Thiyagesh – Chief Medical Officer, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Matthew Burns – Quality & Governance Lead, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Rhona Radley - South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
- Debbie Graham - South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Panel Meeting – 5 July 2023

Work Programme 2022/23

The Panel discussed its work programme and agenda plan for the 2023/24 municipal year that included input from Richard Parry (Strategic Director, Health and Adult Social Care) Emily Parry-Harries (Head of Public Health) Stacey Appleyard (Director Healthwatch Kirklees) Karen Jackson (Chief Executive, Locala) Catherine Wormstone (Associate Director of Strategy, CHFT) and Darryl Thompson (Chief Nurse/Director of Quality and Professions). There was broad agreement in the proposed items identified at the workshop and the approach to the themes throughout the programme were deemed appropriate.

Panel Meeting – 15 August 2023

Old People's inpatient mental health services transformation programme

The Panel considered information relating to the South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust (SWYPFT) proposals for inpatient mental health services for older people. On the 4 July 2023 Health scrutiny councillors from Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield attended an informal workshop with representatives from SWYPFT

and the Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield Health and Care Partnerships about the proposals. The councillors from the three local authorities reached the conclusion that based on the information presented and the subsequent discussions that the older people's mental health transformation programme was highly likely to be a substantial development or variation in service provision.

The Panel was therefore asked to consider whether a formal Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee should be established to consider the proposals.

Resources of the Kirklees Health and Adult Social Care Economy

Representatives from organisations across the Kirklees Health and Adult Social Care system were in attendance to present an update on their financial position and to provide an overview of the local financial landscape in relation to the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (WYICB) and place-based partnerships. The discussions included: the financial pressures on local authority commissioned services; the challenges of workforce retention, recruitment, and succession planning; and the work being done locally to employ people.

Capacity and Demand - Kirklees Health and Adult Social Care System

Representatives from Kirklees core "physical" providers attended the meeting to provide details of the work that was being done to manage demand and catch up with delayed planned surgery. The detailed discussion focused on a number of issues that included: individual organisation insight which identified the services experiencing the most pressures and the approach to dealing with the demand and backlog; market sufficiency in adult social care; the approach to waiting list management and clinical prioritisation; Diagnostic waiting times; and access to general practice.

Outcomes:

Old People's inpatient mental health services transformation programme

The Panel agreed to the formation of a Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee with Calderdale and Wakefield Councils, and a report is before the OSMC at its meeting to consider next steps.

Resources and Capacity and Demand.

The Panel acknowledged that despite the pressures facing the local health and adult social care system it was a credit to the organisations and the workforce that patients reported being treated with care and kindness. The Panel also noted the pressures on managing the elective surgery backlog and meeting the targets to reduce the waiting times.

Monitoring Work

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

N/A

Looking Ahead

The following areas will be considered by the Panel at the meetings scheduled to take place in September and November 2023:

- Joined up Care in Kirklees Neighbourhoods
- Managing Capacity and Demand.

- Maternity Services in Kirklees
- Joined up hospital services in Kirklees

The Panel will be visiting Pinderfields Birth Centre in October 2023, and will receive a presentation from Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Midwifery. The Panel will be exploring any proposals to re-open the birthing unit at Dewsbury District Hospital.

General comments

Its clear that Health and Adult Social Care are struggling nationally as well as locally, with budget pressures increasing. This is compounded by recruitment difficulties faced by all health partners. The Panel will continue to keep in focus recruitment and retention as one of the themes running through all items considered by the Panel.

The issue regarding the lack of provision for babies to be born in Kirklees remains an area of concern for the Panel, and representatives from Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust, along with Mid-Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust will be attending the Panel in November to outline their plans for the birthing units at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and Dewsbury District Hospital. Given the increased pressures on Calderdale Royal Hospital and Pinderfields Hospital birthing units, representatives from Calderdale and Wakefield's Health Scrutiny Panels have been invited to attend and participate in the meeting.

The Panel will continue to monitor the position of maternity services in Kirklees.