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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Wednesday 21st August 2024

Present: Councillor Jo Lawson (Chair)
Councillor Timothy Bamford
Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Eric Firth

Co-optees Kim Taylor
Helen Clay (Virtual)

In attendance: Len Richards, Chief Executive, Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust
Anna Basford, Deputy Chief Executive, Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
Katherine Riley, Associate Director of Strategy, Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust
Vicky Dutchburn, Director of operational delivery and performance, Kirklees ICB
Michelle Cross, Service Director
Richard Parry, Strategic Director for Adults and health
Lucy Wearmouth, Head of improving population health
Paul Howardson, transformation manager Kirklees ICB
Jane Mosley, programme manager for community mental health transformation
Chris Lennox, Director of Mental Health, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Paula Scott-Loftus, Quality and Governance Lead, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Apologies: Councillor Gwen Lowe

- 1 Membership of the Panel**
Apologies were received from Councillor Gwen Lowe.
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting**
RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting dated 10th July 2024 be approved as a correct record.
- 3 Declaration of Interests**
Councillor Alison Munro declared an other interest in relation to agenda item 8.

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Councillor Jo Lawson declared an interest as a bank worker for Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust.

4 Admission of the public

All items were considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

No Deputations or Petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

No Public Questions were received.

7 Joined up Hospital Working

The Panel received a presentation on collaboration and partnership working between Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) and Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust (MYTT), which provided details on the history and benefits of developing the partnership, current areas of focus and their forward plan.

Len Richards from MYTT advised that 2016 saw the first memorandum of understanding between both organisations with elements of work continuing to look at how both organisations could work together to provide a more joined up and sustainable service for the population of Kirklees, Calderdale and Wakefield. In 2022 a joint partnership board was formed to formalise the arrangement and have a more strategic outlook on what could be achieved together. Current joint working areas included non-surgical oncology, community diagnostic centres, a strategic maternity partnership and shared leadership on digital services.

Questions and comments were invited from Members of the Panel and the following was raised:

- The community diagnostic centre in Wakefield was opened in June 2024,
- The objective of the joint digital working was to align systems across both organisations, with further work being undertaken to align the system with primary care services,
- The aim of the laboratory system for the new pathology network was to procure a system for all West Yorkshire, which would allow all organisations within West Yorkshire to use,
- By joining up services that were not generally specialist areas, it would allow patients to attend appointments closer to home, with the right clinician, equipment and in the right place,
- The maternity services at Dewsbury were not as popular as initially perceived due to safety concerns with some women, the centre was a midwife led unit,
- The number of oncologists available was not enough to support the number of services that were in existence, by working collaboratively, resources had been centralised in Huddersfield with outreach to MYTT and Pinderfields Hospital, meaning requirements were less for oncologists.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That representatives from Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Foundation and Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust be thanked for their attendance.

8 Mental Health and Wellbeing Report

The Panel received a presentation on Mental Health and Wellbeing from Kirklees Health and Care Partnership, Kirklees Council and Southwest Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust, which provided an update on the Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Vicky Dutchburn, Integrated Care Board summarised the availability of mental health support across Kirklees; how residents of Kirklees could access support; how partnership working supported delivering the service; the community offer; talking therapies; crisis services and gaps identified in the service.

Questions and comments were invited from Members of the Panel and the following was raised:

- Mental Health routine referrals took 14 days to be assessed, with 90% of people being seen within that timeframe,
- Mental health social prescribers covered each primary care network, there was also generic social prescribers within the team that covered all 9 PCN's working across all practices,
- Life expectancy of people with mental health issues was reduced by 15 years in certain areas, the health inequality programme facilitated the right quality of care at the right time to improvement this,
- Older people and loneliness were addressed by promoting the work being undertaken for loneliness across Kirklees,
- Recruitment was a recognised problem for all health and care professions. In Kirklees work was ongoing collectively with a group of organisations to look at how the service was recruiting, where they were recruiting and if they could be more creative. There were opportunities for work placement from colleges and apprenticeship schemes, along with offering social worker apprenticeships for existing staff across the Council. A new health and social care campus was being built which would provide opportunities across Kirklees,
- The original ambition to embed the mental health services programme within primary care networks was further forward than in other areas, and was working well,
- Anyone who was referred to talking therapies gained access within 6 weeks, there were good pathways and links to secondary care services, with treatment being accessed for low intensity therapy after the point of assessment. There were delays in high intensity therapy, with challenges around recruitment,

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- There was one Advanced Community Practitioner within each primary care network hub who was qualified in prescribing and offered a great service within primary care,
- For high intensity therapies, 70% of people referred at the point of assessment would receive treatment within 3 months,
- ADHD diagnosis for adults in Kirklees was currently an 18-week pathway from referral, for children it was 12 months to 18 months to get assessments,
- The 24-hour helpline was available to anyone and both adults and children could self-refer.

It was noted that the Integrated Care Board would provide Z cards in September/October 2024 to circulate to Members and would propose an action on how the service received wider communication with the voluntary sector through the Mental Health Alliance.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That representatives from Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Foundation and Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust be thanked for their attendance.

9 Work Programme 2024/25

A discussion took place on the 2024/25 work programme and agenda plan.