

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

MEMBERS: Councillor Jo Lawson (Lead Member), Councillor Beverly Addy, Councillor Gwen Lowe, Councillor Alison Munro, Councillor Tim Bamforth, Helen Clay (Co-optee), Kim Taylor (Co-optee).

SUPPORT: Nicola Sylvester, Principal Governance Officer

THEME/ISSUE	APPROACH AND AREAS OF FOCUS	OUTCOMES
<p>1. Services provided from Hospital to Home in Kirklees</p>	<p>To consider the resources of the health and social care system in Kirklees to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to services of adult’s social care to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discharge care packages from hospital - Occupational Therapist assessments - Physio waiting times - Carers accessing support - Respite care 	<p>Panel meeting 27th November 2024</p> <p>Officers from Adults Social Services provided information and assurance on how Adults Social Care were supporting hospital discharges across CHFT and MYTT through different pathways and working with multi agencies. The Panel was informed that acute trusts operated an Opel level, when the Opel level was at 4 this was where the trusts described where there were pressures, and Kirklees Council responded appropriately. Opel 4 at the time of the meeting was due to an outbreak on wards which meant no one could be discharged until the outbreak was finished.</p> <p>The Panel requested the percentage of patients on pathway 1 who had been re-admitted to hospital and that the Lead Member be updated when the Opel level was at level 4 for a consistent length of time.</p>

<p>2. Capacity and Demand – Kirklees Health and Adult Social Care System</p>	<p>To monitor the work being done by Kirklees core physical providers to manage demand and catch up with delayed planned surgery, therapeutics, and diagnostics to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receiving updated data on waiting list times by services under pressure and to assess progress against data received by the Panel previously to include: • An update on diagnostic waiting times. • An update on the management of waiting lists and plans to reduce and catch up with delays in planned surgery with a particular focus on the numbers of people waiting 52 weeks or longer. • Review of cancelled elective/ planned procedures. • Considering new developments and initiatives, such as the community diagnostic hubs, that are being introduced to address the backlog. 	<p>Panel meeting 09th October 2024</p> <p>Representatives from Kirklees Health and Care Partnership and Kirklees Council provided an update on demand and recovery of planned care across Kirklees which included the focus of the work being done across Kirklees core providers to manage capacity and demand and catch up with delayed planned surgery, therapeutics and diagnostics</p> <p>The Panel noted that a community diagnostic hub was to be opening at Huddersfield University Campus to help with backlogs along with noting the workforce gaps of consultants across MYTT and CHFT.</p> <p>The Panel requested a visit to the community diagnostic hub.</p>
<p>3. Communities Accessing Care</p>	<p>To continue to review the work of health services in the community to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing progress of the integration of services and workforce. • Considering the work that is being done locally to action the national delivery plan for recovering access to primary care. • An update on the work of community pharmacy and the proposals from Government and NHS on price concessions reform and relief measures to ease pressure on pharmacies. • The impact and uptake of pharmacy service to prescribe. • Access to GP services and hospital referrals. • The uptake of vaccination programmes. 	<p>Panel meeting 09th October 2024</p> <p>Representatives from Kirklees Health and Care Partnership and Kirklees Council provided an update on the continued work of health services in the community.</p> <p>The panel noted the 9 PCN's which were a group of general practices that aligned key services across the community, including the local authority, voluntary and pharmacy sectors along with actions and initiatives for</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update to the work being done by the local authority and Locala on providing reablement support, including the actions and initiatives to support hospital avoidance and provide the appropriate level of care and support at or closer to home. 	reablement support for hospital avoidance and provide the appropriate level of care and support at, or closer to home.
4. Mental Health and Wellbeing	<p>An overarching theme that looks at services that focus on providing support in areas that cover mental health and wellbeing to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work being undertaken by Kirklees Local Offer for Adults Mental Health 	<p>Panel meeting 21st August 2024</p> <p>Representatives from Kirklees Health and Care Partnership, Kirklees Council and Southwest Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust provided an update on the Kirklees Health and Wellbeing strategy.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Integrated Care Board would provide Z cards in Sept/Oct 24 that could be circulated to members, and proposed an action through the Mental Health Alliance on how the service received wider communication with the voluntary sector.</p>
5. JHOSC Update	<p>To receive an update from JHOSC's on the following services:</p> <p>Maternity – Calderdale & Kirklees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on the reopening of the Bronte centre An update to the reopening of the Huddersfield centre Birth data for women who live within a Huddersfield postcode and give birth in Calderdale along with women with a Dewsbury postcode who give birth in Calderdale <p>Mental Health – Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on access to inpatient services including the proposals for transforming Older People's Mental Health Inpatient services. 	<p>Panel meeting 26th February 2025</p> <p>Councillor Smaje provided an update on the three Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees that Kirklees were part of.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the Bronte Birth Centre at Mid Yorkshire Teaching Trust had re-opened and they were working with Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Trust to consider expanding the Bronte birth centre.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – West Yorkshire • Non-Emergency Patient Transport 	<p>The mental health trust had made the decision to go ahead with 1A of the consultation which was for an inpatient dementia service located in Dewsbury with two separate male and female wards which the Scrutiny panel supported. The Panel noted that other older people's inpatient mental health needs were available in Wakefield and Calderdale.</p> <p>Non-emergency patient transport services were an area that the West Yorkshire Joint Scrutiny Panel had recently considered. There was a national eligibility criterion for non-emergency transport services, mitigations that were to be put in place which included community transport had been considered by the Committee. The Panel noted that people with a physical mobility or medical needs that prevented them from Safely travelling to hospital for appointments would still receive non-emergency patient transport services.</p>
<p>6. Care Quality Commission (CQC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a presentation from the CQC on the State of Care of regulated services across Kirklees. • 	<p>Panel meeting 10th July 2024</p> <p>Representatives from the CQC presented details on the work undertaken in relation to the single assessment process that had started for all registered providers along with an approach to implement the new changes.</p> <p>The panel were concerned regarding timescales set by the central hub, or initial assessments, or how long a service could go</p>

		<p>without receiving an inspection. The Panel invited the CQC to attend the scrutiny Panel in January 2025 to provide a further update on the service.</p> <p>The local CQC advised that Scrutiny was not a requirement, and due to resources they would only attend scrutiny once a year.</p>
<p>7. Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board (KSAB) and the</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive and consider the KSAB Annual Report 2023/24 in advance of discussions with the KSAB Independent Chair to enable the Panel to identify areas of concern and/or interest. 	<p>Panel Meeting 26th February 2025</p> <p>The Panel heard from the Independent KSAB Chair who provided an update of the great work that the Kirklees Adults Safeguarding Board undertook. The Annual report explained what the safeguarding Adults Board had done to achieve its objectives and its Strategic Plan. What each agency represented on the Board had done to implement the Board’s strategic Plan and the conclusions and recommendations of each review commissioned under section 44 of the Safeguarding Act which concluded in the year.</p> <p>The Panel was satisfied with the work that had taken place by KSAB in 2023-24 and recommended to officers that basic Adults Safeguarding training be included within new councillor induction and a briefing note be circulated to all Councillors with contact details of adults safeguarding team.</p>

<p>8. Adult Social Care / CQC Inspection</p>	<p>To continue to focus on the services being delivered by Kirklees Adult Social Care to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the inspection process. • Assurances are in place to manage the inspection. • Learnings from the children’s inspection. • Outcome of the inspection that has taken place. 	
<p>9. Joined up hospital services in Kirklees.</p>	<p>To look at the work being developed by Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust and Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust to provide joined up services in Kirklees to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The approach being taken to develop the partnership working between the two trusts including details of other services that have the potential to be jointly delivered and/or supported. • Data to demonstrate the benefits to patients for those services that are jointly supported and/or delivered. 	<p>Panel meeting 21st August 2024</p> <p>Representatives from the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundations Trust and Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust provided an update on collaboration and partnership working. Current working areas included non-surgical oncology, community diagnostic centres, a strategic maternity partnership and shared leadership on digital services.</p> <p>The Panel noted the commitments from partners in continuing to work jointly across both trusts.</p>
<p>Access to Dentistry (Kirklees issues)</p>	<p>To continue the focus on specific issues affecting dentistry across Kirklees to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update from the West Yorkshire Care Board on availability of appointments across Kirklees • The current situation on regular attendance at dentists • An update on surgical dental extractions for children • Waiting list positions • Imbalance in dental services across Kirklees Council • Health inequalities across Kirklees 	

<p>Healthy Child Programme</p>	<p>To receive an overview of the Health Child Programme and background to the HCP contract which includes the competitive tender process and governance flightpath.</p>	<p>Panel meeting 26th February 2025</p> <p>Officers from Public Health provided an overview of the Healthy Child Programme along with the background of the HCP contract which would be for 5 years with an option to extend for a further 5 years.</p> <p>The HCP was a national, evidenced based Public Health initiative aimed at improving the health and well-being of children and young people from the antenatal period to age 19 (25 for SEND) which was a mandated service to provide. In Feb 24, a provider selection regime decision report was approved at the public health and corporate resources SLT to commence a competitive tender process for the re-procurement of the HCP service.</p> <p>The Panel requested further information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number of school nurses in the HCP, along with the number of schools they were attached to, • The percentage of children that currently received the mandatory child measurement programme and vision and hearing screenings, • Feedback from the consultation and engagement process, • Information on how children with SEND post 18 would be supported.
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<p>NHS 10 Year plan</p>	<p>To consider the NHS's 10 year health plan to build a health service fit for the future</p>	<p>Panel meeting 27th November 2024</p> <p>Officers from Adults Social Care provided an update to the 10 year NHS Health plan which the government was working to develop a plan to tackle the challenges co-developing with the public, staff and patients through a detailed engagement exercise. A consultation to hear organisations view was ongoing to ensure views and experiences could be shared.</p> <p>The panel noted that regarding technology in health and care, within Kirklees footprint there would be a community diagnostic hub on the university campus from 2025.</p>
<p>Health System Financial Overview</p>	<p>To consider the Health System Financial Overview with an overview of the financial position of the local health and social care system to include: the work that is being carried out to meet current year budgets; and to identify any risks.</p>	<p>Panel meeting 27th November 2024</p> <p>Representatives from CHFT and ICB provided an overview of the financial performance management which advised that Kirklees ICB, CHFT and MYTT had planned overspend. To deliver the overspend it was assumed that partners were able to deliver savings. At month 7, Kirklees ICB and CHFT were forecasting they would meet their plans, but MYTT flagged that their plans would not be deliverable up to the total of £15m for the year.</p>

		<p>The panel noted that all organisations had tight vacancy controls, with each organisation implementing quality impact assessments to ensure there were no adverse clinical impact and that bed occupancy was a challenge nationwide. There was a national challenge for the pay award from band 2 to band 3 with a lack of clarity around how far back the pay award should go.</p>
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Golden Threads: Workforce recruitment and retention.
Performance data to be included where appropriate to inform the individual strands of work.
Reducing Inequalities.