

## Kirklees Council

### Scrutiny Lead Member Report

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

Period of Update : From 2 January 2019 – 29 March 2019

#### Panel Highlights

Lead member briefings with:

- Chief Officer Greater Huddersfield and North Kirklees CCGs
- Strategic Director for Adults and Health
- Service Director - Community Plus and Integration

Panel Meetings:

- Panel meeting 15 January 2019. One item meeting that focused on issues related to Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.
- Panel meeting 12 February 2019. Items discussed included: Kirklees Community Services Review; and Update on Ambulatory Emergency Care Services at Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust.
- Panel meeting 12 March 2019. Items discussed included: Kirklees Integrated Wellness Model update; Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board - Peer Challenge; and Review of 2018/19 Work Programme.

#### Outcomes:

Following the discussion on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome the Panel wrote to the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership requesting that consideration be given to establishing a regional protocol and diagnostic pathway for children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The Panel received a positive response and work is taking place in implementing the Panel's request.

The Panel's focus on the closure of the Ambulatory Emergency Care (AEC) Unit has resulted in an agreement to establish a joint scrutiny working party with Wakefield Council. This joint work will include a visit to Pinderfields Hospital early in the new municipal year to visit the AEC unit and other relevant supporting services.

The Panel has provided constructive feedback and recommendations on the Kirklees Integrated Wellness Model. The recommendations have been aimed at ensuring there is service user input into the development of the model and clearer interaction with mental health services.

#### Looking Ahead

At the meeting scheduled for 9 April 2019 representatives from the Care Quality Commission will be in attendance to outline the activity and scope of work that has taken place across the Kirklees district and provide an overview of the results of the inspections.

## **End of Year Highlights**

The Panel's work programme has once again covered a wide breadth of issues and involved input from a range of people and organisations across the health and social care sector.

There have been many issues that the Panel have scrutinised throughout the year which have resulted in suggestions and recommendations that have helped to improve the quality of services to patients and users of NHS commissioned services and Adult Social Care.

Detailed below are two examples of the type of work that has been carried out by the Panel.

### **1. Adult Care Offer Consultation**

At its July 2018 meeting the Panel received an update on the consultation, developments to date and the proposed next steps of the process. The Panel provided construction feedback to adult services on the consultation on the Adult Care Offer that included: seeking reassurance that the new model would not create further delays to assessments and that carers as well as service users would be supported through the process; requesting that steps were taken to increase the numbers of services users that are consulted; and wanting to see proposals that included details of improvements to the system that would provide easier access to support and advice.

To help provide the Panel with an opportunity to have further input into the emerging Adult Care policies a workshop was arranged in September 2018. The session enabled panel members to comment on and put forward suggestions on key adult care policies that included: The Resource Allocation System; The Support Planning Tool; and the Direct Payments Policy.

### **2. Foetal Alcohol Syndrome and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**

The Panel received a request by a member of the public to review the provision of support in Kirklees for children with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD).

At its January meeting the Panel invited the member of public to attend the discussions on the issue which included input from local commissioners, Kirklees Council, the lead investigator of a UK and Ireland study of FAS and a retired paediatrician who had expertise in this area.

The member of the public presented a deputation to the Panel which included a number of proposed solutions. The discussions were extremely constructive and resulted in a number of recommendations from the Panel that included endorsing the solutions presented by the member of public.

A key outcome from the meeting has been an agreement by the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership to establishing a regional protocol and diagnostic pathway for children with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. The issue will be carried forward for inclusion in the 2019/20 Work Programme to assess progress of the regional work.

**Comments**

In addition to the activity of the Standing Panel work continues with the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHSC) and the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC).

Key issues that will be covered in the coming months will include consideration of the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust Strategic Outline Case and the NHSE proposals on proposed changes to specialist vascular services for adults in West Yorkshire.