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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Tuesday 15th October 2019

Present: Councillor Habiban Zaman (Chair)
Councillor Nell Griffiths
Councillor Fazila Loonat
Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Lesley Warner

Co-optees David Rigby
Peter Bradshaw

In attendance: Tom Brailsford – Kirklees Council
Jane Close – Locala
Michelle Eardley - Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust
Amanda Evans – Kirklees Council
Stewart Horn – Kirklees Council
John Keaveny – South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS
Foundation Trust
Cathy Munro – Public Health Kirklees Council
John Parnaby – Greater Huddersfield and Calderdale
CCGs
Helen Severns – Kirklees Council
Andrew Singleton – North Kirklees and Wakefield CCGs
Sharon Wallis – North Kirklees and Wakefield CCGs

Apologies: Councillor Vivien Lees-Hamilton
Lynne Keady (Co-Optee)
David Flint (Co-Optee)

1 Minutes of previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019 be approved.

2 Interests

David Rigby declared an interest in item 7 (Winter Pressures)) on the grounds that he was an ordinary member of Locala and South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

3 Admission of the public

All items were taken in public session.

4 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

5 Public Question Time

No questions were asked.

6 Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

The Panel welcomed Tom Brailsford Service Director Resources, Improvement and Partnerships, Cathy Munro, Public Health Manager, Maternity and Stewart Horn Integrated Commissioning Manager to the meeting.

Mr Brailsford informed the panel that a neuro developmental pathway had been developed that would look to identify any neuro developmental differences.

Mr Brailsford explained that the lead clinician for the pathway was sighted on the NICE guidance that was due to be published in July 2020.

Mr Brailsford stated that there was still no specific support based on the diagnosis of FASD although if the child had an associated learning disability or behavioural issue it would be picked up and support provided through the appropriate pathway.

Mr Brailsford informed the panel that the department of health had released a funding round for awareness raising of FASD and Kirklees was currently supporting Locala to submit a bid.

A question and answer session followed that covered a number of issues that included:

- A query on the number of children who suffered from FASD.
- Clarification that data in the report related to children with FAS which was recorded by acute trusts and that there wasn't local data available for FASD.
- An overview of the work that was being done through the Local Maternity System on raising awareness of the impact of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.
- A concern that more focus should be given to promoting the impact of drinking alcohol to women prior to conception.
- An overview of the approach taken by Kirklees on focusing and promoting the importance of a healthy lifestyle pre-conception.
- Details of the services that the Local maternity System were working with to raise awareness of the factors that had a negative impact during pregnancy.
- An explanation of the neuro developmental pathway and the difficulties in identifying the differences between FASD and autism.
- Details of the pilot to introduce a parental support worker who would work alongside the neuro developmental pathway and provide support for behavioural issues.
- The ongoing debate between the value of identifying a developmental disorder and the provision of appropriate support.
- Clarification that the service was satisfied that it could meet the needs of all children who presented a developmental disorder.
- A question on whether there had been a response from CCGs to the recommendations contained in the National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK (NOFAS-UK) report "A Crisis of Commissioning".
- Clarification that local CCGs had not yet responded to the NOFAS-UK recommendations which were likely to be picked up by the NICE guidance.
- The work that was being done to increase the knowledge of professionals.
- Details of the timeline for the funding bid to the Department of Health.

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- Clarification that no specific awareness raising on this issue had been done with local communities.
- Confirmation that the focus in Kirklees was to look at the range of issues that could impact on a women's health during pregnancy rather than focusing on one issue.
- Details of the data that the acute trusts recorded during pregnancy where women had disclosed their alcohol consumption.
- The ongoing significant issue associated with smoking during pregnancy.
- An overview of the work of SWANS (support for women and antenatal service) and the discussions taking place.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That attendees be thanked for attending the meeting.
- (2) That the report providing an update on the work being done to develop a protocol and diagnostic pathway for children with FASD and the wider preventative work that is taking place across Kirklees be noted.
- (3) That the panel request sight of the completed funding bid being prepared by the Thriving Kirklees Partnership.

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Winter Pressures

The panel welcomed representatives from organisations across the Kirklees health and adult social care system.

Ms Severns informed the panel that winter planning in Kirklees was managed through the two local A&E Delivery Boards which were based on the two local acute trust footprints.

Ms Severns stated that the report outlined key examples of the work that would be done by each organisation during the winter period 2019/20 that had been based on the evaluation of the plans for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Ms Severns highlighted appendix 6 of the report that was an extract from the Kirklees adult social care winter plan and explained that all of the plans were based at a moment in time.

Ms Severns explained that some of the plans had been agreed by the organisations internal governance and other plans had not yet been through the internal governance process.

A question and answer session followed that covered a number of issues that included:

- A question on GP preparedness, the state of population immunisation and Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS).
- Reference to the CQC Annual State of the Nation Report which included a focus on acute services and social care and the pressure on the whole system.
- Reference to the BMA's appraisal of performance last year which was called a hidden crisis.

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- A question on who was in overall charge of managing the pressures in the local health and social care system.
- An overview of the extended access to primary care services and extended hours to GPs.
- The involvement of YAS in both A&E Boards and the focus given to the performance of YAS.
- Confirmation that the flu immunisation programme had started.
- An overview of the procedures followed in the Calderdale and Huddersfield system Winter Plan including details of the surge and escalation process.
- Confirmation that any issues relating to Brexit would be dealt with through the winter surge and escalation plan.
- An overview of the procedures followed in the Mid Yorkshire system winter plan.
- An explanation of the process that would be followed in response to a major event such as a closure of a care home.
- A comment that it would have been helpful to include in the summary report to scrutiny the context to the challenging environment facing the health and social care system.
- A comment that it would have helped scrutiny to have an understanding of the lessons learned from last winter; what was new in the plan for the coming winter period; and feedback and comments from patients and service users.
- A question on the approach that was being taken by the acute trust to dealing with frailty cases including what consideration was being given to developing consistency of approach across the district and the communication with GPs and YAS.
- A question on what work was taking place by mental health services in preparing for the winter period.
- An overview of the arrangements in Mid Yorkshire hospitals trust and Calderdale and Huddersfield trust for dealing with frailty cases.
- An overview of the work being done by mental health services to prepare for winter including details of the well bean cafes.
- Details of the significant work being done by the mental health trust in increasing the capacity of adult acute beds.
- The Mid Yorkshire contingency plans for dealing with frailty cases when demand exceeded bed capacity.
- The procedures followed by GPs when dealing with frailty cases.
- Details of the Calderdale and Huddersfield system communication plans.
- Confirmation that the Calderdale and Huddersfield system would include a focus on GPs in its communication plan.
- The role of the commissioning leads in the Mid Yorkshire system who communicated with GPs on any changes to services, pathways or key messages.
- Details of the well bean cafes.
- A question on what contingency planning had been undertaken in preparation for Brexit.
- An overview of the contingency and business continuity plans in the local health and adult social care economy that included confirmation that the impact on the local system was likely to be low.

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- A question on what plans had been put in place to safeguard the wellbeing of staff working in the health and social care system.
- An explanation of the approach taken by Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust to dealing with annual leave during the winter period and details of the investment that had been put into the Emergency Department to fund additional staff.
- An overview of Mid Yorkshire Hospitals Trust's focus on supporting the wellbeing and health of staff.
- The approach taken by Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation Trust to supporting the wellbeing and health of staff including the investment to fund more nurses in the Emergency Department.
- The approach taken by the whole system to support staff.
- An explanation of the MADE (Multi Agency Disciplinary Event) calls that were designed to help support and improve the flow of patients round the system.
- An explanation of the command escalation system and how it linked to OPEL (Operational Pressures Escalation Levels).
- An explanation of a black event.
- A question on the triage system used to gain access to GPs.
- An overview of the introduction of extended access to GPs that was helping to increase capacity in the system.
- The work being done on developing a communications plan for this winter to highlight the alternative pathways of care such as using your local pharmacy.
- The work being done by the mental health trust on piloting a new triage system with GPs.
- An overview of the red bag scheme used in care homes.
- Details of how the extended access to GPs was being managed including increasing the use of the primary care multi-disciplinary teams.
- A concern regarding maintaining home care staffing levels during the winter period.
- An overview of the working being done with home care providers to help support them in recruiting and maintaining staff.
- A concern that domiciliary care staff aren't paid for the time spent travelling between appointments.
- Details of the council's significant uplift in hourly rates for domiciliary care providers that would be used to help negate the impact of travelling for front line staff.
- Details of the UK homecare association methodology that the council uses to calculate the assumptions of travel time that is reflected in the hourly rate paid to providers.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That attendees be thanked for attending the meeting.
- (2) That the panel note the work that is being done across the Kirklees Health and Social Care System to prepare for winter period 2019/20.
- (3) That the panel support the proposed actions and plans to prepare for the winter period 2019/20.
- (4) That at a future meeting the panel would wish to receive details of the lessons learned from the winter period 2019/20 to include feedback and experiences of service users.

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- (5) A request to receive details of the locations of the wellbeing and community cafes in Kirklees.

8 Work Programme 2019/20

RESOLVED - That progress of the work programme for 2019/20 and the forward agenda plan be noted.

9 Date of Next Meeting

That the date of the next meeting be confirmed as 12 November 2019.