

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017.

Present: Cllr Lauriane Povey (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Carol Clark (sub for Cllr Grainge), Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

Officers: Peter Mennear, Annette Sotheby, Simon Mills (DCE), Mandy Mackinnon (Adults and Health)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Lisa Grainge (Chairman), Cllr John Gardner

ASH 66/17 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

ASH 67/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

ASH 68/17 Minutes of the Meetings held on 25th July 2017 and 12th September 2017 - For Approval/Signature (to follow)

The minutes of meetings held on 25th July and 12th September 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

ASH 69/17 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations - Six Monthly Progress Updates

The Committee considered progress against outstanding recommendations from the following previously completed reviews:

- Access to Services for people with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism
- Home Care
- Licensing and Public Health

The Committee requested the following information in relation to the Access to Services progress report:

Recommendation 1a) - which were the Practices that had not received training? Was it the same four outstanding still as in previous year?

And in relation to recommendation 4), Members wanted to highlight the lack of progress with this recommendation, and query whether there were any particular issues holding this up, and suggest the Clinical Commissioning Group follow this up with Practices.

AGREED:

- 1) That Progress Updates be noted and the assessments of progress be agreed
- 2) That further information be provided as requested.

Scrutiny Review of Gambling

Members were presented with information from Licensing and Public Health in order to set the scene for the review.

The presentation and keys issues for the review to consider included:

- The Gambling Act 2005
- Types of gambling activity
- The licensing regime
- Types of gaming machine
- Numbers of licenses and permits in Stockton
- The definition of gambling-related harm
- National strategy and responsibilities
- Data on gambling activity
- Taking a public health approach

Key points from the discussion were as follows:

- The Local Authority's Statement of Gambling Policy was due for renewal by January 2019. There was potential to develop a Tees Valley common approach, at the same time as highlighting key issues for individual Boroughs.
- Premises with an alcohol license had an automatic right to install two or less gaming machines, subject to notifying the Local Authority
- Fixed Odds Betting Terminals were a source of concern and the Government was consulting on changes to the maximum stake. It was not known how many machines were in Stockton Borough but Betting Offices were permitted to install four per shop. The Gambling Act 2005 had seen the expansion of these machines in shops.
- A public health approach to gambling related harm would look at what the influential factors were on gambling activity
- It was perceived that online gambling was now much more prevalent, and was outside of the premises license regime. Online gaming also had many features akin to gambling. Parental controls on devices was limited and so young people could easily access online gambling compared to premises
- National policy on gambling referred to ensuring gambling did not cause harm, but did not seek to prevent gambling activity from taking place
- Extrapolation of national data would suggest that there were around 1560 problem gamblers in Stockton Borough
- A number of named 'at risk' groups were discussed and more data was needed in some respects for example ethnic minorities. Links to substance misuse was a potential factor, and correlations with smoking and gambling had been identified
- Potential avenues for the review to consider included use of screening tools with frontline services to improve local data collection, risky behaviour education

for young people, local treatment options, and how the environment and society leads gambling to be perceived as Acceptable, Accessible and Affordable.

- It was noted that gambling advertising was extensive in society and the media, particularly that linked to sport and football.

- Scratch cards were prominent in shops, and could be seen as one way of normalising gambling related behaviour.

- Casinos were strictly regulated environments and build up a sophisticated picture of their customer bases. Casinos had in place a voluntary barring scheme.

- Treatment options were mainly commissioned by the national body Gamcare, and locally there was treatment in Middlesbrough through NECA. Gamblers Anonymous also had a Middlesbrough base.

AGREED:

- 1) That the information be noted
- 2) That the scope and project plan be agreed

ASH 71/17 Review of NHS Commissioned Respite and Short Break Services Update

The Committee considered an update on the progress of the Joint Scrutiny Committee's work in response to this review. The next meeting of the Joint Committee was due for 14 December.

AGREED - that the information be noted.

ASH 72/17 Feedback from Committee Site Visits

Members considered feedback from the visit to the Urgent Care Centre at North Tees Hospital.

Members were impressed with the operation of the new service.

AGREED – that the information be noted.

ASH 73/17 Work Programme 2017-18

The Work Programme was noted.

AGREED – that the information be noted.

ASH 74/17 Chair's Update

The Chair had nothing further to update.

