

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 15th May, 2018.

Present: Cllr Lisa Grainge (Chairman)

Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Elsi Hampton (Substitute for Cllr Lynn Hall) Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Peter Bell, Peter Mennear, Eve Connor-McGill, Gemma Mann, Mandy Mackinnon (SBC);

Also in attendance: Mark Moore (SRC); Neil Skerry (Sixth Form College) Chiara Martin (via Video Link) (Fast Forward)

Apologies: Cllr John Gardner and Cllr Lynn Hall

ASH 7/18 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation procedure was noted.

ASH 8/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

ASH 9/18 Minutes of Meetings Held on 13th February and 13th March 2018

The minutes of the meetings held on 13 February and 13 March 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

ASH 10/18 Scrutiny Review of Gambling

Members received a presentation relating to a preventative and educational Youth Gambling Initiative provided by the Edinburgh based Charity 'Fast Forward'

It was explained that the initiative took a harm reduction approach, and a Toolkit had been produced to develop the skills and confidence of practitioners, when supporting young people. Pilot schemes had been provided in schools.

Prior to the pilot there was limited awareness of the issues around gambling amongst practitioners, and it was often thought that it was not an issue in the young people they worked with. However, it was noted that during sessions, once the issue had been raised with young people, they began to mention how it had affected them.

Members asked a number of questions relating to the funding of the initiative and the prevalence and risk factors associated with Children and Young People gambling in that area of Scotland.

The Committee continued discussion on the gambling behaviors of Children and Young People living in the Borough.

- Representatives from the Stockton Riverside College and Stockton sixth form college indicated that gambling was not a significant focus, in terms of the

need to provide support to students. However, there were a small number of students who had been identified as needing some support. Issues around drugs and alcohol were much more evident on a day to day basis.

- a college representative made reference to an issue that had arisen in a secondary school setting, that he had previously worked in. Year eleven, male pupils had become involved in sports spot betting and the school had intervened via its pastoral programme.

- Public Health had undertaken a mapping exercise amongst services who worked with young people in the Borough. The Council had also undertaken a survey amongst school children on an annual basis and questions around gambling had been added this year.

- practitioners, working with children, did not highlight gambling as an issue that children and young people were routinely discussing as a problem.

- services had limited awareness of what support they could access, if a young person presented, with a gambling concern.

- problematic gambling, amongst young people, was extremely low but the risks associated with it were high.

- it was important to work with young people to get them to think about the consequences of gambling, at a targeted and universal level.

- Members noted that advertising was extensive and may have an affect on young people's decisions around gambling. It was important to have prevention education in schools and signpost young people to support.

- the health behaviour survey of school children was likely to provide useful data on gambling prevalence and problems etc.

- members were concerned about skin betting, which appeared to introduce gambling behaviors to children and young people as part of computer gaming.

RESOLVED that the information provided and discussion be noted.

ASH Quarterly CQC Inspections Update

11/18

Members considered a report that provided details of CQC inspections of registered health and adult care services in the Borough, for the period January to March 2018.

Reference was made to a previous report that indicted that a care home had been unable to appoint a manager. Members queried if this situation had been resolved. This would be looked into and reported back

Members asked for additional information relating to care services that had received 'requires improvement' ratings, for more than one quarter.

Clarification around how the frequency of 'follow up' inspections was determined would be sought and provided to members.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted/actioned as appropriate.

**ASH
12/18** **Work Programme 2018-19**

Members noted the proposed work programme.

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13/18** **Chair's Update**

The Chair had no update.