

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 22nd January, 2019.

Present: Cllr Evaline Cunningham (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Norma Stephenson OBE (Sub for Cllr Lauriane Povey), Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley, Cllr Barry Woodhouse

Officers: Jane Edmonds, (EDGS), Emma Champley (AH), Kerry Anderson, John Boyd (FBS), Peter Mennear, Marianne Sleeman (DCE)

Also in attendance: Cllr Jim Beall (Cabinet Member)

Apologies: Cllr Lisa Grainge, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Lauriane Povey, Cllr Nigel Cooke (Cabinet Member), Ann Workman

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67/18** **Evacuation Procedure**

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

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68/18** **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Evaline Cunningham declared a non-prejudicial interest regarding item 5, Quarterly Care Quality Inspection Report Update as her husband was a Member of Parliament was mentioned during the discussion.

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69/18** **Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd October, 16th October, 6th November**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October, 16th October and 6th November 2018.

AGREED

The Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd October, 16th October and 6th November 2018 were confirmed and as a correct record with amendments to correct attendance details.

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70/18** **Scrutiny Review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households**

Consideration was given to the Scrutiny Review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households draft final report and recommendations.

Issues discussed were as follows:

- The impact of 'Half Way' House closures in other Boroughs on Bridge House in Stockton. It was confirmed that access to accommodation services for Stockton residents at Bridge House was not affected as this was 100% commissioned by the Council and all referrals were managed by Housing Services.
- Members were reminded that any issues they felt were not covered

during the time-limited review could be future items for review and considered as part of work programme setting in 2019-20.

Cllr Beall thanked the Scrutiny Committee for the work carried out on Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households; it was a short term review and intensive.

AGREED:

That the Scrutiny Review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households final report be approved and submitted to Cabinet on 14th February 2019.

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71/18**

Quarterly Care Quality Inspection Report Update

Members were presented with an overview of the Quarterly Care Quality Inspection Report Update. The key issues for the service were highlighted together with emerging issues as follows:

- The Local Authority would not be able to intervene to secure improvement in non-commissioned providers based in the Borough, unless there were safeguarding issues. Checks were not carried out but non-commissioned providers should inform the Local Authority of any issues in this regard.
- Discussions took place around how often inspections were carried out once a Care Home had been given a rating of inadequate. Members were informed timescales would vary by the CQC depending on what the circumstances were.
- Albeit some CQC reports were not published until some months after the initial inspection, Members were assured work would take place with any Care Home that required actions prior to the publication of the report.
- Members discussed the capacity for recruiting quality management within the Care Home organisations. It was suggested that further intelligence was gathered around staffing levels within Care Homes after Brexit.

Members would be provided with details of the Local Authority's 'Well Led Programme' which runs for managers. SBC worked with the NHS Leaders Academy to drive improvements in the management of homes. The Authority have funded free training for Care Home Providers to improve leadership development. Members requested a list of Care Homes who have engaged with the training offered, and details regarding the level of pay for care home managers.

AGREED:

- a) That the information be noted;
- b) The information requested be provided to the Committee.

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72/18** **Committee Work Programme**

Consideration was given to the Adult Services and Health Select Committee Work Programme 2018-2019.

The Committee meeting on 5 March was rearranged to 12 March.

AGREED:

That the Work Programme be noted.

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73/18** **Chair's Update**

The Chair had nothing further to report