

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee was held on Tuesday, 4th June, 2019.

Present: Cllr Evaline Cunningham(Chairman), Cllr Clare Gamble(Vice-Chair), Cllr Jacqueline Bright, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mohammed Javed, Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE

Officers: Ann Workman (AH), Jane Edmends (H), Tanja Braun (PH), Peter Mennear, Judy Trainer, Gary Woods, Marianne Sleeman (DCE)

Also in attendance: Emma Joyeux (NHS), Ann Sykes (Healthwatch)

Apologies: Cllr Tina Large

ASH 1/19 Evacuation Procedure

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and the evacuation procedure was noted.

ASH 2/19 Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

ASH 3/19 Minutes of meeting held on 12th March 2019

Consideration was given to the minutes from the meeting held on 12th March 2019.

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

ASH 4/19 Monitoring the Impact of Previously Agreed Recommendations

Consideration was given to the Action Plan following the review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households.

The main issues discussed were as follows:

- The use of temporary accommodation pending people moving to permanent accommodation around single individuals who are difficult to house due to complex needs.
- Due to service needs increasing The Local Authority will re-procure alternative housing models in 2020.
- As a result of a successful bid as part of the North East region Stockton Borough Council had received funding under the Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund and Rapid Rehousing Pathway, as well as the Rough Sleepers Cold Weather

Fund.

- As part of the Rough Sleeping Initiative, additional substance misuse services will be in place, with two prison workers to assist people leaving prison without anywhere to live and appointed 2 Rough Sleeper Co-Ordinators as a result of a successful bid.
- The Rapid Re-housing project, when in position would remove people off the streets in a safe environment into their own homes with support.
- Funding will allow the Council and Registered Providers to test ideas for those most hardest to house. Funding is required to be spent by March 2020.

AGREED:

That the Action Plan be agreed.

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Closure of Birchtree Practice

Consideration was given to an update following the planned closure of Birchtree Practice and a presentation offered to Members.

The main issues discussed were as follows:

- Members were informed there had been no feedback to the CCG from local Practices or the Local Medical Committee regarding concerns following the transfer of patients.
- Members queried what mechanisms were in place for patients of Birchtree to offer feedback regarding the closure of Birchtree Medical Practice and the subsequent transfer of patients? Some patients are vulnerable and could drop through the system. Members also queried how attendance, by the transferred patients, at their new Practices could be monitored.
- It was noted that patient feedback mechanisms for all patients, not just Birchtree, includes: direct to their GP practice, via the Friends and Family Test, and GP Patient Survey. Healthwatch Stockton and the substance misuse provider Change Grow Live (CGL) had been contacted for feedback and no concerns had been raised with them to date. One patient had been offered advice in relation to travel to the new provider of the Special Allocation Scheme.
- Members requested that, if possible, the NHS follow up directly with the patients and Practices to gain feedback and attendance information. It was noted that commissioners did not hold the patient data themselves, and patients may also move between Practices since the transfer. It was also noted that in relation to checking attendance, in relation to primary care needs, this would depend on the health needs of the individual patients and whether they needed to attend a Practice or not. There was also no baseline data for when patients attended the Birchtree Practice to be able to compare against. The CCG confirmed however that a request for further information would be made, subject to these caveats.

AGREED:

- 1) That the CCG would contact NHS England and the Local Medical Committee regarding patient feedback and attendance at new practices.
- 2) The update be noted.

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Chair's Update

The Chair had no further updates for the Committee.