



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th March 2023

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

1st February 2023 at 4.00pm

Present:

Councillor Hudson (in the Chair)
Councillors Aisthorpe, Astbury, Croft, Hasthorpe, Sandford and Wilson.

Officers in attendance:

- Geoff Barnes (Deputy Director of Public Health)
- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Gabrielle Dunn (Health and Wellbeing Graduate)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Helen Kenyon (Place Director – Integrated Care Board)
- Emma Overton (Integrated Care Board)
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Service Manager – Consultancy, Legal Services)
- Sarah Savage (Integrated Care Board)
- Stewart Watson (Safeguarding Adults Board Service Manager)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Shreeve – (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)
- Dr James Bailey, (Medical Director, Hull University Teaching Hospitals Trust)
- Helen Horth (Operations Director, Hull University Teaching Hospitals Trust)
- Sarah Smith (Resident)

There were no members of the press and no member of the public present at the meeting.

SPH.40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Brasted.

SPH.41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPH.42 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 30th November 2022 were agreed as an accurate record.

SPH.43 QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public for this panel meeting.

SPH.44 FORWARD PLAN

The panel received the current Forward Plan and members were asked to identify any items for examination by this Panel via the pre-decision call-in procedure.

RESOLVED – That the forward plan be noted.

SPH.45 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

The panel received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations previously made by this scrutiny panel, which was updated for reference at this meeting.

RESOLVED – That the tracking report be noted.

SPH.46 INTERIM CLINICAL PLAN PROGRAMME FOR ONCOLOGY AND HAEMATOLOGY

The panel received executive summaries providing an update regarding Oncology and Haematology services, now and in the future, for patients residing in North and North East Lincolnshire.

Members asked for reassurance that emergency patients would be dealt with locally. Dr Bailey confirmed emergency patients would go to the nearest hospital where they would be treated and transferred for admission to the Queen's Centre for Oncology and Haematology in Hull if further treatment was required. At present, Dr Bailey explained that all chemotherapy was being delivered from the Queen's Centre, however, the aspiration was to reverse this back to local hospitals in the future.

Members were disappointed that the services were transferred to Hull and a member queried if all patients who required oncology or haematology services would be transferred to Hull and that the services couldn't be delivered locally. Dr Bailey confirmed that it didn't matter whether a patient lived on the north or south bank, they would be assessed and treated in the Queen's Centre.

The impact of the travel costs to Hull on local residents concerned members and they asked what provision was put in place to help residents with these costs if eligible. Dr Bailey appreciated that there was concern about travel and the complexity of it. He explained that the Integrated Care Boards had additional systems in place to bolster transport services for people who needed it, but the reality had been the opposite from patient feedback that the service was not used to a great extent, and they were less concerned about travel as long as they received the care they needed.

The question was raised by a member around the ability to recruit to key posts locally and retain staff. Dr Bailey explained that it was a national issue faced by all hospital trusts and that they had been blindsided by the rapid growth of new treatments that were becoming available. The panel heard about the various plans that were in progress to tackle the recruitment issues and concerns raised by members including the option to recruit from overseas and clear succession planning that had been put into place. Ms Kenyon and Dr Bailey both confirmed to the panel that the funding for staff was available if they were able to recruit to full head count.

Members welcomed the service that was being delivered to patients but felt that as a panel there should be more they could do, such as lobby MPs or refer to the Secretary of State for Health over the issue of recruitment and funding. Ms Campbell confirmed that she would come back to the next panel meeting and confirm the different options available to the panel following the changes made to the Health and Care Act 2022.

RESOLVED –

1. That the executive summaries be noted.
2. That options to refer substantial service changes to the Secretary of State be clarified to the panel as a result of the changes to the Health and Care Act 2022.

SPH.47 AWARENESS OF HEARING LOSS

The panel received a presentation from Councillor Sandford on the awareness of hearing loss. Ms Smith provided background on hearing loss and the affects it had on her life and the desire for more services locally to support people with hearing impediments.

A member queried if there was more help for people with hearing loss in other areas. Councillor Sandford explained the main focus of services was within the cities, which required people to travel.

As part of the consultation, a member asked if Healthwatch were involved. Ms Isaacs confirmed they were included in the consultation by helping to facilitate the questionnaires.

Ms Kenyon referred to the request for hearing loops to be available in GP surgeries and confirmed that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) had started to question if hearing loops were currently available in GPs surgeries, and they would work with the ones that didn't. She also confirmed that the ICB would look at the availability of hearing tests.

The panel welcomed the presentation and were all in support of the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations in the presentation be supported.

SPH.48 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The panel received the North East Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22.

Members queried if suicide prevention was being taken into schools. Ms Kenyon confirmed that there was a lot of work across the ICB on suicide prevention, working with public health to raise awareness through a programme that was being rolled out with people who came into contact with people who were showing signs of suicide, which was welcomed by the panel.

A member referred to the potential changes to the legislation around declarations of liberty safeguarding. Mr Watson confirmed that there had not been any further guidance, but the ICB and local authority were making provision with providers and partners to be ready when the guidance came into force. Ms Richardson-Smith confirmed that checklists in children's services were being put together to ensure they were also ready.

Rough sleepers coming into the borough was a concern raised by a member who queried if the homelessness team supported people from out of area and was there a pathway for homeless people if they were discharged from hospital. Officers agreed to come back to the panel with further information on this.

RESOLVED –

1. That the North East Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22 be noted.
2. That information about the out of area homeless support and the discharge pathway from hospital be provided to this panel.

SPH.49 ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING FOR SHORT TERM STAYS IN A CARE HOME (RESPITE)

The panel received a report on adult social care charging for short term stays in a care home (respite). This report was presented to the panel as pre-decision scrutiny ahead of consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 15th February 2023.

RESOLVED –That the recommendations to Cabinet be supported.

SPH.50 ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT

This item was deferred until the next meeting of this panel.

SPH.51 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

There were no questions for the portfolio holder at this meeting.

SPH.52 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS

There were no formal requests from Members of this panel to call in decisions taken at recent meetings of Cabinet.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 5.50 p.m.