



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 27th July 2023

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

22nd March 2023 at 4.00pm

Present:

Councillor Hudson (in the Chair)
Councillors Brasted, Callison (substitute for Astbury), Croft, Hasthorpe, Sandford and Wilson.

Officers in attendance:

- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Nicola McVeigh (Service Lead: Carers & Communities – Integrated Care Board (ICB))
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Service Manager – Consultancy, Legal Services)
- Professor Derek Ward (Director of Public Health)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Shreeve (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)

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

SPH.53 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillors Aisthorpe and Astbury.

SPH.54 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

SPH.55 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 1st February 2023 be agreed as an accurate record.

SPH.56 QUESTION TIME

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

SPH.57 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.58 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.59 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The panel received the Director of Public Health's annual report for 2022.

Members of the panel were concerned that Cleethorpes was not classed as coastal community in terms of public health services within the report. Professor Ward explained that because of Cleethorpes strong links with Grimsby and the industrial heritage meant that service provision was linked but it didn't take away the different health challenges that were faced by Cleethorpes residents.

The panel welcomed the report and raised a query about the progress made against the recommendations from the 2021 report. Members were concerned that they could be lost with the subsequent report now published. Councillor Shreeve reassured the panel that the Health and Wellbeing Board had reviewed the recommendations and board members had fed back the actions their organisations were committing to in respect of the recommendations within the Director of Public Health's annual report for 2021.

Members were concerned that young people moved away to university and in a lot of cases did not come back to the area for employment. Professor Ward explained that it was the same across the country that young people were less likely to return to coastal or rural areas to work after they had left university. He confirmed there was work going on with the college and university locally to look at plans to encourage young people to remain in the area once they completed their courses.

A member disagreed with the difficulty to access green spaces referred to in the report for good health and wellbeing because there were a number of parks and open spaces that could be utilised by residents across the borough. Professor Ward highlighted that compared to Office for National Statistics data which demonstrated the access to green space in an urban centre was not easy, and even though we were close to blue space (Cleethorpes), if people were unable to travel this access was limited. The focus was to build our environment going forward that would improve the health and wellbeing for people of all ages.

Members welcomed the report and how it would be used to articulate the opportunities and challenges around health and wellbeing to redefine the way services were delivered. They felt it would help to redevelop physical space locally so that people had good access to health services and had a home for life in a sustainably built environment.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the panel receive an update at a future meeting on the progress with the recommendations made in the 2021 Director of Public Health Report.

SPH.60 COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23 – QUARTER 3

The panel considered a report from the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Economy, Net Zero, Skills and Housing providing oversight of performance against the council plan for the second quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.61 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2022/23 – QUARTER THREE.

The panel considered a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets providing key information and analysis of the

Council's position and performance for the third quarter of the 2022/23 financial year.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.62 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CARERS STRATEGY 2023-26

The panel considered the draft carers strategy 2023-26 that was out for consultation.

Members were keen to understand how people found out about the carers network and what services were being offered. Ms McVeigh confirmed that various mechanisms were used to reach out to hidden carers, including mail drops, social media campaigns, website information and through the Single Point of Access (SPA). She explained that for carers, juggling family life, work and caring it could be hard, so coming forward and accessing services could be difficult. Ms McVeigh referred to working with the hospital to identify people who were carers through a dedicated carer support worker and within three months they had identified 97 carers, a 400% increase based on previous years. A member suggested there was an opportunity in the Council Tax bill each year to include a leaflet to promote carers support and services. Ms McVeigh welcomed the idea and would see if this was feasible and be included as part of the consultation.

Members queried if carers needed support in education and what mechanism was there within schools and colleges to identify and support carers. Ms McVeigh confirmed that there was a young carers team and their remit included support for schools. She explained that there were some good schools who proactively identified young carers and recognised their needs, but she felt there was more work to be done in schools to help and support young people. Mechanisms were in place at both local colleges to identify students who also had caring responsibilities and opportunities for referral to the Carers Support Service.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.63 MARKET SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

The panel considered the Market Sustainability Plan before publication on the Council website on 27th March 2023.

A member asked what the hold up to the development of extra care housing on the Western development site. Ms Brown explained the plans had been delayed due to covid, however, the development would be starting within the next two to three months.

Members were concerned about zero hours contracts for care workers and could they be reviewed. Ms Brown explained that it was not in our control, but it had to be viable for the providers.

Referring to recruitment and retention within domiciliary care, a member queried if it was an issue locally. Ms Brown explained that there wasn't an issue in the care home sector, however, in domiciliary care it was harder to recruit. She confirmed that officers were looking at international recruitment and working with an education provider. She highlighted that it was a national problem but there needed to be a local solution included in the wider skills strategy.

A member suggested looking at a co-operative model. Ms Brown welcomed the suggestion and would take it into consideration as part of the plan.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.64 ADULT SERVICES ANNUAL COMPLAINTS INC. OMBUDSMAN REPORT 2021/22

The panel considered the Adult Services Annual Complaints including Ombudsman Report 2021/2022.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.65 COUNCIL PLAN REFRESH

The panel considered a report that informed the scrutiny panel of the Council's emerging priorities.

A member queried if in the Council Plan any consideration had been given to design of green spaces for health and wellbeing. Councillor Shreeve confirmed that the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board was to hold the ICB to account to ensure they were delivering the right services for local people, which included using green spaces to improve residents health and wellbeing.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.66 HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL – WORK PROGRAMME

The panel considered a report from the Assistant Chief Executive (Statutory Scrutiny Officer). This report reflected on the 2022/23 municipal year and the work undertaken by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel. The panel also considered, within its terms of reference, suggestions to be included in the 2023/24 work programme.

It was agreed by the panel to add the review of the adult social care regulations framework self-assessment to the work programme.

RESOLVED – That the review of adult social care regulations framework self-assessment be added to this panel's work programme for 2023/24.

SPH.67 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

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

SPH.68 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 5.51 p.m.