

Meeting ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Date 9 November 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Tony Harper (Chairman)
Boyd Elliott (Vice-Chairman)
Francis Purdue-Horan (Vice-Chairman)

Joyce Bosnjak
Dr. John Doddy
Sybil Fielding
David Martin

Andy Sissons
Steve Vickers
Muriel Weisz
Yvonne Woodhead

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Melanie Brooks, Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health (ASC&H)
Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health, ASC&H
Rebecca Atchinson, Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, ASC&H
Sue Batty, Service Director, Ageing Well Community Services, ASC&H
Nathalie Birkett, Group Manager, Public Health, ASC&H
William Brealy, Executive Officer, ASC&H
Jennie Kennington, Senior Executive Officer, ASC&H
Ainsley Macdonnell, Service Director, Living Well, ASC&H
Grace Natoli, Director of Transformation, ASC&H
Sara Allmond, Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ed Lowe, Joint Chair of Co-production Steering Group

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee held on 12 October 2020 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY REPORT FOR CONTRACTS FUNDED WITH RING-FENCED PUBLIC HEALTH GRANT 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2020

Nathalie Birkett introduced the report which offered Members the opportunity to scrutinise the performance and quality of services commissioned by Public Health.

During discussions, Members requested:

- more detail on why the total numbers in treatment for all age substance misuse service was higher in Mansfield than elsewhere
- that a report be brought to committee on the lesson learnt from COVID-19 in relation to homelessness including its impact on male suicide. It was agreed to add this to the work programme for a future meeting.

RESOLVED 2020/036

That the information contained in the report be noted and officers progress the actions requested by Members.

5. LOCAL COVID-19 OUTBREAK RESPONSE AND PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES FOR THE PERIOD TO APRIL 2021

Jonathan Gribbin and Melanie Brooks gave a presentation outlining the current position regarding COVID-19 including the infection rates by district and the number of hospital admissions by age group. The presentation also covered the impact of the latest increase of figures and the national lockdown on the services provided by the Adult Social Care and Health department. Jonathan Gribbin then introduced the report which provided an outlook for local COVID-19 outbreak management through the winter period to Spring 2021 and sought members approval for the prioritisation for work within the Public Health Division. The report also sought approval to establish one full-time equivalent Consultant in Public Health on a permanent basis.

During discussions, Members:

- thanked staff in both Public Health and Adult Social Care for their continued hard work during this latest wave of the pandemic
- requested a report on the impact of home working on health outcomes including smoking cessation, alcohol and drugs misuse, obesity, social isolation and mental wellbeing. It was agreed to add this to the work programme for a future meeting.

RESOLVED 2020/037

- 1) That the prioritisation of work within the Public Health Division be approved.

- 2) That the establishment of one full-time equivalent Consultant in Public Health on a permanent basis be approved.

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSE AND PREPARATION FOR DELIVERY OF THE DOMESTIC ABUSE DUTY

Jonathan Gribbin and Rebecca Atchinson introduced the report which provided an update on the proposed statutory duties set out in the Domestic Abuse Bill which, subject to Royal Assent, would come into force from 1st April 2021. The report also provided a draft Council response to the government consultation on the proposed finance model to deliver the duties conferred by the Domestic Abuse Bill for members approval and sought approval to recruit a 0.8 full-time equivalent Band D post for 12 months to prepare for and deliver the statutory duty.

RESOLVED 2020/038

- 1) That the proposed statutory duties be acknowledged and the preparations for their receipt by the Council as outlined in the report be approved.
- 2) That the Council's consultation response on the proposed finance model to deliver the duties conferred by the Domestic Abuse Bill, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.
- 3) That the recruitment of a 0.8 full-time equivalent Band D post for 12 months to prepare and deliver the statutory duty be approved.

7. DEVELOPMENT OF A DEPARTMENTAL APPROACH TO CO-PRODUCTION – WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE THINGS BETTER

Melanie Brooks and Ed Lowe introduced the report which set out the actions taken towards a departmental approach to co-production, asked members to consider how to build co-production into decision making processes and how they could promote it. Ed Lowe provided an update on the work undertaken so far by the Co-production Steering Group, including how the task and finish groups worked.

During discussions, members were advised to pass any details of local residents they were knew were interested in being involved in the work of the Group to the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health who would liaise with them and the Group to get them involved.

RESOLVED 2020/039

- 1) That the agreed actions requested by members be progressed.
- 2) That Members would consider how they could build co-production further into decision making.
- 3) That members would consider how they could promote co-production.
- 4) That a further report on progress would be brought to the Committee in six months.

8. DEVELOPING SHORT BREAKS SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR CARERS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Ainsley Macdonnell introduced the report which proposed a vision for the way in which Adult Social Care and Health would support and enable carers to access breaks from their caring roles and sought approval of the proposed development of Short Breaks provision in the short to medium term in responses to the COVID-19 crisis, and in the longer term future. The report also provided an update on the impact COVID-19 has had on carers and the support provided by Adult Social Care and Health in response to supporting carers in Nottinghamshire.

RESOLVED 2020/040

- 1) That the plan to further develop alternative 'Covid Secure' Short Breaks options in the interim to support people during the continued period of social distancing guidelines be approved.
- 2) That Committee approves the vision of the development of Short Breaks and the co-production approach the department proposes to take to develop interim and longer-term Short Breaks support options for carers and inform a wider revised Carers Strategy for carers.
- 3) That there were no actions arising from the report.
- 4) That a report on the draft updated Carers Strategy would be brought to committee in March 2021 and added to the work programme.

9. REVIEW OF COMMISSIONING FUNCTION WITHIN INTEGRATED STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT DIRECTORATE

Melanie Brooks introduced the report which provided an update on the progress of implementing the new workforce operating model and the outcome of the subsequent review of the Integrated Strategic Commissioning and Service Improvement function, and sought approval of the re-alignment of functions and activities to be completed by 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED 2020/041

- 1) That approval be granted to re-align functions and activities and to re-name Teams to provide greater clarity of roles and responsibilities as detailed in paragraphs 13, 19, 20, 21, and 32 of the report.
- 2) That approval be granted to make the necessary staff changes to support the change in activities as described. This includes:
 - the disestablishment of the temporary 0.8 fte Better Care Fund Programme Manager (Band F) post
 - the discontinuation of the Partnership Team subject to consultation in line with HR processes, which would result in the disestablishment of 3 fte Transformation Manager (Band E) posts

- the reduction of 1.5 fte Strategic Development Manager (Band E) posts within Service Improvement subject to consultation in line with HR processes
- the disestablishment of vacant temporary and permanent posts
- the establishment of 1 fte Strategic Development Officer (Grade 5) post, 1 Commissioning Officer Post and 1 fte Contract Performance Officer (Band A) post.

10.CHANGING OF STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT IN THE PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD TEAM

This item was deferred to the following meeting to enable further work to be undertaken on the report.

11.WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2020/042

That the updated work programme including any items agreed above, subject to the inclusion of the following items be agreed:

- Lessons Learned from COVID-19 – homelessness and the impact on male suicide
- Health impacts of Home Working – consider impact on health matters such as smoking cessation, alcohol and drugs misuse, obesity, mental health and isolation

The meeting closed at 12.59 pm.

CHAIRMAN