

Meeting	ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Date	29 March 2021 (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 - **A**  
Sybil Fielding  
David Martin

Andy Sissons  
Steve Vickers  
Muriel Weisz  
Yvonne Woodhead

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Councillor Richard Butler for Councillor Dr John Doddy

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Melanie Brooks, Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Public Health (ASC&PH)  
Ainsley Macdonnell, Service Director, Living Well Community Services, ASC&PH  
Kashif Ahmed, Service Director, Strategic Commissioning and Integration, ASC&PH  
Clare Gilbert, Group Manager, Integrated Strategic Commissioning, ASC&PH  
Grace Natoli, Director of Transformation, ASC&PH  
Cath Pritchard, Consultant in Public Health, ASC&PH  
Mary Read, Principal Social Worker, ASC&PH  
Gemma Shelton, Team Manager, Residential and Nursing Care Services  
Lucy Jones, Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, ASC&PH  
Rebecca Atchinson, Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager, ASC&PH  
Gary Jones, Interim Commissioning Lead, ASC&PH  
Jennie Kennington, Senior Executive Officer, ASC&PH  
Jo Toomey, Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee held on 8 February 2021 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Councillor Dr John Doddy (other reasons) was substituted by Councillor Richard Butler

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Sissons disclosed a personal, non-pecuniary interest in agenda items 15 and 18 on the market management position statement and its exempt appendix because his wife worked in a care home.

*Before commencing with the formal business of the meeting, the Chairman thanked retiring Members, acknowledging the contributions they had made to the Committee, and the officers who supported the Committee. Several Committee members spoke, wishing their colleagues well and echoing thanks to officers from the Adult Social Care and Public Health Department who supported the Committee.*

## **4. DEVELOPING THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH APPROACH TO PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION**

The Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Public Health introduced the report, which outlined the range of work areas that contributed to the prevention and early intervention agenda and reflected on the learning from the COVID-19 pandemic. The report also sought to establish an approach for the co-ordination of prevention and early intervention and to agree a revised timeline for the commissioning of current prevention services to be informed by this approach. A presentation was also given by the Group Manager, Integrated Strategic Commissioning.

During discussions, Members:

- Referred to a recent news article highlighting the concerns of charities regarding funding for alcohol and substance misuse services for young adults. Officers were asked to provide information on the funding that was available for these services and how this would affect the Council's plans.

### **RESOLVED 2021/014**

- 1) That the establishment of an Adult Social Care and Health Prevention and Early Intervention Board to develop a co-produced Adult Social Care and Health Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy to inform the future commissioning and configuration of Adult Social Care and Health services as well as to align to and support the wider Corporate Prevention Strategy be approved.
- 2) That it be agreed Committee will receive a further report on the proposed Prevention and Early Intervention Strategy for consideration in September 2021.
- 3) That the postponement and re-commissioning of preventative services identified in Appendix 1 to the report, and the extension of current contracts through to 31 July 2022, be approved.

## **5. STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH PROGRAMME**

The report, which was introduced by the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health, informed Committee of the department's work on the development and implementation of strengths-based approaches to support people to achieve their desired outcomes. A brief presentation was also delivered by the Principal Social Worker.

### **RESOLVED 2021/014**

- 1) That no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within this report.
- 2) That Committee agreed to receive an update report in the next 6-months and that be included in the work programme.

## **6. ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE FOR QUARTER 3 2020-21**

The Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health presented the report, which updated the Committee on the current financial position of Adult Social Care, the performance reporting framework and a summary of performance for Adult Social Care and Health for quarter 3 (1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020).

### **RESOLVED 2021/015**

That no further actions are required in relation to the finance and performance information for the period 1 October 2020 to 31 December 2020.

## **7. NHS ENGLAND WAVE 4 SUICIDE PREVENTION FUNDING**

The Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager introduced the report, which informed the Committee about a successful bid on behalf of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System footprint, for Wave 4 Suicide Prevention funding from NHS England, and actions that it was being asked to take as a result.

During discussions, Members:

- Expressed support for providing suicide awareness training for Members as part of the Councillors' induction and development programme, and recommended its inclusion to the Governance and Ethics Committee

### **RESOLVED 2021/016**

- 1) That the procurement of service(s) to deliver elements of the Wave 4 Suicide Prevention Programme be approved.
- 2) That the award of contract(s) following the above procurement exercise be approved.

- 3) That, if needed to develop or enhance community level initiatives to support suicide prevention, grant funding be awarded.
- 4) That the recruitment of a full time Public Health and Commissioning Manager (Suicide Prevention Programme) Post (Band D – subject to any job evaluation outcome) to support development and initiation of the local Wave 4 Suicide Prevention Programme and undertake Nottinghamshire County Council suicide prevention activities, be approved.
- 5) That the undertaking of communication and public awareness campaigns, including World Suicide Prevention Day and World Mental Health Day from 2021-2024 be granted.
- 6) That the inclusion of suicide awareness training for elected Members in the Councillors' Induction and Development Programme be recommended to the Governance and Ethics Committee.

## **8. LOCAL ALLOCATION TO DELIVER THE DOMESTIC ABUSE DUTY**

The report on the local allocation to deliver the Domestic Abuse Duty was presented by the Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager.

### **RESOLVED 2021/017**

- 1) That the legal requirements of the Domestic Abuse Bill and the funding allocation for the County Council from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government for the provision of support for domestic abuse safe accommodation, be acknowledged.
- 2) That a commissioning plan be brought back to Committee for consideration by July 2021 for the future procurement of services based on the outcome of work being undertaken on local needs assessment and strategy development.
- 3) That the circulation of (internal and external) communications on the Domestic Abuse Bill and Duty be authorised.

## **9. AGEING WELL CARE HOME CONTRACTS**

The Interim Commissioning Lead presented the report on Ageing Well Care Home Contracts.

### **RESOLVED 2021/018**

- 1) That approval is given to tender and award a Multi Provider Framework Agreement for a period of up to 10 years for Ageing Well Care Home Services.

## **10. TENDER FOR THE RAPID RESPONSE HOME-BASED CARE SERVICE**

The report on the tender for the Rapid Response Home Based Care Service was presented to the Committee.

## **RESOLVED 2021/019**

- 1) The commencement of the tender for the Rapid Response Home Based Care Service through an open procedure for a single provider be approved.
- 2) The award of the contract to the successful bidder for a maximum term of seven years (initial contract term of two years, with an option to extend for up to five additional years) be approved.

## **11. WELLBEING CALLS**

The Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health presented the report which sought approval for the establishment of temporary posts for 12 months to deliver wellbeing calls.

## **RESOLVED 2021/020**

- 1) That the establishment of 3.5 temporary full-time equivalent Community Care Officer (Grade 5) posts to deliver wellbeing calls, based in the Maximising Independence Service for a period of 12 months up to 31 March 2022, be approved.

## **12. HOSPITAL DISCHARGE ARRANGEMENTS**

The report on hospital discharge arrangements, including the national Discharge to Assess scheme and associated funding was presented by the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health.

During discussions, Members:

- Asked to be kept informed of the processes between Nottinghamshire County Council and the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

## **RESOLVED 2021/021**

- 1) That the establishment of the following posts for a maximum of up to 12 months be approved:
  - 5 FTE Social Workers (Band B)
  - 2 FTE Community Care Officers (Grade 5)

## **13. PROPOSED INCREASES IN FEES FOR INDEPENDENT SECTOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDERS, DIRECT PAYMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES**

The Committee considered the Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health's report on proposed increases in fees for independent sector adult social care providers, direct payments and other charges.

## **RESOLVED 2021/022**

- 1) That the proposed distribution of £6.126m of fee increases to independent sector social care and support providers across the different adult social care

services related to the further increase in the National Living Wage from 5 April 2021, be approved.

- 2) That the increase in Ageing Well Care Home fees in line with the 'Fair Price for Care' agreed inflation calculation, be approved.
- 3) That the fee increases for Living Well residential and nursing home care placements be approved.
- 4) That the fee increases proposed for Home Care, Housing with Care, Supported Living, Day Care, Shared Lives, Direct Payments and Sleep-in provision be approved.
- 5) That the increases in charges for other non-direct care provision be approved.
- 6) That the effective date of 5 April 2021 for all fee increases be approved, to align with the payment cycle for the new financial year.

#### **14. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY POSTS IN THE DATA INPUT TEAM**

The Director of Transformation presented the report, which asked for the Committee to agree the extension of temporary posts within the Data Input Team.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/023**

That the extension of the funding for 5 full time equivalent Business Support Administrator (Grade 3) posts in the Data Input Team, in the Council's business support structure within the Chief Executive's Department be approved, for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 at a cost of £131,062 be approved.

#### **15. MARKET MANAGEMENT POSITION STATEMENT**

The Team Manager, Residential and Nursing Care Services presented the Market Management Position Statement, which informed the Committee about the work undertaken by the Quality and Market Management Team during the COVID-19 pandemic in response to the Local Authority's statutory duty to ensure a robust and sustainable social care market available for people who lived in the county.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/024**

That no further actions are required in relation to the issues contained within the report.

#### **16. WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **RESOLVED 2021/025**

That the updated work programme be agreed, and that the actions identified during the meeting be implemented.

**17. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED 2021/026**

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**18. MARKET MANAGEMENT POSITION STATEMENT – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

**RESOLVED 2021/027**

That the information in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.02pm.

**CHAIRMAN**