

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development
Committee

Meeting held 27 February 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Pat Midgley (Chair), Sue Alston (Deputy Chair), Steve Ayris, David Barker, Mike Drabble, Adam Hurst, Talib Hussain, Francyne Johnson, Mike Levery, Martin Phipps, Jackie Satur, Gail Smith and Garry Weatherall

Non-Council Members (Healthwatch Sheffield):-

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 An apology for absence was received from Councillor Chris Rosling-Josephs.

2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

4.1 The following questions were asked by Alistair Tice:-

The Scrutiny Committee rejected the main Clinical Commissioning Group/Primary Care Commissioning Committee (CCG/PCCC) proposals to close the Minor Injuries Unit at Hallamshire Hospital and to close the Broad Lane Walk-in Centre last September, and would probably have referred the CCG's decision to the Secretary of State had the PCCC decided not to go ahead with their proposals.

Given the above, will the Scrutiny Committee make it clear to the CCG/PCCC that if they propose the same Urgent Care plans again, that the Scrutiny Committee will once again reject these proposals and if necessary refer any such decision to the Secretary of State?

Furthermore, will the Scrutiny Committee call upon the CCG/PCCC to explore the "alternate options" that were proposed during the previous consultation and which the CCG/PCCC said they would develop after deciding not to go ahead with their original proposals on 20th September, 2018 of which there is no mention in the Report of the Director Of Commissioning put before this meeting?

4.2 The Chair, Councillor Pat Midgley, responded on behalf of the Committee stating that, following the local elections to be held in May, and whoever the Members appointed to the Committee might be, a collective approach towards the proposals will be given to the CCG/PCCC to ensure that the needs of the citizens of Sheffield are met. Brian Hughes, NHS Sheffield CCG, stated that these questions would be covered by the presentation in the item relating to the Urgent Care Review, which would highlight that the new approach will not be a re-hash of the former proposals.

4.3 Sharon Milsom asked the following questions:-

Will the Scrutiny Committee keep in mind the following during the process:

- Accessibility – will the waiting times be revisited?
- Disability – what measures are being considered with regard to the distances travelled by many disabled and/or elderly people?

4.4 Councillor Douglas Johnson asked the following questions:-

1. What are the current aims of this piece of work?
2. Does the CCG accept some people can't get to see GPs when they need them?
3. Does the CCG know which surgeries are the problem?
4. Does the CCG know what improvements are needed at each surgery?
5. What can they do to bring them about?
6. Does the CCG still intend to pursue closure of the Minor Injuries Unit and Walk In Centre? If so, why?

4.5 Brian Hughes responded again stating that these questions would be covered by the presentation in the item relating to the Urgent Care Review.

4.6 The Chair indicated that a number of other questions had been received on behalf of Sheffield Save Our NHS and these would most likely be covered during discussions and the presentation in agenda Items 7 and 8 and responded to accordingly.

5. JOINT COMMISSIONING FOR HEALTH AND CARE

5.1 The Committee received a report of the Director of Public Health, which provided a summary of proposals to establish a Joint Commissioning Committee between the City Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The report also summarised proposals for a joint commissioning plan and identified the priority areas for commissioning new preventative services, seeking to reduce inequalities, increase the capacity of community based services and reduce demand on acute services.

5.2 Present for this item were Greg Fell (Director of Public Health), Brian Hughes (Director of Commissioning, CCG), and Councillor Chris Peace (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care).

5.3 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:

- Building on the Preventative Model, Sheffield has the ability to move forward so that health and social care can be integrated, to improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities for the people of Sheffield. To achieve this, proposals are being developed to strengthen the way health and care is jointly commissioned between the CCG and the City Council.
- It is proposed that the Joint Commissioning Committee will be comprised of four Cabinet Members and four members of the CCG Governing Body, working towards a single voice, a single plan.
- The three main priorities for 2019/20 are to consolidate and build on the integrated mental health work; develop a partnership approach to special educational needs and disabilities; and develop a service improvement framework for frailty to encourage preventive interventions.
- There are no firm plans yet regarding accountability. The Cabinet would still make executive decisions and the role of this Scrutiny Committee would remain unchanged.
- The Voluntary, Community and Faith (VCF) sectors are not yet involved, although VCF representatives do form part of the Accountable Care Partnership Board. It is recognised the vital role the VCF sector plays within communities.
- There would be no duplication between the roles of the Joint Commissioning Committee and the Accountable Care Partnership as the focuses are very different, but with the same outcome of developing and delivering the best possible health and social care for the people of Sheffield.
- The proposals for the Joint Committee are very much in the infancy and any issues that have been raised at this meeting will be put forward and presented in a report to Cabinet at its meeting to be held on 20th March, with a view to the Joint Committee being in place by April.
- The recently published Green Paper by NHS England outlining healthcare plans for the future did not include social care and it is felt that by establishing a local Joint Commissioning Committee, this would go some way towards tackling some of the problems. When people need help, they just want to access the best possible care available.

5.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Greg Fell (Director of Public Health), Brian Hughes (Director of Commissioning (CCG) and Councillor Chris Peace, (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) for their contribution to the meeting;

- (b) notes the contents of the report and the responses to questions; and
- (c) requests that an update report on the work of the Joint Commissioning Committee be brought back to the Committee in six months' time.

6. URGENT CARE REVIEW

- 6.1 The Committee received a report from Brian Hughes, Director of Commissioning, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), outlining a new approach to the review of urgent care by identifying the key problems and issues in urgent care services in the City, which were raised in 2018 and necessitated that a different approach to the proposals was made.
- 6.2 Also present for this item were Kate Gleave, Rachel Dillon and Lucy Ettridge, NHS Sheffield CCG.
- 6.3 Brian Hughes introduced the report and stated that since this was brought before the Committee in October, 2018, no decisions have been taken on how to deliver urgent care within the city and that the CCG was going back to basics when consulting with its partners and the public. The report was supported by a presentation given by Kate Gleave, which informed the Committee on the new approach and current position of the Review, and the work undertaken so far to determine the key problems and issues which needed to be addressed. She referred to workshops that had been carried out with public and partners and the plan to engage with groups not engaged with in the first consultation. This included engaging with community groups; staff working in the urgent care services; students; individual GPs; the homeless; people with substance misuse problems; insitu surveys with patients in the walk in centre, minor injuries unit and A&E, and also through surveys carried out on social media.
- 6.4 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-
 - The outcome of the previous consultation has not affected the approach towards the consultation, but lessons have been learnt and the focus is, and has always been, on getting it right for the people of Sheffield.
 - The first phase of the new approach, which commenced in December, 2018, is to gather as much information from partners and the public and it is hoped that this will be completed by the end of March, which should then determine the focus of the work going forward, but there is no definite timescale for the review to be completed.
 - The previous approach was cost neutral, as will be the new approach. It is not about saving money, but making the best use of the money available.
 - The focus has to be on what are the most important issues in terms of services, patient journeys, advice and treatment of both mental and physical health and prioritise the top five issues.

- There is a lot of work being carried out regarding prevention, helping to manage conditions, this review is to lead on urgent care and will link with the prevention work.
- The CCG has created a group consisting of representatives from different groups of the population across Sheffield to reflect on the feedback received, the group is made up of members of Healthwatch, Councillors and local political groups, not just health champions.
- It was hoped that members of the public and staff complete the online survey or contact NHS Sheffield CCG to voice their views and provide details of what services they use and why, to give a better understanding of who uses urgent care services in the city. The results of this survey would be brought back to the Committee in June/July this year.

6.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks those attending for their contribution to the meeting; and
- (b) notes the contents of the report and presentation, and the Member and officer comments.

7. PREVENTION SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

7.1 The Committee received a report of the Policy and Improvement Officer which outlined the findings of the Prevention Working Group that had been established in November, 2018. The report highlighted the key issues and concerns regarding the relationship the City Council and statutory partners have with the voluntary sector and stressed the need to work in partnership with the voluntary sector and support them in the vital work they undertake throughout the city. Another concern was that a preventive way of working requires a shift in the way the whole Council works; are we doing it right to build in health and wellbeing considerations into the decision making process. Finally, concerns were raised regarding locality working, with differing locality boundaries and the implications for joined up service delivery.

7.2 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks the Prevention Working Group for the work they had done;
- (b) endorses the findings of the Working Group and agrees to them to Councillor Jackie Drayton (Cabinet Member for Children and Families), Councillor Jim Steinke (Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety) and Councillor Chris Peace (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) and requests that an interim report be given at the meeting of this Committee to be held on 20th March, 2019; and
- (c) agrees to forward the findings to the Accountable Care Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

8. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 8.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd January, 2019 were approved as a correct record.

9. WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

- 9.1 The Committee received a report of the Policy and Improvement Officer which set out the Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19.
- 9.2 The Policy and Improvement Officer read out a question that had been received from Mike Simpkin regarding a statement to be made the following day regarding an NHS England review into the Culture and Leadership of NHS Sheffield CCG. Members asked for the Policy Officer and Chair to establish the most appropriate way for the Scrutiny Committee to consider this issue, preferably this municipal year.
- 9.3 RESOLVED: That (a) a report on Improving Quality in Adult Social Care and an update on Continuing Health Care be brought to the next meeting and (b) the Chair determines the most appropriate way to consider the CCG review.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, 20th March, 2019, at 4.00 p.m., in the Town Hall.