

**SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

**Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny and Policy Development  
Committee**

**Meeting held 8 May 2013**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mick Rooney (Chair), Sue Alston, Janet Bragg, Roger Davison, Tony Downing, Adam Hurst, Cate McDonald, Pat Midgley, Jackie Satur, Diana Stimely, Garry Weatherall and Joyce Wright

Non-Council Members (LINK):-

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Katie Condliffe, with no substitute being nominated, and Anne Ashby, LINK.

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 Agenda Item 7 (See Minute 5 below - Birch Avenue and Woodland View) was identified as an item where a resolution may be moved to exclude the press and public.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 Councillor Mick Rooney declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 (Birch Avenue and Woodland View) as he was a Non-Executive Member of the Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust.

3.2 Councillor Roger Davison declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 (Birch Avenue and Woodland View) as he was a Governor of the Sheffield Health and Social Care Foundation Trust.

3.3 Councillor Sue Alston declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Agenda Item 9 (Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust Quality Report 2012/13) as she was an employee of the Trust, but chose to remain in the meeting during consideration of that item given that no material decision was to be made.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013, were approved as a correct record and, arising therefrom, it was reported that:-

(a) An update on progress with the Business Case for the new End of Life Care Home Care Model had been circulated;

- (b) The booklet 'How Did We Do?' – Sheffield's Local Account of Adult Social Care Services was only available in electronic form;
- (c) Further data was required before the briefing note, on the arrangements for the holding of a joint meeting with the Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on the End of Life Care for Children up to the age of 18, could be circulated;
- (d) A response had been received from the NHS property company on the question raised by Mike Simpkin, Sheffield Save Our NHS Group, relating to the Health And Social Care Act 2012 and the possible consequences for the LIFT PFI scheme and this had been communicated to the questioner;
- (e) The letter to the Secretary of State for Health, expressing the Committee's concerns regarding the lack of a national framework and regulation for male circumcisions, was presently with the NHS England Local Team and the Policy Officer (Scrutiny) would chase progress on this;
- (f) An item on the Right First Time Programme was to be considered later in the meeting;
- (g) Eddie Sherwood, Director of Care and Support, Sheffield City Council, would attend the Committee meeting in September to provide an update on the Home of Choice Programme;
- (h) An item on steps which could be taken to further reduce waiting times for Memory Management Services was included in the Committee's Work Programme; and
- (i) The Policy Officer (Scrutiny) was chasing a response from the Health and Wellbeing Board, with regard to the provision of assistance to those voluntary and faith organisations offering help and advice to patients with mental health, drug or alcohol problems.

## **5. BIRCH AVENUE AND WOODLAND VIEW**

- 5.1 RESOLVED: That the public and press be excluded from the meeting before further discussion takes place on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, if those persons were present, there would be a disclosure to them of exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.  
(NOTE: Interested parties were allowed to remain in the meeting and the Chair, Councillor Mick Rooney, reminded them of their obligation to respect the confidentiality of the meeting.)
- 5.2 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Business Planning and Partnerships, NHS Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which set out the CCG's current position with regard to future commissioning intentions for Birch Avenue and Woodland View, which were homes providing enhanced care for

people with dementia, in the light of higher than expected vacancy rates in the homes.

5.3 In attendance for this item were Tim Furness, Director of Business Planning and Partnerships, NHS Sheffield CCG, Michelle Fearon, Service Director, Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust (SHSC), and Sue Harding who spoke on behalf of the friends and relatives of the residents of the two homes, some of whom were also present at the meeting.

5.4 Members, the Sheffield LINK representative and the friends' and relatives' representative made various comments and asked a number of questions in relation to the report, to which responses were provided.

5.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Tim Furness, Michelle Fearon and Sue Harding for their contribution to the meeting;
- (b) notes the contents of the report and the responses to questions and comments; and
- (c) requests that:-
  - (i) an item be added to the Committee's Work Programme to examine the strategy for dementia care across the City, to include Birch Avenue and Woodland View and continuing health care criteria; and
  - (ii) a structured way for the friends and relatives of the residents of Birch Avenue and Woodland View to engage with the service commissioner and providers be developed and that a progress report be presented to the Committee in three months' time.

(NOTE: At this stage in the proceedings, the meeting was re-opened to the public and press.)

## **6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

6.1 In response to a question from Mike Simpkin, Sheffield Save Our NHS Group, regarding urgent care provision as part of the Right First Time programme, Steven Haigh, Right First Time Programme Manager, stated that a consultation process would be considered if any significant changes were proposed under the Programme and that the Committee would play an important part in considering whether consultation was required. The Chair, Councillor Mick Rooney, highlighted the need for a common understanding of what was meant by significant change.

## **7. RIGHT FIRST TIME - UPDATE**

7.1 The Committee received a report of Steven Haigh, Right First Time Programme Manager, to which was appended a paper which had been presented to the Right

First Time Programme Board in April and which set out the current position with regard to Phase 2 of the Programme. The report was supported by a presentation, given by Steven Haigh, which provided details of Phase 1 Impact and Key Deliverables and Investments for Phase 2.

7.2 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions relating to the report and presentation, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- The bulk of 2012/13 investment had gone into health and social care.
- Confidence in the system was strong on partnership but cautious as to at whose expense. The financial rules hadn't changed but there was a degree of caution with regard to change.
- At the moment, the money was in the wrong place, so safeguards would only be put in if the system operated in a different way. There was still inefficiency in the way in which systems operated, but rehabilitation in the home would be possible if services were joined up.
- It was important for Accident and Emergency Units to understand why people went there.
- The Programme Budget had now been resolved.
- Some clinical thought was being given to Accident and Emergency co-location as it was considered that this was the right approach. It was necessary though for Accident and Emergency facilities to be fair and accessible for the whole City.
- The development of transitional arrangements between child and adult mental health services was a new addition to the programme, with work on this being at an early stage. The importance of looking at the supply chain was highlighted.

RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Steven Haigh for this contribution to the meeting;
- (b) notes the contents of the report, presentation and responses to questions;
- (c) welcomes progress on developing improved partnership working through the Right First Time programme;
- (d) expresses its concern about the absence of sustainable funding arrangements which recognise the additional costs to Sheffield City Council and the savings to the NHS of the Right First Time programme; and
- (e) requests that:-
  - (i) this resolution be forwarded to Ian Atkinson, NHS Sheffield Clinical

Commissioning Group, the Right First Time Programme Board, the Head of Adult Services, Sheffield City Council, and Councillor Mary Lea, Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Independent Living; and

- (ii) an update report on the Right First Time programme be presented to the Committee in six month's time.

## **8. SHEFFIELD TEACHING HOSPITALS FOUNDATION TRUST - QUALITY REPORT 2012/13**

8.1 The Committee received a report of Dr David Throssell, Medical Director, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which provided information on the quality of services delivered by Sheffield Teaching Hospitals in the year 2012/13 and identified Quality Improvement Priorities for 2013/14. Appended to the report was a draft of the Quality Report for 2012/13 which took account of Members' comments made when it was previously considered by the Committee at its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013. This was supported by a presentation given by Neil Riley, Trust Secretary, and Sandi Carman, Head of Patient and Health Care Governance, which highlighted the recommendations made by LINK relating to privacy, communication, the patient experience, modernisation and joined up working. Reference was also made to other suggested amendments/additions, together with the Quality Improvement Priorities for 2013/14.

8.2 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions in relation to the report and presentation, to which responses were provided as follows:-

- Following a comment from the Chair, Councillor Mick Rooney, consideration would be given to the inclusion of a fourth Quality Improvement Priority for 2013/14 to recognise the ongoing work which was being undertaken on previous targets.
- Discussions were taking place regarding complaints and an annual complaints report would be produced.
- Air conditioning systems were maintained and cleaned following national guidance and were regularly monitored.
- The establishment of a Project Board to oversee the service improvement work on reducing pressure ulcers was merely a reflection of how the programme was managed.
- There was a variation in weekend mortality rates but the Trust was considered to be about average in this regard. Work was being undertaken on the type of patient affected and the Chair asked if this could be examined further.
- A discussion on communication issues with the LINK representative would take place outside the meeting.
- A response would be provided to Councillor Adam Hurst with regard to the issue raised relating to the Malnutrition Universal Screening Tool.

8.3 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks Neil Riley and Sandi Carman for their contribution to the meeting and for taking up the issues raised at the previous Committee meeting;
- (b) notes the contents of the well-presented report, the presentation and the responses to questions and comments; and
- (c) requests the Policy Officer (Scrutiny) to summarise the comments made, for approval by the Chair and Deputy Chair, Councillor Roger Davison, and submission to Neil Riley and Sandi Carman.

## **9. REVIEW OF ADULT CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE SERVICES**

9.1 The Policy Officer (Scrutiny) explained that this was an NHS England review which was looking at the reconfiguration of adult congenital heart surgery services. NHS England was currently engaging with stakeholders on the service specifications, before developing proposals for the location of surgical centres. One of the likely service standards was the co-location of surgical services for children and adult services and, as such, may be affected by the Secretary of State's response to issues regarding Leeds' Children's Hospital. The proposals would be consulted on once developed, and it was likely that a joint Yorkshire and Humber Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be convened to respond to the consultation.

## **10. WORK PROGRAMME AND CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

10.1 The Policy Officer (Scrutiny) submitted the Committee's draft Work Programme for 2013/14 and the Forward Plan for the period 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, for consideration.

10.2 RESOLVED: That:-

- (a) the contents of the Committee's draft Work Programme for 2013/14 be approved; and
- (b) the Forward Plan for the period 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013, be received and noted and that consideration be given to the inclusion on the Committee's Work Programme of items relating to:-
  - (i) the Individual Service Fund Framework Agreement and Support Planning And Brokerage Framework Agreement; and
  - (ii) Sheffield's Public Health budget allocation for 2013/14.