



Minutes

Name of meeting	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
Date and time	MONDAY 14 JANUARY 2019, COMMENCING AT 5.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Nicholson (Chairman), George Cameron, Rodney Downer, Steve Hastings, John Howe, Michael Lilley, Brian Tyndall
Co-opted Member	Chris Orchin – Healthwatch (Non-Voting)
Also Present	Cllrs Andrew Garratt, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Dave Stewart Sallie Bacon, Mark Howe, John Metcalfe, Paul Thistlewood, Carol Tozer, Megan Tuckwell (IW Council) Joanna Smith (Healthwatch IW), Martin Wakeley (IWCCG), Claire Budden, Maggie Oldham, Lesley Stevens (IW NHS Trust), Jo Dare (Voluntary Sector)

30. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2018 be confirmed.

31. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in item 33 as the chair of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum.

32. [Public Health](#)

The committee gave consideration to the progress on the actions following the LGA Peer Review. A range of issues were discussed in connection with the overall delivery of public health.

Questions were raised regarding the role of the Local Care Board (LCB) and the closure of the My Life a Full Life project. Members had concerns over the lack in transparency and accountability of the LCB. It was clarified that it was not a decision-making body. Discussion took place regarding the use of public health funding for promoting healthy lifestyle.

RESOLVED:

- i. A progress report on delivering the action plan be considered by the committee at its 15 July 2019 meeting.
- ii. An informal briefing be arranged for the committee on the role and statutory duties of public health and the commissioning of services

33. Early Intervention

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the representative of the Voluntary Sector provided an update on the deliberations of the early intervention group. The committee thanked the voluntary sector for carrying out this piece of work and noted that this emphasised the importance of integrated working across all partners.

RESOLVED:

THAT the committee:-

- i. Endorse the policy of prevention and early help activity as part of a holistic health and care response for our population;
- ii. Recognising the role of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector, and communities, in prevention/early help service delivery;
- iii. Through taking a paper to the Local Care Board, recommend that commissioners invest to enable the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector to develop and implement innovative, place based, holistic prevention and early help activity that builds individual and community resilience, thereby helping to manage rising demand for health and care services;
- iv. Holds commissioners to account if they do not commit to investment in evidence- based, place based prevention/early help activity.

34. Revenue Budget 2018-19

a) Initial Savings Proposals

The Committee gave consideration to the initial savings proposals for 2019-20 as they related to Adult Social Care and Public Health.

Comments of the IWNHS Trust and IW Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the budget proposals were welcomed, and concerns were raised regarding the Local Care Board and its apparent lack of accountability. Health partners suggested that the Council operate an “open book” policy regarding finances for all health and social care services in order for partners to make fully informed decisions as had been introduced between the Trust and CCG. This would enable the Board to look at all investment and disinvestment decision provided it was made more transparent and accountable.

With regard to implications of proposed budget reductions in mental health day centres an overview could be provided by the Trust of its proposals with regard how services would be delivered.

RESOLVED :

THAT the suggestion made by the Trust and Clinical Commissioning Group that the Council operates an “open book” policy for its finances for all health and social care services be supported and the Scrutiny Committee be requested to endorse this and make an appropriate recommendation to the Cabinet and full Council.

b) Cross Solent Travel

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health provided an update on initial feedback from the consultation on the continuation of funding for the Cross Solent Travel Scheme.

Questions arose regarding the funding, travel, and medical conditions covered by the current policy, however it was agreed that the results of the consultation could not be pre-determined and therefore the committee would discuss this at a later date when the results of the survey were available.

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the topic of Cross Solent Travel be retained on the workplan and be discussed further once the results of the public consultation has been published.

35. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability Transformation Partnership (STP)

The Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Council and the Interim Managing Director of the IW CCG advised that no formal update was available regarding the progress on System Reform Proposals as there had been no major developments since the last meeting.

RESOLVED :

THAT the item continues to be included in the workplan.

36. Primary Care Survey

The Manager of Healthwatch Isle of Wight presented the report on the results of the Primary Care Survey. It was highlighted that 90% of responses indicated that service users would prefer the Phlebotomy service to be delivered at local GP practices by appointment, rather than drop-in at the hospital, particularly for blood tests which require fasting.

Discussion took place regarding the difficulties in recruitment and retention of GP's and the committee thanked Healthwatch for providing the report. The Clinical

Commissioning Group had accepted the report's recommendations and the Interim Managing Director gave an overview of steps being taken to improve access to GP's.

RESOLVED:

THAT the recommendations contained in the Healthwatch report be endorsed.

37. Management of Demand on Health Services

The committee gave consideration to the arrangements made for the winter period, together with an overview of difficulties experienced during the summer months.

The Chief Executive of the IW NHS Trust advised that wait times at A&E had reached the under 4-hour benchmark and the number of routine operation cancellations had reduced since last year. Plans had been made in preparation for the predicted bad weather. She also clarified that further plans were in place for anticipated peaks in demand such as winter, summer, and infection outbreak. Members were concerned to learn that the Trust had not received the level of funding from NHS England for winter pressures as it had the previous year.

The Director of Adult Social Care advised that they were working to ensure speed of delivery and were continuing to fund domiciliary care to ensure spaces were available. A local authority short-term care facility for patients discharged from hospital was being progressed and a Personal Assistant service was available for all those leaving care.

RESOLVED:

THAT the arrangements in place for the delivery of health and adult social care services during the winter period be noted.

38. Update on Key Significant Issues from Health Partners

a) IW NHS Trust

The Director of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities highlighted areas of progress with regard to mental health services, which included community mental health; rehabilitation, older people and learning disabilities. Clinical leadership had been strengthened with a locality focus. The number of inpatient beds being used had been reduced as had the number of people receiving off-Island rehabilitation services. A new model had also been introduced for people in crisis.

The Chief Executive of the Trust advised that all specialist areas (except Urology) had seen improvement and the issues regarding diagnostic delays were mostly resolved. Two members staff were in the Philippines hoping to recruit 80 nurses, to be up-and-running by winter 2019/20. Feedback arising from the insurance visit indicated that there had been a shift in all areas. No formal date had been set for the next CQC visit, and discussions had taken place with Portsmouth Health Trust regarding meeting targets.

b) IW Clinical Commissioning Group (IWCCG)

The Interim Managing Director referred to the concerns that the Committee had expressed at its meeting in July 2018 as to the performance of the IWCCG. He indicated the steps that had been taken since that date including the partnership with Hampshire CCG's and significant changes in personnel.

He advised that the Isle of Wight's older population was proportionate with other popular retirement areas across the country, the main difference here being that more people lived alone. Additionally the Isle of Wight had the highest proportion of people using inpatient beds for the mental health service which indicated the need for more community support.

Points were noted regarding the newly established Hampshire and Isle of Wight CCG partnership, increased levels of funding, commissioning of Carnall Farrar to undertake specific research, reduction of the number of patients in hospital who do not require acute care, and the need for the Local Care Board to be in the position to take rapid decisions to introduce effective clinically and financial sustainable services.

Data being collated indicated that 48% of patients at St Mary's did not require acute care and could be in more appropriate settings; 5% of patients received 35% of health expenditure and 150 patients were responsible for 4,000 of the attendances at the A&E department.

It was anticipated that over the next 12-18 months change should be expected as the current way of doing things was not clinically or financially sustainable.

c) Adult Social Care

The Director of Adult Social Care noted the councils extra care offer regarding independent living, and advised that the Extra Care Development in Ryde would ideally be rolled out from Spring 2020. An update was provided regarding the review of the delivery of mental health services to reduce the requirement for bedded provision.

It was noted that the Adult Social Care department had been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronicle's council department of the year.

RESOLVED

THAT the updates be noted.

39. [Committee's Workplan](#)

Members to give consideration to issues that should be reflected in the Committee's future workplan. No further items were identified at this stage.

CHAIRMAN