



Minutes

Name of meeting	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
Date and time	MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.00PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Nicholson (Chair), George Cameron, Rodney Downer, Michael Lilley, Brian Tyndall
Co-opted	Chris Orchin – Healthwatch (Non-Voting)
Cabinet Members	Cllrs Clare Mosdell, Dave Stewart
Also Present	Cllr Karl Love Laura Gaudion, John Metcalfe, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell (IW Council), Sarah Anderson, Darren Cattell, Joe Smyth, Nikki Turner (IW NHS Trust), Joanna Smith (Healthwatch), Pam Fenna (Patients Council)
Apologies	Cllr John Howe

18. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2019 be confirmed.

19. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Brian Tyndall declared an interest in item 23 as chairman of the Audit Committee.

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in item 24 as chairman of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum and as a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

20. [Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings](#)

The chairman presented the report on outcomes from previous meetings and the committee noted the progress against recommendations.

RESOLVED:

THAT the progress from previous meetings be noted.

21. Budget and Performance

a) IW NHS Trust

The Director of Finance, Estates and IM&T and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the IW NHS Trust presented the report on the financial position of the Isle of Wight Health and Care system as at October 2019. Questions were raised regarding the capital grant of £48m and it was agreed that the Committee would be kept updated on the development and delivery of plans to utilise the funds. Discussion took place regarding risk, notably winter planning and the pathways in place to ensure patients are managed safely. Concerns were raised over the closure of the Shackleton Ward, and it was agreed that a written report would be provided to the Committee by the Director of Mental Health detailing the current position and the mitigating actions undertaken with regard to patients. The Director of Acute Transformation provided an update on key partnership arrangements, noting that effectiveness is reviewed at six and twelve months and improved digitalisation meant services could be provided by partners but delivered on the Island. It was agreed that the lessons being learnt from the Trust's partnership arrangements be looked into at a future informal briefing.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the Committee to be kept updated on the development and delivery of plans to utilise the capital grant of £48m.
- ii) THAT a written report be provided to the Committee detailing the current position regarding the Shackleton ward and the mitigating actions undertaken with regard to patients.
- iii) THAT the lessons being learnt from the Trust's partnership arrangements be looked at by the Committee at a future informal briefing.

b) Adult Social Care

The Assistant Director of Adult Social Care (Commissioning) presented the report which provided an update on the key issues facing Adult Social Care and its performance. Members were advised that an emergency winter shelter opened in November 2019 and to date no families were living in temporary accommodation. Discussion took place regarding self-funded care and capital depletion, homelessness prevention, affordable and social housing, and private landlords. Members recognised and supported the progress being made to transform the delivery of Adult Social Care given the financial situation.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update from Adult Social Care be noted and the progress being made to transform the delivery of adult social care given the financial situation was recognised and supported.

22. Deprivation of Liberty Standards (DoLS) – Backlog Clearance Programme

Following consideration of the Council's Risk Profile on 2 December 2019, the Audit Committee resolved to escalate their concerns regarding the failure to identify and

effectively manage situations where vulnerable adults were subject to abuse. The Committee had previously been advised that capacity issues around assessments had been resolved but were concerned there was again a struggle to meet demand. The Assistant Director of Adult Social Care (Commissioning) advised that this was a concern to the service and reassured that a temporary solution was in place to reduce the backlog. The progress was sufficient to meet statutory requirements and was monitored by the Adult Social Care service board. Members sought clarity over what was being done to prevent recurrence and were advised that additional funds had been requested for the budget 2020-21. It would be of benefit to have an updated briefing note outlining the current legal position regarding the risks arising from capacity issues in dealing with assessments for DoLS.

RESOLVED:

THAT a briefing note be circulated to the Committee outlining the current legal position regarding risks arising from capacity issues in dealing with assessments for Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

23. Formalising the Role and Governance of the Local Care Board

The Committee considered the report approved by the Cabinet on 9 January 2020 and the Leader advised that the comments raised by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 7 January 2020 were considered as part of the decision-making. It was agreed that arrangements would be reviewed by the committee in six months' time.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the transformation of the Local Care Board to an Integrated Care Partnership be supported.
- ii) THAT the arrangements be reviewed by the Committee at its meeting to be held on 14 September 2020 and members would meet in advance of this to identify any issues requiring attention.

24. Primary Care Survey

The Committee considered the progress with the recommendations contained in the Healthwatch report on the Primary Care Survey as agreed at the meeting on 14 January 2019. It was advised that Healthwatch had not received a formal response from the IWCCG but had been assured that they would address the recommendations. The Committee requested that the IWCCG provide a written response and action plan in relation to the recommendations contained within Healthwatch's report on primary care and requested that this should also include an update on the use of mental health practitioners within GP surgeries.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the IWCCG be requested to provide a written response and action plan in relation to the recommendations contained within Healthwatch's report on primary care.
- ii) THAT the IWCCG be requested to provide a briefing note on the use of mental health practitioners within GP surgeries.

25. Discharge from Hospital

The Committee considered the report of the chairman and unanimously agreed to support the establishment of a task and finish group to review arrangements for the safe discharge of patients from hospital. The Chief Operating Officer of the IW NHS Trust advised that an internal review of discharge arrangements was being undertaken on 15 January 2020, and the committee requested an action plan arising from this review be circulated to the task and finish group in due course.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT a task and finish group be established to review the arrangements for the safe discharge of patients from hospital.
- ii) THAT an action plan, to be produced by the IW NHS Trust following an internal review of discharge arrangements be supplied to the task and finish group.

26. Committee's Workplan

The Committee considered the workplan. It was noted that consideration of the Healthwatch report on Inpatient Mental Health Services would be slipped to the next meeting, as the report could not be released until comments had been received from the IW NHS Trust. The Leader proposed that an item be included in the workplan on the closure and transfer of patients from the Beech Grove GP surgery, and as previously agreed, it was confirmed that a review of the Integrated Care Partnership would be undertaken at the meeting to be held on 14 September 2020.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the IW NHS Trust ensure that a response is provided to the content of the draft report by Healthwatch on Inpatient Mental Health Services so it can be finalised and circulated ahead of the meeting to be held on 16 March 2020.
- ii) THAT a review be undertaken of the Integrated care Partnership at the 14 September 2020 meeting.
- iii) THAT an item be included in the workplan for the 11 May 2020 meeting following up on the closure of the Beech Grove, Brading surgery and progress with the transfer of patients

27. Member's Question Time

The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs urged members to attend the mental health workshop scheduled for 30 January 2020.

CHAIRMAN