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| Name of meeting | POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE |
| Date and Time | MONDAY 1 MARCH 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM |
| Venue | VIRTUAL (MS TEAMS) |
| Present | Cllrs J Nicholson (Chairman), G Cameron, A Garratt, R Hollis, J Howe, M Lilley, C Quirk and C Orchin Chris Orchin (Healthwatch) Cllr C Mosdell Simon Bryant, Laura Gaudion, John Metcalfe, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell Michele Legg, Alison Smith (IW CCG), Darren Cattell, Claire Gowland, Lesley Stevens (IW NHS Trust), Joanna Smith (Healthwatch) |

18. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held 7 December 2020 be confirmed.

19. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Andrew Garratt declared an interest in any matters relating to the IW NHS Trust as his husband was on the nursing bank and was soon to be employed by Portsmouth NHS Trust delivering a service at St Mary's Hospital.

Cllr Andrew Garratt declared an interest in any matters relating to local authority care placements as relative was permanently placed in a care home.

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in any matters relating to the voluntary sector, as chairman of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum.

20. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

No public questions were received.

21. Covid-19 Response - Update

The Director of Public Health delivered a presentation which provided an update on the latest local data on infections and deaths, the launch of community lateral-flow testing, and the Government's road map for easing lockdown restrictions.

Questions were raised regarding the spike in cases seen during December 2020 - January 2021, and whether data analysts were able to identify any specific group or activity that led to the disproportionate rise in infections on the Island. The Director of Public Health advised that it had been indicated that the increase had been connected to the variant first found in Kent which was believed to be 70% more transmittable, in addition to weaker social distancing, Christmas bubbles and less community immunity.

Questions were raised regarding the support available to the hospitality sector to prevent a rise in cases during Summer 2021. The Chief Executive advised on the steps being taken by the Covid Support Officers who were contacting businesses and offering practical advice. It was confirmed that the Council were working closely with Visit Isle of Wight to promote the Island in a covid-secure way.

Discussion took place regarding the delivery of the vaccination programme and questions were raised regarding vaccine uptake, the delivery of the second dose, and whether people were showing a preference for community venues over GP surgeries. The Managing Director of the IW CCG advised that the community were wholeheartedly stepping up to receive the vaccine and it was confirmed that there was an intention to make contact and offer another opportunity for those very few people who had initially declined to receive the vaccine.

The Managing Director of the IW CCG provided a presentation which provided information in relation to staff sickness and absences, hospital discharges and patient flow, future proofing and mutual aid, and further information regarding long-covid and the delivery of the vaccination programme. An item on the pilot scheme in the South Wight Hub on locality working and its possible roll out to all other areas on the Island could be included in the future workplan

Questions were raised regarding GP referrals and whether they had been below average, particularly for respiratory specialists. It was advised that GP referrals were being managed in the normal way and GP services had returned to pre-covid levels.

The Deputy Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Operating Officer of the IW NHS Trust delivered a presentation which provided the Committee with an update on key areas, including; hospital discharges and patient flow, GP referrals, staff sickness and absences, mutual aid to support the covid-19 response, the actions being taken to support the future of Trust services, and an update on mental health and learning disability services. It was suggested that an item on Investing in the Future be included in the workplan so that the utilisation of £48m grant available could be outlined.

Discussion took place regarding hospital discharges and questions were raised around the continuation of the Integrated Discharge Team. It was advised that the team were currently funded through temporary Government funding which was due to end on 31 March 2021. It was the intention of the local authority, the IW CCG and the IW NHS Trust to work together to maintain this provision through local funding.

Members acknowledged the planned initiatives to address recruitment challenges and sought reassurance that there was confidence that this would yield the necessary success. The Deputy Chief Executive of the IW NHS Trust confirmed that there had been a great local community response and the partnerships enable attraction from an even greater number and calibre of professionals.

RESOLVED:

THAT the updates be noted.

22. **Update on Key Issues in Health and Social Care**

22.1 **Appointment of three new locality home care providers**

The Interim Director of Adult Social Care presented the report which provided an overview of the recent developments in relation to the provision of home care for Island residents. Concerns were raised regarding the impact on the Islands independent sector as the contracts had been awarded to mainland-based providers. Clarification was provided around the procurement process and it was advised that additional support had been given to Island-based providers to ensure that they were not disadvantaged. It was confirmed that value for money and local sustainability were considered as part of the procurement process, and members were reassured that the services would be delivered locally.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

22.2 **CQC Inspection Report - Reablement and Outreach Support**

Members were pleased to note the CQC inspection report which gave the Isle of Wight Council's adult social care, community reablement and outreach services an overall Good rating.

RESOLVED:

THAT the CQC Inspection report be noted, and the staff involved in delivering the service be congratulated.

22.3 **Progress with the implementation of the Mental Health Pathway including changes to Woodlands and future service provision for patients with dementia following the closure of Shackleton Ward.**

Reference was made to the presentation provided by the Director of Mental Health and Learning Disabilities of the IW NHS Trust (at minute item 21) which provided an update on the plans to change the Woodlands bed-based mental health rehabilitation service to a community service from 1 April 2021. Members were advised that a review of dementia services was in progress and was being supported by senior clinicians in Solent NHS Trust.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted.

23. **Committee's Workplan**

Members noted the survey being undertaken by Healthwatch Isle of Wight which would identify its key priorities for 2021/22 and should be considered within the committee's workplan to avoid duplication. The chairman invited health partners to forward items for possible inclusion in the workplan. The Chief Executive drew member's attention to the recently published Government white paper on integrated health and social care and suggested that this may be an area which may benefit from early involvement by the Committee in considering and understanding the implications for the Isle of Wight's local healthcare system.

RESOLVED:

THAT the workplan be noted.

24. **Members' Question Time**

No member's questions were received.

CHAIRMAN