

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held on Thursday, 4th March, 2021

PRESENT

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chairman)
Councillor A Moran (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors J Barber, C Bulman, J Clowes, A Critchley, D Edwardes, B Evans, S Gardiner, D Murphy, J Parry, P Redstone, R Vernon, J Weatherill and S Edgar

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor M Houston, Deputy Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health
Councillor L Jeuda, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health; Deputy Leader of the Labour Group
Councillor J Rhodes, Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Corporate Services

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Louise Barry, Chief Executive (Cheshire East Healthwatch)
Jill Broomhall, Director of Adult Social Care
Linda Couchman, Acting Strategic Director of Adult Social Care and Health
Sheena Cumiskey, Chief Executive (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust)
Mark Hughes, Senior Commissioning Manager - Learning Disabilities & Mental Health**
Madeleine Lowry, Associate Director of Operations (Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust)***
James Sumner, Chief Executive (Mid Cheshire NHS Hospitals Foundation Trust)*
Nichola Thompson, Director of Commissioning
Dr Matt Tyrer, Director of Public Health
Clare Watson, Accountable Officer (NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group)*
John Wilbraham, Chief Executive (East Cheshire NHS Trust)*

* Attended for Minute No. 88 only

** Attended for Minute No. 89 only

*** Attended for Minute Nos. 87, 88 and 89 only

83 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S Brookfield and N Wylie (substituted for by Councillor S Edgar).

84 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED –

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4 February 2021, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

86 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of the party whip.

87 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

88 SUSTAINABILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES IN CHESHIRE EAST

The committee considered an update from a number of health partners on the sustainability of local health services, and the pressures, changes and challenges caused by Covid-19.

Members of the committee asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- the correlation between poverty, deprivation and Covid-19;
- the progress, successes and challenges of the vaccination programme;
- the rates of vaccination uptake by different groups and communities in Cheshire East; and
- what work had been undertaken by local and regional health services to improve engagement with under-represented groups.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

89 COVID-19 UPDATE

Consideration was given to an update on the most recent data trends and local response work relating to Covid-19, as well as the position regarding care homes and the care market.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- how the council had planned to support/enforce government guidance on the wearing of face coverings by pupils in secondary schools;
- the council's allocation from the Workforce Capacity Fund and how it planned to make best use of it;
- progress made in respect of the rollout of lateral flow testing; and
- whether there had been any issues in relation to acquiring and distributing PPE.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

90 ADULT'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT OFFER

The committee considered a report and verbal update on the services and support offer available to adults who experienced mental health and wellbeing issues.

Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- the Mental Health Crisis Phoneline;
- whether the council and partners had considered expanding on the number of community mental health crisis beds in the borough; and
- the wider impacts of the increased pressure on mental health services and whether other services e.g. reablement would be impacted and service users face longer wait/response times as a result.

Upon being advised that there were four community mental health crisis beds, the committee questioned why NHS Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group had not commissioned the six bed provision that had been proposed as part of its work to redesign adults and older people's mental health service in eastern Cheshire between 2018 and 2020.

As a representative from the CCG was not present to respond, the Director of Commissioning agreed to liaise directly with the appropriate officers to obtain a written response for the committee.

RESOLVED –

- 1 That the update be noted.
- 2 That the Director of Commissioning liaise with the CCG to obtain a written response to explain why only four of the six community mental health crisis beds, proposed to be commissioned as part of the wider redesign of adults and older people's mental health services, had been commissioned to date.

91 **PERFORMANCE SCORECARD - QUARTER 3, 2020/21**

The committee considered the performance data related to Adult Social Care services from Quarter 3 of the 2020/21 municipal year. Members asked questions and put comments in relation to;

- whether Covid-19 had impacted liberty safeguarding, and
- whether this committee, or the relevant incoming service committee, would benefit from considering in detail the position regarding Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding, and wider safeguarding issues.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

92 **FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

93 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee considered its work programme and requested an update on Deprivation of Liberty Safeguarding be provided at its next meeting on 15 April 2021.

RESOLVED –

That the work programme be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.55 pm

Councillor L Wardlaw (Chairman)