

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 3rd March, 2016 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)
Councillor L Wardlaw (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors D Bailey, Rhoda Bailey, B Dooley, L Jeuda, G Merry and A Moran

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor J Clowes – Cabinet Member for Adult and Health in the Community
Dr Heather Grimbaldeston – Director of Public Health
Ann Riley – Corporate Commissioning Manager
Jon Wilkie – Commissioning Support Manager
Marie Wood – Eastern Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Fiona Field – South Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Caroline Baines – Commissioning Manager for BCF
James Morley – Scrutiny Officer

5 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

6 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

8 DECLARATION OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of party whip

9 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

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

10 ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TASK AND FINISH GROUP RESPONSE

Jon Wilkie, Commissioning Support Manager, and Ann Riley, Corporate Commissioning Manager, presented a report in response to the Committee's

Assistive Technology Task and Finish Group's final report and recommendations which was presented to Cabinet for consideration on 3 March 2015.

The report provided a response to each of the Task and Finish Group's recommendations. During discussion the following points were made:

- The Task Group's recommendations in relation to charges for assistive technology were difficult to fit into the current contract for services however would be part of new contracts in future.
- In December 2015 the £5 per week charges for assistive technology were implemented. 1% of customers had ceased to receive services because of the cost increase; these residents now received different support to manage their risks.
- Information and advice about assistive technology was provided to everyone when they had their needs assessments and also receive additional information about services they could purchase privately to support themselves in addition to telecare services.
- The Council and CCGs were looking at ways to commission falls support services in partnership with North West Ambulance Service as originally piloted by Peaks and Plains Housing Trust.

The Committee requested that further information be provided to councillors outside the meeting regarding the number of people currently receiving telecare services.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the response to the Assistive Technology Task and Finish Group Report be noted
- (b) That the Commissioning Support Manager be requested to provide Committee members with additional information regarding the number of service users receiving telecare.

11 PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDING

Dr Heather Grimbaldeston, Director of Public Health, presented a report about the budget for public health services in 2016/17. Heather explained that the Government had reduced the Council's Public Health budget in cash terms by 9.6% from the previous year. Public Health was planning to manage changes to budgets by redesigning services when they were due to be recommissioned. Service commissioning by Public Health included: Sexual Health; Health Checks; Weighing and Measuring Children; Drug and Alcohol Recovery.

The Committee wanted to receive more information about the services projects being provided through Public Health.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report be noted
- (b) That the Director of Public Health be requested to provide a report on the performance of public health service projects at a future meeting

12 BETTER CARE FUND 2016/17

Caroline Baines, Commissioning Manager for Better Care Fund, provided a report about the Better Care Fund proposals for 2016/17. There were some changes to the Better Care Fund budget from the previous 2015/16 budget. The performance fund had been removed and replaced with a discretionary element for the Clinical Commissioning Groups to fund hospital services or contribute more funding to the BCF.

The Council and South Cheshire CCG had both chosen to increase their contribution to the BCF however Eastern Cheshire CCG had chosen to use their discretionary element to fund hospital services. Members voiced concerns about potential inequalities in service delivery between South and Eastern CCG areas.

There were several integrated health and care services schemes being funded using BCF money. It was explained that the providers of services were integrated however the budgets and commissioners for each of the three bodies (i.e. Cheshire East Council, South Cheshire CCG and Eastern Cheshire CCG) were not integrated. Some services planned during the 2015/16 budget had not yet commence and others which had commenced needed some time before there would be a noticeable impact on hospital admissions and patient outcomes.

RESOLVED – That recommendations a, b, c and d from paragraph 2.1 of the report be accepted.

13 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee gave consideration to its work programme. A request was made by the Director of Adult Social Care and Independent Living to alter the date of the April Committee meeting to provide officers with more time to produce a report on carer respite so that March 2016 data could be processed and included.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the work programme be noted
- (b) That the Committee meeting scheduled for 7 April 2016 be postponed to a later date in April.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 12.00 pm

Councillor J Saunders (Chairman)