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ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 28 January 2021

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Keith Holloway (Chair) in the chair; Councillor John Wright (Vice-Chair); Councillors Angie Clark, Dickie Davies, Chris Gordon, Janet Mobbs, Dena Ryness, David Sedgwick and Aron Thornley.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 10 December 2020 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interests were declared:-

Personal Interests

Councillor

Interest

Chris Gordon

Agenda Item 4 – Stockport NHS Foundation Trust, as a Member of the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust and as the Chair of the Stockport Disability Forum.

Keith Holloway

Agenda Item 7 – Stockport Mental Health Update as the Chair of the Valuing People Partnership Board.

Jude Wells

Agenda Item 4 – Stockport NHS Foundation Trust as the Council nominated member on the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Board.

3. CALL-IN

There were no call-in items to consider.

4. STOCKPORT NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Karen James (CEO, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust) provided a verbal update on the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.

Karen James informed the Committee of the following: -

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- The impact of Covid-19 on hospital services and patients with Covid and other conditions is important, there has been a reduction in patients attending the emergency departments since the first wave for urgent and planned care.
- There has been a campaign that has been launched to get those patients back into the hospital to seek the care they need.
- Currently in wave 3 and have had to cancel a lot of patients relating to general meds and critical care and routine planned procedures has had to be stopped as well.
- Cancer care patients are still being treated and those with urgent treatment from a surgical perspective was also ongoing.
- Working with Greater Manchester to respond as a system to treat cancer patients.
- Patients on waiting lists are constantly being contacted and a clinical review has been conducted, so there is no deterioration.
- There has been an impact on the workforce following wave 1 and 2 and it has affected staff taking leave.

The following comments were made/issues raised: -

- Members paid tribute to the NHS workforce and care staff for everything that has been done since March 2020.
- Clarification was sought on the impact of discharging vulnerable patients. In response, it was stated that patients were being discharged properly and staff in social care were working really hard to discharge patients appropriately. All precautions were being taking including other family members.
- Members enquired about the experience of pregnant women accessing services through the hub and bringing partners to maternity appointments. In response, it was noted that it was a sensitive matter and national guidance had changed, but partners can attend at the 20 weeks scan and at the 12 weeks scan it has been facilitated to ensure safety and also birthing partners can now attend the maternity ward.
- What was being by the hospital to encourage people to attend the hospital and how was the Council working with GPs to monitor the patients who have missed appointments.
- It was stated that patients were being contacted regularly remotely and being monitored remotely by telephone consultations. Patients were being prioritised by GPs through a 'shielding' list and were proactively contacting patients who were vulnerable or had missed appointments.
- The hospital has become the vaccination hub in Stockport with over 16,000 health and social care staff and it has been successful.
- The Trust has been working closely with the Council and there has been integrated working and systems across the teams to promote greater integration.
- There are also national plans to move to a more integrated care system and to work collectively for the aspirations and ambitions to meet the health and wellbeing of the Stockport population.
- The integrated system has a clear strategy while working with partners to achieve the outcomes including the third and primary care sector with a clear vision and strategy in place.
- Stockport is landlocked in the hospital environment but work has been ongoing with local residents to resolve some of the issues and also working with the local authority at exploring park and ride options and staff capacity through working from home as an option.

- Given the recent CQC report that required the Trust to make improvements and the current Covid-19 situation have steps been taken towards the improvements. In response, it was stated that systems and processes were being looked at closely, the clinical teams were extremely good and work is underway to support the teams effectively and to harness their enthusiasm.

RESOLVED – (1) That the update be noted.

(2) That Karen James be thanked and the NHS and Care staff be thanked for all their efforts.

5. BREDBURY CIVIC HALL, AGECROFT ROAD, BREDBURY

The Director for Adult Social Care and the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the proposed disposal of Bredbury Civic Hall to Mosscafe St. Vincent's (member of Stockport Housing Partnership) for the development of a residential facility for people with a learning disability.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

Members expressed their gratitude for the building being brought back into use to provide independent living for the disabled community.

It was reported that the community and ward councillors welcomed the development and were pleased with the independent living.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

6. ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL/NURSING AND HOME CARE FEE SETTING 2021/2022

The Deputy Chief Executive (Section 151 Officer) & Director for Adult Social Care submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the 2021/22 fee setting recommendations for the most significant areas of externally commissioned services within Adult Social Care.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- The Committee expressed its thanks to the care home staff and the entire framework of Council staff for the last 12 months.
- Members enquired about the ongoing issues with recruitment and staff referred to in the report. In response, it was stated that over the last 11 months it has been stable with good retention levels but the challenges will continue throughout the pandemic, however, ongoing work was underway with colleagues across Greater Manchester and 'skills for care' regarding recruitment and job retention.
- Clarification was sought regarding the external market for care and support and the total uplift of £2.7m with regards to the budget. In response, it was noted that the

external market referenced how the Council compared services that it provided e.g. contractual or the framework around council business. The £2.7m has been factored into the financial pressures which is additional investment into adult social care.

- Regarding the uplifts, could reassurance be provided that it would not impact the service users and if it was, would there be help. In response, it was commented that regarding any fees or charges to service users it would always be means tested with often a nil charge to service users.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. STOCKPORT MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) summarising the Stockport response to date to protect public mental health and prevent suicides.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

Members expressed their thanks for the report and the level of detail included in the leaflets and the work that has gone into the support for Stockport residents.

The Committee were informed that the team would continue to push as hard as possible to support those people who have struggled during the pandemic but also to get back to face to face consultations for those at greater risk including treatment.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. ONE STOCKPORT BOROUGH PLAN

The Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Devolution and the Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance submitted report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing how partners across Stockport have approached the development of a shared borough plan, including an overview of the insight which has informed the development of the priorities, and introduces a draft borough plan for scrutiny comment and consideration.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Covid-19 has had a negative impact on deprived communities across the borough having already experienced health inequalities, but has work already started on the One Health Plan. In response, it was stated that work was already underway to link the strategies and develop it further.
- People are keen to see what happens once it launches as a project across the borough.
- The action points reflecting the areas of activity in the plan was welcomed as it provided information that has been fed through the Area Committee consultation.

- It is important to bring everyone along across Stockport with the plan whether they are on board or not, but feel engaged through the process.
- Communicating the plan in the community is also important by building on the strengths that already exist through the unique experiences and the things that would unite the borough.
- It should be noted that one of the main priorities was to address inequalities to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents in the borough.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

9. CLEAN AIR AND MINIMUM LICENSING STANDARDS UPDATE

The Corporate Director (Place) and Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the recent consultation on the proposed measures and the next phase of work including understanding the implications of Covid-19.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee were informed that the road leading to 'Snake Pass' would now be included in the area as part of the changes to the approach.

It was commented that there were concerns relating to the content of the report and the possibility of it being a tax in the future. In response, it was stated that there was strict guidance to create the charges and the timeframes involved including the start and finish periods.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Strategic Head of Service & Monitoring Officer (Legal & Democratic Governance) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next meeting and any relevant Forward Plan items.

The Chair informed the Committee that the dates for the Joint Scrutiny Review with the Corporate, Resources Management & Governance Scrutiny Committee would be circulated.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

Items 'Not for Publication'

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED - That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority) and information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege

could be maintained in legal proceedings, the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the exempt information in the 'not for publication' appendices for agenda item 12 – 'St. Thomas' Gardens' should it be necessary for the Scrutiny Committee to consider and comment on these aspects of the report.

12. ST THOMAS' GARDENS

The Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the progress to date in bringing forward the redevelopment of St Thomas' Gardens, in particular the Academy of Living Well, and seeking approval for the Council to commit to the next stage of design and construction.

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) attended the meeting to respond to questions from the Scrutiny Committee.

Members commented about the principles underlying the scheme being positive and how attractive the scheme looked with the social housing.

It was confirmed that the Academy included the physical environment of the scheme and formed part of the campus promoting the intergenerational living with carbon neutrality offering a different option for its residents.

The Committee were informed that consultation was in its early stages and would involve a number of organisations including key stakeholders, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Foundation Trust and a wider consultation with the voluntary sector to co-produce the designs for people living on the site.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm