

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

18 June, 2015

Summary of Matters Considered at the Board

Report of the Chair, Councillor Sandars

The Scrutiny Board met on 18 June, 2015 and the following items were considered. I have selected the main points of the discussion which I feel members of the Council will be particularly interested to know more about. For more detail, a copy of the minutes is available on the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) via the Council's website at <http://cmis.sandwell.gov.uk/cm5/>

1.1 Continuing Health Care

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board met on 10 February 2015 to consider a report from officers in Adult Social Care in relation to Continuing Health Care. The Board requested clarification from the Clinical Commissioning Group on the following points:-

- i) The number of people where positive CHC checklists have been completed but are awaiting a full DST assessment and the number of people who have been waiting over 28 days. Scrutiny would like to understand the reasons for any delays and what steps are being taken to clear any backlogs that exist and ensure future assessments are dealt with in a timely way;
- ii) How the service is promoted.

Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group were present at the meeting and had provided a briefing in response to Scrutiny's previous enquiry.

The Board was pleased to note that as a result of continued close working between the Clinical Commissioning Group and Adult Social Care there had been no outstanding assessments since January 2015. In addition the number of individuals who had been found not to be eligible for Continuing Health Care had reduced, mainly due to improvements in the quality of assessment undertaken.

1.2 Primary Care Co-Commissioning

The Board noted that the Five Year Forward View presented by NHS England in 2014, advocated for Clinical Commissioning Groups to take on the commissioning of Primary Care Medical Services. It was put forward that this would be a key enabler in developing seamless, integrated out-of-hospital services based around the needs of local populations. Members noted that the Clinical Commissioning Group also felt that it would drive the development of new models of care such as multispecialty community providers and primary and acute care systems.

Under delegated agreement with NHS England Sandwell and West Birmingham had taken on the following responsibilities:-

- commissioning of GP Services – including the design of contracts, the monitoring of contracts, taking contractual action such as issuing a breach / remedial notices and removing a contract;
- performance management of GP contract and practice performance;
- development of local incentive schemes to deliver priorities;
- fund and develop primary care premises
- decisions on discretionary payments
- patient complaints and concerns.

1.3 Re-establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements with Birmingham City Council

It was agreed that the following members sit on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Birmingham City Council:-

- i) Councillor Sandars;
- ii) Councillor Jarvis;
- iii) Councillor Lloyd;
- iv) Councillor D Hosell;
- v) Councillor Piper.

1.4 Re-establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements with Wolverhampton City Council

It was agreed that the following members sit on the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Wolverhampton City Council:-

- i) Councillor Sandars;
- ii) Councillor Jarvis;
- iii) Councillor Lloyd;
- iv) Councillor D Hosell;
- v) Councillor Piper.

1.5 Appointment of Members to Workstreams

The Board determined the appointment of members to the two workstreams; Integration and Partnerships and Right Care, Right Here.

1.6 Work Programme 2015/16

The Board discussed its work programme for 2015/16 and agreed a number of topics for scrutiny including patient experience of care pathways, the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities and holding an accountability session with the heads of local health services.

Councillor Paul Sandars
Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board