

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

14 July and 25 August, 2016

Summary of Matters Considered at the Board

Report of the Chair, Councillor Y Davies

The Scrutiny Board met on 14 July and 25 August, 2016. 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 will be available on the Committee Management Information System (CMIS) via the Council's website at <http://cmis.sandwell.gov.uk/cmis5/>

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Carters Green Medical Practice Premises Relocation Consultation

The Board was informed of the proposal to relocate Carters Green Medical Centre to the Sandwell Hospital site. The Practice has outgrown its current premises due to an increasing patient list of around 5% a year and it's not possible to adapt the premises any further.

The Board noted that Black Country Partnership Foundation Trust (BCPFT) has expressed concerned about protecting the services it delivers to patients from the Carters Green Premises. Assurances were given to members that staff, patients and carers have been engaged in consultation regarding the move, as well as the BCPFT.

The Board has requested a further update on the proposals to a future meeting, and a quarterly update on wider mental health issues.

Primary Care Assessment and Treatment Centre

The Board received a presentation regarding the future of the Primary Care Assessment and Treatment Centre (PCAT) located in Rowley Regis.

Whilst the concept of the centre is considered “leading edge” by a number of reviews, the service has struggled to reach the level of activity originally estimated. This is despite expanding the original scope of the facility and continued efforts to promote it to GPs, out of hours services, West Midlands Ambulance Service, patients and community providers.

In February 2016 the Clinical Commissioning Group therefore took to decision to end the pilot in September, 2016, as its continued underuse has not delivered value for money.

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

25 August, 2016

Never Events – Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust

The Board noted a report from Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Hospitals Trust’s Chief Executive on the Trust’s response to four “Never Events” that have occurred in 2015/2016.

“Never Events” are serious incidents that occur within a medical environment that are completely preventable from happening. The Trust continues to be amongst the NHS’s highest reporters of Never Events, and the highest in West Midlands. Most of the events relate to surgical procedures, which is consistent with those reported nationally.

The Board was assured that “Never Events” are taken extremely seriously and reported to the Trust’s Public Board, where the entire team involved in the surgical procedure attends and is held to account. The detail of the three events that have occurred in 2016 was discussed, none of which resulted in any harm to patients, along with the actions taken to reduce the likelihood of the same thing happening again.

Members of the Board were invited - and accepted the invitation - to attend an unannounced theatre inspection to observe the procedures that have been implemented.

The Board feels that there is a role for the commissioning body in responding to these events and challenging the provider and an invitation has been extended to the Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group to attend the Board’s next meeting to explore this.

Re-Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements

The Board confirmed the re-establishment of joint scrutiny arrangements with Birmingham City Council and Wolverhampton City Council.

Work Programme 2016/2017

The Board discussed its work programme for 2016/2017 and resolved that the following items be considered:-

- Expenditure of Public Health money in the six towns - Vice-Chair (Councillor Lloyd) to lead on.
- Aids and adaptations Vice-Chair (Councillor Lloyd) to lead on.
- Female genital mutilation and its implications in adulthood Vice-Chair (Councillor Jarvis) to lead on.
- Self harm Vice-Chair (Councillor Jarvis) to lead on.
- Access to mental health services and transition from children's services to adult's services.
- Better Care Fund update.
- Sustainability and Transformation Plans.
- Access to adult care services.

Councillor Yvonne Davies

Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board