

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday 25 May 2012.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Roger Kimber

Councillors:

p Ann Buckley	p Eric Neal
p Alan Dowden	p Jackie Porter
p Jane Frankum	p David Simpson
p Michael Geddes	p Patricia Stallard
p Mark Kemp-Gee	p Pat West
p Pam Mutton	

Also in attendance Councillor Felicity Hindson, MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care.

83. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

84. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally at the time of the debate declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

There were no declarations of interest made.

85. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held 16 January 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

86. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

It was announced that a change in Chairman had occurred since the last meeting of the Committee. Councillor Pat West had stepped down from the role, and Councillor Liz Fairhurst now held the responsibility. Members congratulated the new Chairman and thanked Councillor Pat West for her work over the previous four years.

87. **MENTAL HEALTH JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Adult Services on the Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy, as well as an overview of the forces and veterans pathway.

(Take in presentation)

Members heard:

- That the Mental Health Joint Commissioning strategy, a joint document produced by Hampshire County Council Adult Services and NHS Hampshire would be formally launched on 6 June 2012.
- That the government published the policy guidance 'No Health without Mental Health' in February 2011, which focuses on the importance of freedom, fairness and responsibility. This document had provided national policy context for Hampshire's Adult Mental Health strategy over the next five years.
- That the consultation around the mental health joint commissioning strategy showed complete consensus from key stakeholders on the priorities for the future contained in the joint strategy.
- That the term 'recovery' in mental health services refers to service users being central to determining the quality of their lives and the necessary support and care needed to achieve this., The term 'co-production' refers to service users being involved in organisations so that there is direct involvement of them in both the management and delivery of the services. Measurable outcomes for a good mental health service should be based on those that the patient outlines as being most important to them living an independent life.
- That the commissioning strategy doesn't focus on the delivery of new mental health services, but discusses new ways current services can be delivered incorporating recovery, personalisation and an outcome-based focus. Adult Services and NHS Hampshire would continue to work closely with providers to develop such services.
- That each Clinical Commissioning Group area of Hampshire will have a mental health 'wellbeing network', which would see local representatives of key organisations, services users and carers being involved

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- with commissioners in the development of services.
- That Adult Services and NHS Hampshire were currently agreeing contracts with organisations in the Independent sector, following a tendering process, to provide six 'Wellbeing Centres' across the County.
- That those service users with severe mental health needs will continue to receive services and plan their care through Mental Health NHS providers such as Southern Health and Surrey and Borders Partnership. Local secondary care mental health services had undergone transformations recently; reducing acute bed-based care to a model providing intensive community based treatment, and this was reflected in the strategy.
- That work was ongoing with colleagues in Clinical Commissioning Groups in order to ensure equal access across the County to psychological therapy services.
- That a covenant had recently been signed by Hampshire County Council to emphasis support to the armed services. As part of this, joint work was taking place with NHS Hampshire building on Hampshire as a Department of Health pilot for veteran support and the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust are hosting a court diversion and peer mentoring scheme for ex-service personnel.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the forces and veterans mental health pathway focused on providing support and services for all armed forces personnel in Hampshire, but that the most activity had been seen from the Army.
- That a strategic priority for 2012/13 was to work with providers and other stakeholders on long-term conditions and to continue to develop early intervention.
- That the strategy's Implementation Board would be able to evaluate and make changes to the key priorities and outcomes throughout the five-year period.
- That Adult Services and NHS Hampshire would be working to strengthen the current good working relationship with the Police, and in future the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- That the six 'Wellbeing Centres' will enable walk-in referrals.

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88. **CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AND POLICY UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of

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Adult Services on the Health and Social Care Act and its impact on local government in England.

(Take in presentation)

Members heard:

- That the five Clinical Commissioning Groups in the Hampshire County Council boundary area were currently focusing on the arrangements for their organisations, but some were beginning to take on early commissioning responsibilities.
- That the average Clinical Commissioning Group population was circa 200,000 people. West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group were the largest, and Fareham and Gosport Clinical Commissioning Group the smallest.
- That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board was currently meeting in shadow form, with the first public meeting scheduled to take place on 5 July 2012. That the Board would enable partnership working between all health and social care commissioners in the County, and as such, would be the only place where total health and social care spend could be subject to overview.
- That as Public Health begins to transfer into local government, it will be important that the promotion of public health becomes part of everyday service provision for Hampshire County Council.
- That local HealthWatch will take on the responsibilities of the local involvement network, plus advocacy and information signposting services

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the Clinical Commissioning Group area borders were decided by the GPs and clinicians in those areas.
- That Hampshire County Council would be working closely with District and Borough councils around locally provided areas of Public Health, such as environmental health, leisure and other wellbeing related services.
- That District and Borough Councils will have a representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will continue to hold the health scrutiny function on behalf of Hampshire County Council. The role of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to provide a strategic overview of commissioned health and social care services.

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89. **DEMENTIA IN HAMPSHIRE**

That an evaluation of the

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Adult Services on the 'Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia' and, in addition, the plans for developing a more 'dementia-friendly' Hampshire and putting in place a 'dementia advisor service' across the County.

(Take in report and presentation)

Members heard:

- That the 'Living well with dementia: a National Dementia Strategy' had been published 2009, but the Prime Minister's recent challenge on this topic had brought renewed interest to the area.
- That as part of the implementation of the National Dementia Strategy, Hampshire were a national demonstrator site for developing a dementia advisor service in the Andover area. The national evaluation of the demonstrator sites will be published in September 2012. A local evaluation of the pilot had been positive.
- That the Prime Minister's challenge mirrored some of the national policies already in existence, but gave an additional priority to implementation as he will personally be monitoring progress. The key elements of the challenge were quality of care, developing dementia friendly communities and additional funding for research.
- That Adult Services were working with NHS providers and GPs to seek earlier diagnosis for service users, so that individuals and their families can decide at an earlier stage how they wish to live their lives. The aim of the dementia advisory service is to enable individuals to do this. Following the success of the pilot site, the service is now being rolled out across Hampshire and will be in place by 1 October 2012.
- That there can be a stigma associated with dementia and the presentation of its symptoms. The aim of the 'dementia friendly communities' scheme would be to help counter this, and improve access to local non-health and social care services through the use of a toolkit.
- That the 'Dementia Action Alliance' is a group of organisations that have signed a statement setting out how they plan to contribute to positive outcomes for service users with dementia accessing their services. That Hampshire County Council would be looking to put in place a similar 'Alliance' agreement across the County.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the 'Dementia Advisory Service' is an information service, rather than a provider of mental health services. It will be a point of continuity for individuals with a dementia diagnosis.
- That the Executive Member for Adult Services would be considering a grant for 'Village Agents', a scheme

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provided by Age Concern, which would look to signpost older people in villages with information around all the people services.

- That HantsDirect is an important point of contact for Councillors to signpost their constituents to, as it is able to provide information on both Adult and Children's care services.

RESOLVED:

That an evaluation of the 'dementia friendly Hampshire' project be brought to the Committee, when available.

90. **ADULT SAFEGUARDING**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Adult Services detailing the biannual update on adult safeguarding.
(Take in report and presentation)

Members heard:

- That Hampshire County Council have been assured by central government that adult safeguarding responsibilities will remain the responsibility of local authorities.
- That Adult Services were working with mental health providers in Hampshire regarding referrals to adult safeguarding teams.
- That referrals to the adult safeguarding team had seen a generally increasing trend, but there were hopes that this was beginning to plateau. The only client area with a steady increase in referrals was Learning Disabilities.
- That adult safeguarding referrals from nursing and residential care homes now accounted for the largest proportion of overall cases.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the Adult Safeguarding Board were looking to procure an independent Chairman.
- That the independence of the new Board will mean that the various agencies should be held to account in a more robust manner.

RESOLVED:

That the next adult safeguarding update is provided to the Select Committee in November 2012.

91. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive presented the work programme (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

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That the Committee's work programme be approved
subject to the issues raised at the meeting.

Chairman, 20 July 2012