

AT A MEETING of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the castle, Winchester on Tuesday,
18th January, 2022

Chairman:

* Councillor Bill Withers Lt Col (Retd)

* Councillor Ann Briggs	* Councillor Neville Penman
* Councillor Nick Adams-King	a Councillor Lance Quantrill
* Councillor Pamela Bryant	* Councillor Kim Taylor
* Councillor Rod Cooper	* Councillor Andy Tree
a Councillor Tonia Craig	* Councillor Jackie Branson
a Councillor Debbie Curnow-Ford	a Councillor Graham Burgess
* Councillor Alan Dowden	* Councillor Tim Groves
* Councillor David Harrison	
* Councillor Adam Jackman	
* Councillor Lesley Meenaghan	
* Councillor Sarah Pankhurst	

*Present

Co-opted members

*Councillor Cynthia Garton
*Councillor Julie Butler
*Councillor Diane Andrews
a Councillor Karen Hamilton

Also present with the agreement of the Chairman: Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Debbie Curnow-Ford. Councillor Jackie Branson as the Conservative standing deputy, was in attendance in their place. Apologies were also received from Councillor Lance Quantrill and apologies from the second Conservative standing deputy Councillor Burgess.

Apologies were received from Councillor Tonia Craig. Councillor Groves as the Liberal Democrat standing deputy, was in attendance in their place.

Apologies were also received from co-opted member Councillor Cllr Karen Hamilton.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a

personal interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

No declarations were made.

46. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) held on 23 November 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

47. DEPUTATIONS

The Committee did not receive any deputations.

48. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

SP23 Working Group

The Chairman invited Councillor Penman, Chairman of the SP23 Working Group, to give an update on the work of the group. It was reported that the SP23 Social Inclusion and Grants HASC Working Group had progressed well over the past 3 months, meeting 3 times with the last meeting being the day before, with good attendance at all times, and very open and robust Member and Officer engagement and discussion throughout.

Budget Items at this Meeting

The Chairman reminded the co-opted Members on the Committee that under the Scheme of Voting Rights for Co-opted Members of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, their role on this committee includes being able to 'exercise a vote in considering items of business relating to the planning, provision and operation of the Health Service in the County Council's area.' Voting rights did not apply in relation to any other business considered by the HASC. Therefore, the co-opted members did not have a vote on Items 9 and 10 of this meeting's agenda as the subject of these items was the County Council's budget.

Frimley Park Hospital Plans for re-development

A briefing had been circulated to HASC Members on 30th December regarding notification that Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust were in the early stages of plans to replace the hospital building at Frimley. As residents in the north of Hampshire use Frimley services the HASC will wish to keep informed on this topic, particularly as the HASC is already aware of the plans of Hampshire Hospitals to build a new hospital in the coming years.

Opening of new Detox Service

The Dame Carol Detoxification Service was opened in Fareham on the 11th of January 2022 by Dame Carol Black, author of the 2021 Government commissioned independent review of national drug policy. National funding had been made available to fund this new residential unit for people requiring intensive support to reduce severe dependence on alcohol or drugs.

The nine-bed unit will serve patients in the South and South East England and will be managed by a specialist substance misuse treatment provider, Inclusion, part of the Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and Two Saints. Two Saints offers housing and support to people who are homeless, vulnerable or at risk of becoming homeless.

The unit will accept referrals from 20 Local Authority areas across the South of England – with Hampshire County Council acting as lead commissioner for the service - and will provide medically-managed, 24 hour detox support to those aged 18 and over with an acute drug or alcohol dependence issue. Providing this type of support will help to reduce the need for emergency hospital admissions through the offer of planned, structured treatment.

49. **COVID 19 UPDATE**

The Committee received a joint report from the Director of Adults' Health and Care, Director of Public Health and Chief Executive of the Hampshire Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group, on the ongoing response to the pandemic in Hampshire (see Item 6 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that infection levels were high but stabilising. Numbers of infections was higher than January 2021 but the number of hospitalisations was lower. Staff sickness in the NHS was around 7% compared to a norm of 5%, so had not increased as much as had been feared. There remained demand pressure across the system.

It was a government requirement that community social workers be vaccinated against Covid by the 1st of April, so the Adults Health and Care Department were working on what was needed in response to this requirement.

Members asked questions and heard:

- The impact on the NHS of supporting those with long covid was as yet unquantified
- Those remaining resistant to having the vaccine was often due to lack of trust in it and mis information.
- The estimate remained that the pandemic would be in the endemic phase by summer 2022, however new variants could develop and change the picture
- While immunity from the vaccine wanes over time, the evidence suggested prevention of hospitalisation was sustained for longer

RESOLVED:

The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee note the update.

50. **ISSUES RELATING TO THE PLANNING, PROVISION AND/OR OPERATION OF HEALTH SERVICES**

a) Stage 2 Independent Investigation Report – Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust

The Committee considered a report from the Hampshire Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group and a report from the Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust on the response to the Stage 2 Independent Investigation Report into Southern Health (see Item 7a Appendix 1 and 2 in the Minute Book).

An Independent Investigation had been undertaken into the cases of five people who died in Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust's care between 2011 and 2015. The Trust accepted the findings of the stage 1 report and issued an unreserved apology to the families concerned. The report from stage 2 was published in September 2021 and the Trust Board had accepted the recommendations and approved an action plan to respond to the areas identified.

Members asked questions and heard:

- The Trust were engaging with Hampshire Healthwatch, who would take account of the Independent Review Report in planning their work. The Trust was likely to commission them to undertake pieces of work. Anything Healthwatch produce would be published on their website
- The Integrated Care System (ICS) would be developing an overarching plan to monitor quality issues at providers which would be monitored at the ICS Quality Board. The new approach would include triangulating evidence from other sources so as not to be reliant on information from the provider
- Options for mediation with the bereaved families had been explored but had been unsuccessful. Any process would need to have a clear outcome to aim for that all parties could agree upon. In some cases, the families had already been through other routes such as the Ombudsman
- The Trust would be launching a Carers and Patients Support Hub to improve upon the existing Patient Advisory and Liaison Service
- Improvements would be measured by independent inspections by regulators and satisfaction of families when issues arise. The triangle of care was being implemented
- The Trust were looking to increase staffing in quality improvement

RESOLVED:

1. The Committee notes the actions the Trust has set out it intends to take in response to the recommendations made in the Independent Investigation Report.
2. The Committee request that the Trust attend the HASC meeting on 8 March 2022 to provide an update on implementation of the actions with a target completion date of the end of January and end of February.
3. The Committee request that the HS&IOW CCG/HS&IOW ICS attend the HASC meeting on 27 September 2022 to provide an update on the steps they have taken to assure themselves that the Trust has made the

required improvements, and progress with strengthening mental health and learning disability service delivery in the new ICS structure.

b) Development of Integrated Care Systems in Hampshire

The Committee considered a report from the Hampshire Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group and the Frimley Clinical Commissioning Group on progress with moving to Integrated Care Systems (ICS) covering the Hampshire population (see Item 7b Appendix 3 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that the anticipated date for the move to ICS's had been delayed from April 2021 to July 2021. Governance of the ICS includes an Integrated Care Board (ICB) which would be NHS focused. The ICB would allocate the NHS Funding for the area, including commissioning services that had previously been commissioned at a national or regional level such as dentistry and ophthalmology. There would also be an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) including wider partners such as local authorities with a remit to work on the wider socio economic influences on health.

Members asked questions and heard:

- Local place arrangements would remain important and some work would remain at locality level
- The ICP is joint between the NHS and Local Authorities so would need to be agreed collectively. The ICB was required to have Local Authority representation. Who to nominate to the Local Authority positions was under discussion with partners. Members commented that there were a large number of local authorities involved and only a small number of seats available on the relevant ICBs. The ICPs would have a potentially large membership from a range of bodies. Members were concerned that enabling the voice of the Local Authorities to be commensurate with their impact on health would be a challenge
- Members also commented on the importance of the voice of patients and service users, which could be through elected representatives, and this didn't appear to have been considered
- Part of the role of the ICS would be to look at prevention of ill health

RESOLVED:

1. The Committee request that commissioners attend the HASC meeting on 5 July 2022 to provide an update on implementation of Integrated Care Systems in Hampshire.
2. That this update include further detail on the governance structures as part of the ICS and how this is anticipated to relate to existing parts of the system including health scrutiny and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

51. PROPOSALS TO VARY SERVICES

Southern Health: Adult Forensic Ward Upgrade

The Chief Executive of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust presented a report on the temporary re-location of patients to enable building works (see

report, Item 8a and Appendix 1 in the Minute Book). Members heard that the building works would include creating a safe seclusion unit that meets modern standards, improving on the current space for this.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee support the temporary re-location of patients from Oak Ward at Southfield to Ashhurst Ward at Ravenswood.
2. That the Committee be notified when the works have been completed and patients returned to Oak Ward.

b) Abbey Ward Update

The Chief Executive of Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust presented a report providing an update on the creation of a new 10 bed female psychiatric intensive care unit (see report, Item 8b and Appendix 2 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee be notified when a date for the new ward opening is confirmed.

52. **REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 ADULTS' HEALTH AND CARE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care, Director of Public Health and Director Of Corporate Operations regarding the proposed revenue budget for 2022/23 for the Adults Health and Care Department, prior to decision by the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health on 18 January 2022 (see item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members heard that savings to be achieved in order to balance the budget in 2023 had already been agreed by Council in November 2021 so these proposals did not contain any new savings proposals. A one year settlement for local government had been announced by the government in December 2021; funding in future years would be subject to changes in the formula used for allocating the funding which was subject to a survey in Spring 2022.

The Adults Health and Care Department faced a number of challenges to meet the budget requirements, including delivery of outstanding savings from previous transformation programmes, workforce/recruitment challenges and care cost increases. It was also anticipated that the care cap announced by the government would impact local authorities negatively. Hampshire was offering to be a pilot area for the changes as an opportunity to evidence the implications and inform implementation.

Councillor Harrison proposed that the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee not support the proposed budget, to make a statement that the funding being provided by government was not sustainable going forwards to deliver the required services. This was put to the vote but not carried (4 for and 7 against). The recommendation as written in the report was put to the vote and carried (8 for and 3 against), and therefore it was:

RESOLVED:

That, in regards to the revenue budget for Adults' Health and Care, the Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health.

53. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 TO 2024/25 ADULTS' HEALTH AND CARE**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adults' Health and Care and Director of Corporate Operations regarding the proposed capital programme for Adults Health and Care, prior to decision by the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health on 18 January 2022 (see Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The recommendation as written in the covering report was put to the vote and carried (9 for and 3 against), therefore it was:

RESOLVED:

That, in regards to the capital programme for Adults' Health and Care, the Select Committee supports the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health.

54. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive's representative presented the Committee's work programme (see Item 11 in the Minute Book).

Councillor Tree requested an update on the Whitehill and Bordon Health Hub for the May 2022 meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's work programme be approved, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

Chairman,