

COUNCIL MEETING, 18 JULY 2024

REPORT OF THE

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

PART II

1. SUMMARY AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- 1.1. This report provides an update on the work of Hampshire County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee from April 2023 to March 2024.
- 1.2. For 2023-24, the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee held the Local Government statutory responsibility for health scrutiny powers. These powers are intended to ensure that decisions about health services are taken with due regard to the people affected. The legislative framework within which the Committee functioned in this year allowed Members to consider any aspect of health that affects the population of Hampshire. It also placed very specific duties on the NHS with regard to consultation, information and responses to any recommendations made by the Committee.
- 1.3. The Committee was a statutory consultee on any potential substantial change being considered by the NHS. In January 2024 the power to refer contested decisions about health services to the Secretary of State for Health was removed. However, the Committee can instead write to request (via a call-in request form) that the Secretary of State consider calling in a proposal.
- 1.4. In accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council, the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee also focuses on how the County Council is contributing to delivering the Wellbeing agenda for adults' social care; promoting independence and quality of life for older people; healthy and safe families; Public Health; the integration of Health and Care services and relevant financial management.

2. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The annual report of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee is appended to this report.

COUNCILLOR BILL WITHERS
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2023 to March 2024

Select Committee: Health and Adult Social Care (HASC)

Report of Chairman: Councillor Bill Withers

1. Statutory Duties Undertaken: Scrutiny of Proposals to Develop or Vary Health Services in Hampshire: *(brackets indicate the meeting at which the topic was considered)*

- Whitehall & Bordon Health and Wellbeing Hub Update (June 2023 and January 2024)
- Building Better Emergency Care Programme (May 23)
- Proposal to create an Elective Hub (May 2023, March 2024)
- Redesign of inpatient older persons mental health services (June 2023)
- Integrated Primary Care Access Service (June 2023)
- Pressures facing Ford Ward (a recovery and rehabilitation ward for people who have had a stay in an acute hospital for an injury or illness), Fordingbridge Hospital (Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust) (September 2023)
- Project Fusion: Recommendation to create a new Community and Mental Health Trust (the new Trust will be comprised of all the services currently provided by Solent NHS Trust and Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, the community, mental health and learning disability services provided by Isle of Wight NHS Trust and child and adolescent mental health services delivered in parts of Hampshire by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) (November 2023)
- Crowlin House (a social care residential care home in Calmore) (November 2023)
- Replacement of Frimley Park Hospital (November 2023, March 2024)
- Urgent Care (March 2024)
- Changes to hospital discharge/winter pressures (September 2023)

2. Scrutiny of Issues relating to the planning, provision and/or operation of health services:

- Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections of NHS Trusts Serving the population of Hampshire: Mental Health Inpatient Units (Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust) received a “requires improvement” rating (June 2023 and update September 2023)
- South Central Ambulance Service (November 2023)
- Acute Services Partnership (Portsmouth and Isle of Wight) (November 2023)
- Maternity Services (January 2024)
- Winter Plan update (January 2024)
- Primary Care Access (January 2024 and March 2024)
- Primary Care Networks (January 2024)

3. Pre decision scrutiny

- Savings Programme to 2025 Revenue Savings Proposals (September 2023) following scrutiny, the majority of the Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member
- Adults Health and Care Department Capital Programme and Revenue Budget for 2024/2025 (January 2024), the majority of the Committee supported the recommendations to the Executive Lead Member
- HCC Care Older Adults Portfolio Proposed Service Changes (January 2024), the Committee unanimously supported the recommendations of the Working Group that had considered the issue in detail, supporting the closure of a number of care homes

4. Call-In: of Significant Executive Decisions:

There were no Call-Ins of any executive decisions in this period.

5. Referrals: Autism Services Commissioning referred by Children & Young People Select Committee (March 2024)

6. Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:

- Update on Development and Implementation of Integrated Care Systems (May 23)
- Adult Safeguarding Annual Report (November 2023)
- The work of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Annual Report considered November 2023)
- Dentistry and Community Pharmacies Performance Monitoring (September 2023)

7. Working Groups

In July 2023 the Committee established a Working Group on Care Service Proposals. This reported to the Committee in January 2024 when the Care Service Proposals were pre-scrutinised.

In November 2023 the Committee established a Working Group on the SP25 Savings Proposals under Adults' Health and Care subject to Stage 2 Consultation. This Working Group continued into summer 2024 to input to pre-scrutiny of the proposals later in 2024.

8. Joint Committees:

The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Hampshire Together proposals affecting hospitals in Winchester and Basingstoke continued in 2023/24, holding meetings in September and October 2023. This Joint Committee will continue into 2024.

Following consideration of proposals regarding replacing the Frimley Park Hospital due to Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC), the Committee agreed to form a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Surrey County Council and Bracknell Forest Council to scrutinise the proposals. This Joint Committee held its first meeting in May 2024 and will continue later in 2024.

9. Work Programme Topics:

The following topics feature on the Select Committee's Work Programme for 2024/25:

- Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections of NHS Trusts Serving the population of Hampshire
- Adults Health and Care Department budget (January 2025)
- Savings Programme 2025 Proposals (September 2024)
- Adult safeguarding (November 2024)
- Health and Wellbeing Board (November 2024)
- NHS 111 (November 2024)
- Development of integrated care systems (ICS) (January 2025)
- Dental Services (January 2025)
- Primary Care Access (October 2024)
- Strategic Review of Primary Care Networks in North Hampshire (September 2024)
- Proposal to create an Elective Hub (January 2025)
- Changes to hospital discharge/winter pressures (September 2024)

Further details available via the reports and minutes of the meetings of the Select Committee: [Browse meetings - Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee | About the Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)