

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Health and Social Care Select Committee
PART II

15. SUMMARY AND LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

- 15.1 This report provides an update on the work of Hampshire County Council's Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee from April 2016 to March 2017.
- 15.2 For 2016-17, 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.
- 15.3 The Committee was a statutory consultee on any potential substantial change being considered by the NHS, and had the power to refer contested decisions about health services to the Secretary of State for Health, or Monitor for Foundation Trusts.
- 15.4 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; adult 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.

16. WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

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

COUNCILLOR ROGER HUXSTEP
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Scrutiny Annual Report: April 2016 to March 2017

Select Committee: Health and Adult Social Care

Report of Chairman: Councillor Roger Huxstep

1. **In-depth or Light Touch Reviews undertaken / outcomes being monitored:**
N/A

2. **Statutory Duties Undertaken (actions, monitoring and information on proposals to develop or vary services) have included:**

a) Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and West Hampshire CCG: Dorset Clinical Services Review:

Three members of the HASC were appointed by County Council in line with proportionality to a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) on the Dorset Clinical Services review.

The JHOSC has met four times in 2016/17, to consider initial proposals and the consultation on the Dorset Clinical Services review. Representations have been made by Hampshire at these meetings in support of the preferred proposal of the CCG. Meetings also consider parallel reviews of community and mental health services in Dorset which do not affect Hampshire residents.

The Committee's representatives will continue to contribute to this work, with the JHOSC due to meet to consider the CCG's final proposals, once available.

3. **Responses to Health Inquiries received have included:**

3.1 Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Outcome and Monitoring

a) *Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust:*

The Committee have continued to monitor the progress of the Trust through briefings outside of the main meetings.

b) *Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust:*

Members received details of the Trust's re-inspection of Urgent Care, which followed the previous rating of 'Inadequate'. Robust questioning of the Trust was held, and the actions to be taken by the Trust, its commissioning partners and other organisations were considered. The Committee further considered the item after a further re-inspection determined urgent care to be 'requires improvement'. This item is still subject to the Committee's monitoring.

b) *Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust:*

Southern Health presented an update report on the progress against the recommendations made by the CQC during their inspection of the Trust's services. Commentary was also heard by the Committee on the Trust's

changes to the Executive Board throughout 2016/17, and received the outcomes of the previous Chair's capability review of the Board.

The Committee also reviewed the re-inspection of the Trust's Adult Mental Health services, following the Mazars report. Members heard that specific issues had been raised through this inspection in relation to the safety of patients at Kingsley ward at Melbury Lodge, whereby it was requested to make significant improvements to protect patients from risks posed by some of the mental health ward environments. Also raised was the need to implement effective governance arrangements to ensure robust investigation and learning from incidents, including deaths, to reduce future risks to patients

These items are still subject to the Committee's monitoring.

3.2 Mazars Report Reviewing Deaths of People with a Learning Disability or Mental Health Problem in Contact with Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust April 2011 to March 2015

The Committee originally considered this item in February 2016 and have held a programme of scrutiny since this time to ensure that the recommendations and actions from the report are fully implemented. This includes reviewing the report the Trust commissioned to understand how Southern Health can improve the experience of family involvement in the investigation of service user deaths. The Committee have been positive about the progress made by the Trust and its partners in relation to the report so far.

Since this time, a new Executive Board is in place led by an Interim Chief Executive, and a permanent Chair has been recruited. Members continue to review this item.

3.3 Temporary and Permanent Closures or Restriction of Hours of Services

a) Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Andover Minor Injuries Unit

The Committee reviewed proposals to temporarily reduce the hours of the Minor Injuries Unit in Andover War Memorial Hospital due to issues safely staffing the Unit. The Committee resolved to monitor staffing issues relating to temporary changes. This item is still subject to the Committee's monitoring.

b) Solent NHS Trust: Move of the Kite Unit

A report was presented on the proposed move of the Kite Unit, and neuropsychiatric unit in St James Hospital, Portsmouth, to the Western Community Hospital, Southampton. The reason for the move was to locate the service in a fit-for-purpose unit, and to co-locate it with Snowden ward, which was part of Solent's neuropsychiatric service offering. Members reviewed supporting information, and agreed to support the move.

c) Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Temporary Closure of Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit

Members reviewed the temporary move of some patients from Antelope House to the Huntercombe Unit, a private Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit in Roehampton, whilst the Trust were experiencing significant difficulties in safely staffing Antelope House. Details of staffing models, efforts made to recruit to posts and other contributing factors were considered. The Committee resolved to support this temporary move and to receive monitoring updates throughout. The Committee were notified of the unit's reopening in March 2017 following successful recruitment exercises. This item is still subject to the Committee's monitoring.

d) *Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust: Temporary Closure of Melbury Lodge*

Members reviewed the temporary move of some patients from Melbury Lodge, Winchester, to the Woodhaven Unit in the New Forest and the Priory Hospital in Southampton, whilst the Trust were undergoing building works required by the Care Quality Commission to make the Unit a safe environment. The Committee resolved to support this temporary move and to receive monitoring updates throughout. The building works proceeded on time, and the Committee were notified of the Unit's reopening in March 2017.

e) *West Hampshire CCG and Friarsgate Practice: permanent closure of Kings Worthy branch surgery*

A report was presented on the proposed closure of the Kings Worthy branch surgery of the Friarsgate Practice, Winchester. Members heard the views of local County Councillors, and considered consultation feedback. Members, as well as requesting additional information and making representations to the Executive Member for Environment and Transport regarding public bus transport, noted the decision to permanently close the Kings Worthy branch surgery. This item is still subject to the Committee's monitoring.

4. **Pre-scrutiny of Significant Executive Decisions:**

a) Adult Services: Outcomes of Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Paying for Care Policy

The Committee scrutinised the outcomes of the consultation held on the proposed changes to the County Council's 'paying for care' policy, pre-scrutinising the proposals prior to a decision of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care. Following questioning, debate and discussion, the Committee supported the recommendations but resolved to the Executive Member that the changes should be delayed until January 2017, so that all changes to the policy would begin at the same time.

5. **Call-in of Significant Executive Decisions:** N/A

6. **Referrals:** N/A

7. **Scrutiny of Budgets and Performance:**

a) Revenue Budget for Public Health 2017/18

The Committee reviewed the revenue budget for Public Health, and resolved to support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Health and Public Health.

b) Revenue Budget for Adult Services 2017/18

Capital Programme for Adult Services 2017-18 – 2019/20

The Committee reviewed the revenue and capital budgets for Adult Services, and resolved to support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Adult Services.

8. **Policy Review:**

Framework for Assessing Substantial Change

The Committee reviewed the framework by which they ask NHS bodies and providers of NHS services to consider potential substantial changes in service. A number of minor amendments were made to meet Regulations, and the document was agreed.

9. **Questioning and exploring areas of interest and concern:**

- Adult Safeguarding
- Frimley Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- Mental Health services
- Monitoring of Adult Services decisions – John Darling Mall
- South Central Ambulance Service – performance monitoring
- South East Coast Ambulance Service – performance monitoring
- System Resilience
- Transforming Care Partnership

10. **Upcoming topics:** The following topics feature on the Select Committee's Work Programme:

- Adult Safeguarding
- Ambulance Performance
- Andover Minor Injuries Unit monitoring (monitoring item)
- Budget Scrutiny
- Antelope House Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (monitoring item)
- Care Quality Commission inspections of NHS Trusts serving the population of Hampshire
- Dorset Clinical Services review
- Frimley Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability and Transformation Plan
- Mazars review (monitoring item)
- North and Mid-Hampshire 'new models of care' clinical services review
- Transforming Care Partnership
- West Surrey Stroke Services