

SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, NHS)

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

PRESENT: Councillor P Gruen in the Chair

Councillors C Anderson, C Dobson,
M Dobson, B Flynn, J Pryor, B Selby,
A Smart, P Truswell and S Varley

Co-opted Member: Dr J Beal (Healthwatch Leeds)

30 Late Items

There were no late items.

31 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared to the meeting, however the following matter was brought to the attention of the Scrutiny Board for information:

- Councillor M Dobson advised that he was Manager of a Neighbourhood Network.

Councillor M Dobson remained present for the duration of the meeting.

32 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Chapman and A Hussain. Notification had been received that Councillor C Dobson was to substitute for Councillor A Hussain.

33 Minutes - 26 July 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

34 Matters arising from the minutes of Scrutiny Board

Minute No. 22 – Chair's Update

The Chair reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Kidney Transport Sub Group, which included representatives from Yorkshire Ambulance Service, Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Leeds North CCG. It was requested that an urgent further report be submitted by 15 September to consider a detailed recovery plan.

Minute No. 25 – Better Lives Strategy in Leeds (progress update) – draft response

The Chair advised that the Scrutiny Board's response to the Better Lives Strategy in Leeds had been submitted to the Director of Adult Social Care, who is due to report to the September Executive Board. It was anticipated that the Scrutiny Board reviewed the strategy after the meeting.

35 Minutes of Executive Board - 27 July 2016

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Executive Board meeting held on 27 July 2016, be noted.

36 Matters arising from the minutes of Executive Board

Minute No. 55 – Overview of the Health and Care Sustainability and Transformation Plans

One Member sought clarification regarding the Board's role in scrutinising sustainability and transformation plans. The Chair advised that draft plans had been submitted to NHS England and were due to be published in September / October. Consultation on the plans was anticipated to take place following publication. It was reported that initial scrutiny of the plans was to be undertaken by the West Yorkshire Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Board also discussed scrutinising the implications for Leeds dependent on the Board's workload and associated capacity.

37 Scrutiny Inquiry - Men's Health in Leeds

The Head of Scrutiny submitted a report which introduced details associated with the 'State of Men's Health in Leeds' report, published earlier in the year, and identified as a specific area for inquiry.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Men's Health Briefing Note
- Leeds Beckett University – The State of Men's Health in Leeds: A Summary
- Centre for Public Scrutiny – Men Behaving Badly? Ten questions council scrutiny can ask about men's health
- Centre for Public Scrutiny – Checking the Nation's Health – The Value of Council Scrutiny.

The following were in attendance:

- Professor Alan White, Founder and Co-director of the Centre for Men's Health, Leeds Beckett University
- Dr Amanda Seims, Centre for Men's Health, Leeds Beckett University
- Tim Taylor, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager, Public Health.

The Chair invited officers and representatives to introduce the report and highlight key areas as follows:

Professor Alan White

- There were high levels of premature death amongst men in parts of the city. Men were more likely to develop colon, pancreatic and brain cancer. Men were also more likely to develop respiratory problems.
- The impact of social determinants, e.g. unemployment and housing on men's health.
- Men were less likely to access health checks compared to women – research showed that men were more likely to quit drinking and smoking cessation sessions.

Tim Taylor, Health and Wellbeing Improvement Manager

- The report on men's health had resulted in changes to service specifications, e.g. changes to cancer, community health and healthy lives contracts.
- Potential opportunities to share findings with other scrutiny boards, e.g. employment and housing issues.

Dr Amanda Seims, Centre for Men's Health

- There was a lack of data about men's lifestyles compared to women, i.e. alcohol consumption and weight classifications.

The following key areas were discussed by the Board:

- More work needed seeking men's views about the issues identified in the report.
- Concern about inconsistencies across GPs surgeries in addressing men's health issues, undertaking health checks, etc.
- Identifying the reasons behind homelessness linked to mental health and the type of interventions in place.
- The role of the Board in sharing the findings of the report with CCGs and other key agencies and groups.
- Mental health issues – better education and social awareness needed about where to go for help.
- Improvements needed regarding access to men's health data across Leeds.
- Exploring alternative methods for undertaking men's health checks, e.g. in the workplace and other settings.
- Concern that there was no reference in the report to LGBT.
- Greater engagement needed with employers about men's health issues.
- Clarification needed regarding the extent to which the report had been embraced across the Council.

RESOLVED – That the issues raised as part of the Board's inquiry into Men's Health in Leeds, be noted.

38 Scrutiny Inquiry Reports: Update

The Head of Scrutiny submitted a report which presented an update on the scrutiny inquiry areas relating to the Third Sector and Primary Care.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Note of advice to the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) – Adult Social Care
- Draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – Involvement of the Third Sector in the provision of Health and Social Care Services across Leeds.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser the draft Scrutiny Inquiry Report – Involvement of the Third Sector in the provision of Health and Social Care Services across Leeds and the associated advice provided to the Scrutiny Board.

The Scrutiny Board discussed and agreed the draft report, subject to some additional wording to be inserted to provide clarification regarding outsourcing of services and taking account of advice from the Director of Adult Social Services.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser then gave a brief summary of the main themes discussed and considered by the Scrutiny Board as part of its inquiry around Primary Care.

The Scrutiny Board noted the verbal update provided and agreed to consider of summary of the themes to date and proposed next steps at its meeting in October 2016.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That subject to some additional wording to be inserted to provide clarification regarding outsourcing of services and taking account of advice from the Director of Adult Social Services the Board approves the draft report into Third Sector Involvement in the delivery of Health and Social Care Services across Leeds,
- (b) That the Board notes the update provided in relation to the inquiry around Primary Care, and that a summary of the themes and proposed next steps be presented for consideration at October 2016 meeting.

39 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4 October 2016 at 1.30pm (pre-meeting for all Board Members at 1.00pm)