

# WEST YORKSHIRE JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2020

**PRESENT:** Councillor H Hayden in the Chair

Councillors V Greenwood, C Hutchinson,  
G Latty and L Smaje

**28 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents**

There were no appeals against refusal of inspection of documents.

**29 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There were no exempt items.

**30 Late Items**

There were no formal late items. However, there was supplementary information in relation to the following:

- Item 8 Mental Health Programme (covering report)
- Item 9 West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership: Assessment and Treatment Units NHS England / Improvement assurance letter.

**31 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made.

**32 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**

Apologies for absence had been received from:

- Councillor Jim Clark – North Yorkshire County Council
- Councillor Andy Solloway – North Yorkshire County Council
- Councillor B Rhodes – Wakefield Council
- Councillor L Whitehouse – Wakefield Council

**33 Public Statements**

The Joint Committee received the following statements:

Dr John Puntis, Leeds Keep Our NHS Public – Made a representation on the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Improvement and Planned Care Programme. He raised concerns in relation to treatment access programmes which are modelled on the 17 evidence based interventions of NHS England. His view was that these were not evidence based in a way that was understood by all. He raised concerns that the 17 evidence based protocols were already causing issues and he referred to recent articles in the media.

Dr Puntis was of the opinion that it was import to include clinicians who know about procedures are involved with scrutinising recommendations. However in saying this he suggested that clinicians working in the private sector should not be used. He gave his reasons for this because the private sector was being increasing used for elective surgery procedures. He raised concerns in regard to the numbers of patients being treated within the private sector but

paid for by the NHS, and for the model of care in private hospitals where the surgeon is not employed by the hospital.

In relation to the Mental Health Programme Dr Puntis raised concerns that children were being left out of consideration of out of area care. His view was that children with learning disabilities and autism were being placed in appropriate facilities. He queried how many children were currently in appropriate facilities.

Gilder Peterson – Health Campaigner – Made a representation in relation to staffing issues. Although she liked the honesty of the Programme Board in relation to the workforce issues it highlighted serious issues of how the gap was going to be closed between ambition and implementation. Her concern was that the Government had no plans to increase the nursing staff in the area of learning disability and autism, especially as there was already a limited number of staff within the area of assessment and diagnosis of autism.

Ms Peterson queried how the Programme intended to recruit skilled staff and where the funding would come from. She said that her concern was that the multidisciplinary teams would become 'make do teams' if enough skilled staff could not be recruited.

The Chair thanked both for attending the meeting and for their observations and questions.

#### **34 Minutes - 19 November 2019**

The Joint Committee noted that positive comments had been received back from West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership and would be circulated to Members.

The draft 5 Year Strategy was available in a number of formats including summary, audio and could be accessed on the website. The Joint Committee noted that the 5 Year Strategy had remained in draft so that the new Government budget could be taken into consideration before implementation. **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019, be recorded as a correct record.

#### **35 Mental Health Programme**

The report of the Head of Democratic Services introduced a report from the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership regarding the Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme. The Partnership's report was attached as Appendix 2.

The Joint Committee had previously considered a report on the Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme at its meeting in February 2019. An extract of the minutes from that meeting were attached at Appendix 1.

In attendance at the meeting were:

- Helen Hirst – Chief Officer; Bradford City CCG, Bradford Districts CCG and Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG and Programme Accountable Officer
- Sara Munro – Chief Executive, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Senior Responsible Owner for the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme
- Karen Coleman – West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership Communication and Engagement Lead
- Steven Courtney – Principal Scrutiny Adviser

The Mental Health Programme Board Chair introduced the report, which identified the following:

- There is now a well-established Programme Board with representatives from across all the areas including commissioners, providers, voluntary and community sector, NHS England and co-opted members. The approach is including how to share best practice, where necessary how to standardise services and remodelling of services;
- In relation to Autism and ADHD this has been challenging area for both adults and children with demand outstripping resources. There is a need to increase resources and shared learning across each of the places. It was noted that there had been joint working to open pathways for referrals;
- Sought to access funding from NHS England to look at ways that people with autism to access crisis service and there is a research project for making services more accessible especially through digital means;
- Successful work done on suicide prevention securing national monies to spread across the whole of West Yorkshire, putting funding into community and third sector organisation for targeted work for those most at risk especially young males;
- Submitted wave three funding bid to further enhance support to at risk groups. This would be for West Yorkshire with money also available for each of the places;
- Committed to reducing children and young people going out of West Yorkshire area for treatment. Currently only provision available at one centre in West Yorkshire, however building work is now underway to provide another unit for children and young people at St Mary's Hospital in Armley to be completed next year and will provide a 22 bed unit for West Yorkshire and Harrogate. At the same time a pilot has been running with NHS England called New Care Models which seeks to reduce already the number of children that are going out of area. Numbers have been reduced by approximately 25%;
- Reported that all adult eating disorder placements are kept within the area, it was noted that there is a clear process in place to respond to choice. The money saved has been redirected within the communities and there is now a multi-disciplinary team in place across West Yorkshire;

- Complex rehabilitation in patient care currently has no provision for women in West Yorkshire and Harrogate. However for men there is provision within Leeds but this is not sufficient to meet the needs of all those referred. Work is currently ongoing to see how best to address this issue and provide a model that can address the care needs of those in West Yorkshire and Harrogate. Funding has been secured and this is one of the priority areas for the year ahead;
- Secondary Care Pathways for psychiatric care working towards people not having to go out of the area for treatment in the coming year.

The Joint Committee considered all the information provided and discussed a number of issues including:

- Diagnosis and support for adults with autism;
- The need for future reports to contain more finance details and timescales;
- Provision and support for children and young people going through transition and the need to bring services together across West Yorkshire to address issues before they reach crisis point and to tailor services for individual need;
- Provision and support needed in relation to sustainable housing and employment placements. The Joint Committee were advised that there was to be an event in March with housing providers from across Yorkshire to consider improvements in providing a safe housing placement based on work carried out in Wakefield. It was noted that individual support is provided in relation to employment and there is also targeted support such as that provided by the Leeds Anchor Programme;
- Performance data needs to be clear and transparent;
- Single access point for forensic mental health services;
- More information required for maternity services for those with learning disability and autism;
- The challenges of recruiting to skilled roles in mental health care;
- Request for lead officers to attend the next meeting from other places within West Yorkshire to include Calderdale, Kirklees and Wakefield.

In conclusion the Joint Committee were happy with the work to date and the progress of the Programme.

**RESOLVED – To:**

- a) Note the contents of the report and the supplementary information and the discussions held at the meeting.
- b) To note the request of the Joint Committee to receive further information on matters identified during discussions.
- c) To invite Leads from Calderdale, Wakefield and Kirklees to attend the next meeting when the next update report is heard.

**36 West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership: Assessment and Treatment Units**

The report of the Head of Democratic Services introduced an update on West Yorkshire Assessment and Treatment Units (ATU) for people with learning disabilities and sought the view of the Joint Committee on the proposals and the next steps including the presentation of the options, scope of further engagement/consultation and the decision-making process.

In attendance at the meeting were:

- Helen Hirst – Chief Officer; Bradford City CCG, Bradford Districts CCG and Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG and Programme Accountable Officer
- Sara Munro – Chief Executive, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and Senior Responsible Owner for the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme
- Andy Weir – Deputy Chief Operating Officer (Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust) and Senior Responsible Owner for the West Yorkshire ATU Project
- Karen Coleman – West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health Care Partnership Communication and Engagement Lead
- Steven Courtney – Principal Scrutiny Adviser

Councillor Jeff Ennis Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Barnsley MBC) had been invited to attend and participate in the consideration of this item due to Barnsley's inclusion within the boundary for the Assessment and Treatment Centres.

Additional information was tabled at the meeting in relation to Assessment and Treatment Unit Bed Usage.

The Joint Committee had considered a report on Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Programme at its meeting in February 2019. Assessment and Treatment Centres formed part of the Joint Committee's discussions at the February 2019 meeting. The Partnership report was attached to the submitted report at Appendix.

The Joint Committee was informed of the following points:

- Significant engagement work has already been undertaken;
- Work has been ongoing to reduce bed numbers in line with the recommended ATU beds per population. Beds in West Yorkshire and Barnsley have reduced from 22 to 16. The service was confident that it could deliver a good service with the reduced occupancy;
- There are currently 3 units within the West Yorkshire and Barnsley area but the proposal is to close the Leeds unit and provide the specialist care at units based in Bradford and Wakefield. It was noted that occupancy levels had significantly decreased at the Leeds ATU over the past 12 months. It was also noted that Bradford occupancy had remained at 100% with 50% of those users no longer requiring provision but remained there due to delayed transfers of care;

- There were concerns that staff from the Leeds unit would start to look elsewhere for jobs although it was anticipated that the Leeds staff could be used at the ATU's in Bradford and Wakefield.

Members' discussions focused on the following points:

- The number of beds across the two units;
- The number of staff required to ensure safety of both patients and staff;
- Community Services available across West Yorkshire;
- A Communication Plan which includes who engaging with, where and timeline of consultation period;
- Update on provision and any potential concerns to be provided to each place;
- Requirement if any of the setting up of a Mandatory JHOSC to include Barnsley.

The Chair said that she was disappointed that the Board as a stakeholder had not been informed early as to all the details of the ATU proposals. However, on discussions from a closed session of the Board during this meeting, the Board was prepared to go for formal consultation and not set up a Mandatory JHOSC. This was on the proviso that an update would be provided to each individual Board and should include any issues in relation to community offers in each place.

**RESOLVED** - To note the details presented in the covering report and within the appended reports.

The Board was also prepared to go forward with formal discussions rather than set up a Mandatory Board due to timescales and for each Scrutiny Board to receive an update on issues in relation to community offers in each place.

### **37 Work Schedule**

The report of the Head of Democratic Services was presented by the Principal Scrutiny Adviser and outlined the Joint Committees priorities and future work programme.

Members were advised of a workshop and formal presentation of the 5 Year Strategy which would form part of the April Agenda.

The Joint Committee requested an update into maternity services also be brought to the meeting in April.

**RESOLVED** – To note the content of the report.

### **38 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 10.30am (with a pre-meeting for all members of the Joint Committee at 10.00am) This meeting will be held in the Civic Hall Leeds.

*The meeting concluded at 13.10*