

## SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULTS,HEALTH & ACTIVE LIFESTYLES)

TUESDAY, 14TH JULY, 2020

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

Councillors C Anderson, J Elliott,  
N Harrington, M Iqbal, C Knight, G Latty,  
S Lay, D Ragan, A Smart, P Truswell and  
A Wenham

Co-optee present - Dr. J Beal

### 11 Appeals Against Refusal of Inspection of Documents

There were no appeals.

### 12 Exempt Information - Possible Exclusion of the Press and Public

There were no exempt items.

### 13 Late Items

There were no late items.

### 14 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

### 15 Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes

There were no apologies received.

### 16 Minutes - 23rd June 2020

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

### 17 Update on Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic - Response and Recovery Plan

The Head of Democratic Services submitted a report in relation to the ongoing progress made by the council working with partners and communities in response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

The Executive Board (24 June 2020) report titled 'Update on Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic – Response and Recovery Plan' was appended for the Board's attention and consideration.

The following were in attendance:

- Councillor Rebecca Charwood, Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults

- Cath Roff, Director of Adults and Health, Leeds City Council
- Victoria Eaton, Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council
- Carmel Langstaff, Chief Officer Transformation and Innovation, Leeds City Council
- Paul Bollom, Head of Leeds Plan, Leeds City Council
- Lisa Gibson, Strategy and Development Manager, Leeds Health Partnerships, Leeds City Council
- Sam Prince, Executive Director of Operations, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
- Rob Newton, Associate Director Policy & Partnerships, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
- Dawn Hanwell, Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO, Leeds & York Partnership NHS Trust
- Rob Goodyear, Head of Strategic Planning, NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group
- Dr Sarah Forbes, NHS Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group
- Pip Goff, Volition Director, Forum Central

The Executive Member introduced the report, highlighting the coordinated efforts of health partners and third sector organisations across the city to put service users first and control local outbreaks.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- *Impact on care homes.* The Director of Adults and Health highlighted that since the previous meeting, a small number of Covid-19 cases within care homes had been identified and managed accordingly. Members were also advised that there had been a significant shift from individuals and families choosing residential care homes, to seeking support to remain living at home, which is likely to have an impact on the sustainability of some care homes.
- *Managing local outbreaks.* The Director of Public Health explained that conversations are ongoing on a West Yorkshire level to manage local outbreaks in authorities bordering Leeds that have high infection rates.
- *Monitoring social distancing in public places.* In response to a query, Members were advised that during the 'lockdown' period, the police actively monitored social distancing, but since the easing of restrictions to allow premises including pubs and restaurants to reopen, the extent to which social distancing can be monitored by relevant authorities is limited. However, workplaces and school settings categorised as high risk continue to be monitored.
- *Early testing phase.* In response to a query, Members were advised that if the early testing phase in March 2020 had continued, it is likely that the infection rate would not have increased as rapidly and lives could have potentially been saved. However, the ending of the early testing phase was due to the capacity of the Public Health England team, which now has four times the capacity.
- *Planning for future peaks in infection rates.* Members sought assurance on the preventative steps taken to reduce the impact of future peaks in the autumn and winter months, and were advised that the health and

care sector will continue to work in partnership to plan for uncertainty in all settings. Members were also advised that this will include a communications strategy devised by the Leeds Outbreak Control Board to engage with key partners across the city to disseminate clear messages around social distancing and 'doing the right thing'.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the reports, along with Members comments, be noted.

## **18 Lessons learned arising for new ways of working from COVID-19**

The Director of Adults and Health submitted a report that presented learning points, practices and positive impacts of new ways of working arising from health and care organisations' responses to Covid-19 to date.

The following were in attendance:

- Councillor Rebecca Charlwood, Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults
- Cath Roff, Director of Adults and Health, Leeds City Council
- Victoria Eaton, Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council
- Carmel Langstaff, Chief Officer Transformation and Innovation, Leeds City Council
- Paul Bollom, Head of Leeds Plan, Leeds City Council
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The Director of Adults and Health introduced the report, highlighting that partnership working has been the key learning taken from the local response to COVID-19, and that relationships between the health sector, local authority and third sector are well established to remain in place. The Director also noted that technological advances have enabled better practice, nevertheless digital inclusion must continue to be a key priority moving forward. The Head of Leeds Plan also noted the importance of effective communication with service users and the wider public, to advise of changes to services and policy, but also to seek their views to enhance access and provision.

Members discussed a number of matters, including:

- *Supporting older people to regain independence and confidence.*  
Members praised the work of the Neighbourhood Networks throughout

the pandemic for their support of older people and also emphasised the importance of adopting a joined up approach towards supporting older people in communities to rebuild their self-sufficiency and wellbeing. Linked to this, Members particularly encouraged the involvement of Community Committees and Local Care Partnerships.

- *Digital inclusion.* Members agreed that ensuring that people have the essential digital skills is vital if the move towards substantial digital service access is to remain, highlighting also the need for patient choice to be upheld where possible.
- *More agile ways of working.* Members referred to one of the key pieces of learning as set out in the report in relation to streamlining governance processes where possible and requested examples of this. Members were advised that any changes are somewhat restricted by the NHS constitution, but that requirements to submit activity figures are a time consuming task that health partners will seek to reduce.

**RESOLVED** – That the contents of the report and appendices, along with Members comments, be noted.

## **19 Work Schedule**

The Head of Democratic Services submitted a report which invited Members to consider the Board's work schedule for the 2020/21 municipal year.

The Principal Scrutiny Adviser introduced the report and outlined proposed revisions to the work schedule. The Chair noted that the position remains uncertain in regards to how Board meetings will be facilitated in the future, however updates will be provided to Members if there are any changes to the current remote meeting arrangements.

**RESOLVED** – That the report and outline work schedule presented be agreed.

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

Tuesday, 15th September 2020 at 1.30 pm (pre-meeting for all Board Members at 1.00 pm)