

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 26th September, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ridney (Chair)
Councillor K Finch (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Elcock, Hemingsley, Kettle, Roberts, Mrs Rogers, Vickers and C Wilson

Officers

Assistant Director of Law and Governance (Lead Officer to the Committee), the Health Reform Programme Lead and the Scrutiny Officer (Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Corporate Resources)

Also in Attendance

Mr Steve Corton – Head of Community Engagement, Dudley Primary Care Trust
Neil Buktin – Head of Partnership Commissioning, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group
Valerie Little – Joint Director of Public Health, NHS Dudley
Richard Beeken – Director of Operations and Transformation
Ned Hobbs – Deputy General Manager

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cowell and Harris.

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17th July 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed.

16 PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

17 PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION – VISION AND STRATEGY

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on the vision and strategy for public health transition to the Council.

Following the presentation of the report by the Health Reform Programme Lead, the Joint Director of Public Health explained about matters covered by public health and gave a brief outline on aspects of areas covered, such as smoking cessation, weight management and dealing with pandemics.

Arising from the presentation of the report the Chair queried whether any Seminars would be held for Members to gain a better understanding of public health matters. In responding the Health Reform Programme Lead indicated that an event had been held in the Summer but that he would feedback comments about the request to hold further events to the relevant Cabinet member for consideration.

Arising from further questions from Members the Joint Director of Public Health explained that the Local Authority would be responsible for Public Health, including its budget from 1st April, 2013 and that extensive work took place in conjunction with schools to educate young people on issues such as obesity and drugs. With regard to how the budget of £16.3 million from the Department of Health would be spent, the Joint Director of Public Health stated that the budget would be used to maintain and continue with current programmes. She further stated that a more accurate allocation of funding would be known in December and that no guidance had as yet been given on issues such as over or underspends. However, it was pointed out that there would be a budget management strategy and that in the current climate it would be wise to budget appropriately so that there was no overspend.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the vision and strategy for the transition of public health responsibilities to the Council, be noted.

18 DRAFT JOINT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY

A joint report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Acting Director of Children's Services, Director of the Urban Environment, the Director of Public Health and the Interim Senior Responsible Officer of the Clinical Commissioning Group was submitted on the Shadow Health and Well-being Board's Draft Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy.

In presenting the report the Health Reform Programme Lead informed the meeting that a second version of the Draft Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy had been drafted since the submission of the report to this meeting and he undertook to circulate the updated version to all Members.

Arising from the presentation of the report Members complained about the booking system for making appointments with the General Practitioner (GP) and it was indicated that it was extremely difficult to get through to the receptionist to book an appointment. The Chair commented that there was an overall issue with access to services in general and a comment had previously been made in that it was often difficult for working people to take time off to attend appointments. In responding the Head of Partnership Commissioning indicated that he would refer the matter to his colleagues with a view to ascertaining the extent of the problem.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the Shadow Health and Well-Being Board's Draft Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy, be noted.

19 UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE DUDLEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

A report of the Chief Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group was submitted on progress to date on the development of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report on progress to date on the development of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, be noted.

20 MATERNITY UPDATE

A report of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust was submitted on the Trust's progress to manage maternity demand.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report on the Trust's progress to manage maternity demand, be noted.

21 ELDERLY CARE TRANSFORMATION

A report of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust was submitted on progress made with recent improvements to Elderly Care Services at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust and on further planned improvements.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report on the Trust's progress made with recent improvement to Elderly Care Services at the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust and further planned improvement, be noted.

22 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2011/12

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the Committee's activities during the 2011/12 municipal year.

In considering this item Members agreed that the Review for 2012/13 should be on Health Inequalities to focus on cardiovascular diseases.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Committee's Review Theme for 2012/13 be on Health Inequalities focussing on cardiovascular diseases and that the Chair of the Committee, Councillors Vickers, Elcock and Roberts be nominated as members on the Group.
- (2) That the Annual Report of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee for 2011/2012 be approved for submission to the Council.

The meeting ended at 8 p.m.

CHAIR