

CARE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

23 June 2015

PRESENT: Councillor S Green (Chair)

Councillors: M Hood, C Bradley, B Coates, B Dick, B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, F Hindle, P McNally, D Robson, J Simpson

CHW1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors P Ronan and M Charlton.

CHW2. MINUTES

The minutes from the meeting held on 21 April 2015 and 6 May 2015 were agreed as a correct record.

CHW3. CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Committee and the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair as approved by the Council for the current municipal year, was reported.

CHW4. ROLE AND REMIT

The terms of reference for the Committee, as detailed in the Council's constitution were reported.

RESOLVED - That the Committee's remit and terms of reference be noted.

CHW5. VISION 2030 AND COUNCIL PLAN – DELIVERY AND PERFORMANCE – ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee received a report as part of the Council's performance management framework giving an overview of progress for the priorities appropriate to the Care, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

The year - end performance reports continue to monitor progress against the Council Plan 2012-17.

A new Council Plan covering the period 2015-2020 is currently under development which may mean amendments to the Corporate Performance Management Framework. Any changes will be brought back to the Care, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee for discussion and agreement.

The Committee requested additional information on the reasons for the rise in alcohol related admissions to hospital and the rise in cases of 'Legal Highs' and were

advised that colleagues in public health are currently collating this information and an update will be provided to Committee as soon as possible.

The Committee requested further information on the Telecare provision be provided to members of the Committee.

The Committee requested that the rise in consumption of Energy Drinks also be investigated especially amongst school children.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) Committee agreed that the activities undertaken at year end are achieving the desired outcomes in the Council Plan 2012-17
 - (ii) that the report be referred to Cabinet on 14 July 2015 with recommendations from OSC.

CHW6. 5 YEAR TARGET SETTING 2015/16 – 2019/20

The Committee received a report outlining the proposed targets to be agreed for the period 2015/16 to 2019/20.

The targets set express the planned level of performance and are based on a sound understanding of current and past performance and the likely influences over future performance. They will be used as a tool for driving continuous improvement and stretching performance against a particular measure over a given period of time and help to set out what needs to be done to achieve improvement within an appropriate timescale. The Committee were asked to consider these targets so that the Council's performance continually improves and contributes to the delivery of Vision 2-3- and the Council Plan.

- RESOLVED -
- (i) Committee agreed with the proposed 5 year targets set to ensure the Council's performance is continuously improving to contribute to the delivery of Vision 2030 and the Council Plan and agree they be referred to Cabinet for approval.
 - (ii) that the report be referred to Cabinet for approval

CHW7. ROLE AND WORK OF LOCAL SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Jan Douglas, Independent Chair of Gateshead Safeguarding Adults Board gave the Committee a presentation on the work of the Board.

CHW8. SAFEGUARDING REPORT AND SOCIAL CARE IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The Committee received an update regarding Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act/Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs) along with a comprehensive update regarding improvements within Adult Social Care.

The Committee were advised of the revised safeguarding adult policy and procedures since the implementation of the Care Act 2014, the duty upon the Safeguarding Adults Board to produce both an Annual Report and Strategic Plan and the work of the Training Sub Group.

The Committee were also advised that the number of Safeguarding Adults Alerts has continued to increase year on year. From April 2014 to March 2015 there were 1840 which equates to a 20.5% increase compared to the previous year. The number of Referrals (696) however has decreased by 18% compared to the previous year. This can be attributed to a more stringent duty process undertaken by the Safeguarding Adults Coordination Team in preparation for the implementation of the Care Act.

The Committee were advised on National and Local Developments in relation to Mental Capacity (MCA) and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), due to the significant increase in DoLS applications over the last year; the Department of Health have provided a one off non-recurrent contribution of £120,000 to Gateshead. Further updates will be given to Committee in the near future as to how this will be spent.

RESOLVED - (i) that the information be noted
(ii) that the progress to date be noted and Committee will receive more updates in due course.

CHW9. ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee were advised on revisions to the provisional work programme for the Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC for the municipal year 2015/16.

The Options for the future of Mental Health Services for Gateshead and Newcastle and the scoping report on GP Access will now be timetabled for the September meeting

RESOLVED - (i) that the revision to the provisional work programme be endorsed
(ii) that any further reports on the work programme be brought to future meetings of the committee