

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING

Tuesday, 16 April 2024

PRESENT: Councillor S Green (Chair)

Councillor(s): J Green, W Dick, P Diston, J Gibson,
B Goldsworthy, M Goldsworthy, G Kasfikis, J McCoid,
S Potts, D Robson, J Wallace and D Weatherley

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): M Hall, I Patterson and A Wintcher

CHW33 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 were approved as an accurate record with no matters arising.

CHW34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

CHW35 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation giving overview of the work of the Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board over the six-month period of October 2023 to March 2024.

The update given was categorised by:

- Strategic and Annual Reports
- Partner Organisation Plans
- Service areas, including their roles in supporting health and wellbeing
- Health and Wellbeing themes
- Compacts/Agreements
- Gateshead Cares System Board
- Health and Wellbeing Board Developing Together Session

The Strategic and Annual Reports received by Health and Wellbeing Board included the following:

- Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS (CNTW) Strategy
- Director of Public Health Annual Report

The Partner Organisation Plans received by Health and Wellbeing Board included the following:

- Healthwatch Gateshead Annual Report 2023/24

- Gateshead Health NHS FT Plans and Focus on Women's Health, including the securement of a grant to take this work forward.

The themes/topics prioritised by the Health and Wellbeing Board included the following:

1. Community Physical Activity
2. Consultation on creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping
3. Asylum and Migration

All work by the Health and Wellbeing Board was outlined in detail in an accompanying report.

The Committee particularly highlighted community pharmacies selling non-pharmaceutical items that promote an unhealthy lifestyle, Gateshead's work on women's health, and the Walk and Wheel initiative.

RESOLVED

- i. The Committee gave their views on the work of Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board for the second six months of 2023/24.
- ii. The Board will be updated when the Gateshead Women's Health Conference has more firm plans.

CHW36 CO PRODUCTION FRAMEWORK

The Committee received a report outlining the rationale behind the development of a Co Production Framework, and the work being undertaken to develop this.

The recent Peer Review of Adult Social Care recognised that at an operational level Co Production was well embedded across the service. In a self-assessment, the service recognised that the work at a tactical and strategic level is in development and making progress.

A Co Production group has been developed; 50 people who have used care services were directly contacted to ask if they would like to be involved and 5 people/families came forward. The process has taken time and has needed to consider the accessibility needs of the individuals involved.

Adult Social Care continues to work with VCSE partners and people who use their services to understand people's lived experiences, including working with the Healthwatch. A series of 'People's Voice' sessions have been set up across the Borough to shape the offer going forward. This will include sessions aimed at engaging hard to reach groups.

The North East Branch of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has a Co Production and Lived Experience Sector Led Improvement Group which Gateshead is actively involved with. The group has developed a regional guide to best practice in Co Production and is exploring the opportunity to commission a regional programme of Co Production activities.

A case study of Co Production was highlighted which involved the creation of a tool to support residents with alcohol and dependency issues to assess their needs and interventions that they want support with by an Apprentice in the service.

RESOLVED

- i. The Committee noted the content of the report and provided scrutiny in respect of the Co Production work being undertaken.
- ii. The Committee passed on their thanks to the Apprentice highlighted in the Co Production case study.

CHW37 2024/25 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report detailing the Overview and Scrutiny work programme setting process for 2024-25 and a list of suggested topics for inclusion in the work programme, relevant to the remit of the Care, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC).

Elected Members and relevant officers were invited to submit suggestions for inclusion in the work programme between 20th February 2024 and 5th March 2024.

Ideas for topics for scrutiny to consider can be gathered from a wide range of sources including:

- Elected Members
- Senior Officers
- Partner Organisations
- Corporate Plans and Strategies
- Complaints system and Ombudsman
- Evidence from Councillors on issues affecting neighbourhoods

Appendix 1 detailed the suggestions put forward for the 2024/25 Work Programme.

RESOLVED

- i. The Committee noted the emerging issues for the 2024/25 Work Programme.

CHW38 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

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