

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

Monday, 7 August 2023

PRESENT – Councillors, Jacquie Slater (Chair) Whittingham, Hardman, Humphrys, Irfan, Shaw, and Smith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Mustafa Desai (Executive Member) Claire Richardson, Mark Warren, Kevin Lavery and Christopher Bradley

RESOLUTIONS

7 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Harling, Patel and Talbot.

8 Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023 were submitted for approval.

Matters arising: Chris Bradley circulated the leaflet and information in relation to Refresh timetable. After Members have reviewed the information the committee will consider whether to ask for a further discussion on Refresh.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 5th June 2023 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

9 Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED – There were no Declarations of Interest received.

10 Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership

Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive for NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria, Integrated Care Board delivered a presentation to the Committee about the Lancashire and South Integrated Care Board (ICB).

It was noted that the ICB was formally established as a new statutory body on 1st July 2022, replacing the 8 clinical commissioning groups across Lancashire and South Cumbria. The Board is responsible for developing a plan for meeting the health needs of the population, managing the NHS budget and arranging for the provision of health services in a geographical area.

Nationally, the expectation is that an ICB will:

- Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
- Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
- Enhance productivity and value for money
- Help the NHS support broader social and economic development

One of the major priorities that had been identified was delivering the challenging budget for 2022/23 as budgets had been frozen however the population and demand on services was still growing. The underlying drivers of cost were, acute elderly, ageing population, long COVID and innovation and solutions extending healthy years of life. The priorities will be delivered in the 10 year plan.

The Chair highlighted that Darwen Health Centre was not being used to its fullest capacity and that it could serve the surrounding Community which would elevate the pressures at Blackburn A&E and other hospital establishments.

Claire Richardson advised the Chair and the committee that an update could be provided to show the uses at the Health Centre and also what opportunities could be placed at the Centre.

Claire Richardson, Director of Health and Social Care Integration (Blackburn with Darwen) at NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, delivered a presentation to the Committee on Developing Health and Care integration in Blackburn with Darwen a place-based partnership.

The impact of joint working was discussed and the influences were highlighted as:

- **Strong partnership** – trusting relationships across all levels in health and council ‘best council to work with’ – Peer Review 2023
- **Political leadership** from members L&SC ICP representative and HWBB Chair Councillor Talbot; BwD PBP Chair Councillor Desai
- Well established primary care **neighbourhoods**
- Pooled budget arrangements for **Better Care Fund**
- **Joint commissioning** impacting for our people – Mental Health in Schools, extension of homeless pods, falls prevention
- Strong position on **hospital discharges** and resilience – testament to our collaboration with adult social care
- **Inspection outcomes** – SEND/JTAI – strong partnership working with health

A number of priorities and work streams had been identified through discussions with all partners. In identifying these, consideration was also given to the priorities outlined by the Health and Wellbeing Board in their Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, along with the priorities outlined by the ICP in the Integrated Care Strategy and the ICB in the Joint Forward Plan. The key areas of focus were:

Delivering integrated services: Neighbourhoods, Community health and care, Intermediate Care, Care Sector Quality Improvements, growing and supporting our workforce.

Delivering life course improvements: Population health improvements across the life course: Start Well, Live/Work Well, Age Well, and Dying Well.

Knowing our people: working effectively with people and communities – growing our coproduction. Population health intelligence and insights.

Developing our partnership: Partnership arrangements, Finance Performance and Reporting, clinical & care professional leadership, VCFSE to establish BwD Community Network, Workforce and OD.

Mark Warren gave an update on Albion Mill and that the rehabilitation centre was not at full capacity due to the budget which had to cover, care, staffing and equipment. It was noted that the budget had now doubled to around £4m and that the centre would be ran by ELHT community health team.

Mark Warren, Strategic Director, Adults and Health for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, discussed the Adults and Health Service Plan for 2022/2023. As part of the Council Corporate Plan there were 6 strategic priorities for Blackburn with Darwen:

- 1. Keep the borough safe and protect the most vulnerable**
 - Ensuring the BwD safeguarding boards are effective and accountable as part of a multi-agency approach
 - To ensure multi agency procedures are implemented and adhered to with the person at the centre of decision making
 - To work with partners to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour
 - Reduce homelessness and rough sleeping.
- 2. To support people to stay healthy and independent at home for as long as possible**
 - Strength based and asset based conversation at the core.
 - Multi agency support planning
 - A strong rehabilitation offer that is accessible and central to recovery
 - Personalised and responsive within a positive risk culture
 - An emphasis on preventing ill health and crisis by supporting to stay well
- 3. Transformation and legislative reform**
 - Implement response to homelessness legislation
 - ASC redesign to respond to the requirements of the Health and Care Act 2022 and other legislation
 - CQC assurance
 - A vibrant ASC workforce
 - A revised financial model for charging and payments
 - A chartered offer and solutions
- 4. To ensure the services we provide and commission are of a good quality, responsive to individual needs, good value for money and reflect identified needs**
 - A clear commission strategy
 - Development of a strong Quality Assurance Framework
 - Effective and communicative case approach with our providers
 - Ensure residents co-produce service design and feedback mechanisms in place

- Appropriate services available to respond and assess need
 - A vibrant social care market with good qualities at the head
- 5. To support citizens to be part of and connected to our communities through work, education, leisure and housing models that are fit for purpose**
- Easily accessible information and advice
 - Adult learning offer to enable opportunity such as the multiply offers
 - Social prescribing control
 - Preventative health checks
 - Housing with care models that meet the needs of our local communities
- 6. Tackling inequality, oppression and enabling people to maximise their potential**
- To support vulnerable communities to integrate and maximise their potential
 - Support community cohesion
 - To be person centred
 - Dementia friendly
 - Development and implementing of strategies for people with a learning disability or autism

Members of the committee shared the concerns that they had received from their residents regarding hospital appointments being in hospitals outside of the Borough and questioned why they couldn't attend Blackburn Royal. Residents also had difficulty getting to their appointments due to financial constraints and distance.

It was noted that each hospital in Lancashire had their own specialist consultants and areas and therefore people living in Blackburn with Darwen may need to travel further for medical appointments to see the relevant consultant.

Members asked about the future of COVID boosters/vaccinations and it was noted that only the most vulnerable e.g. health condition or age, would receive the seasonal COVID-19 vaccine. For Residents who did not meet the criteria would be encouraged to have the Flu vaccine.

RESOLVED –

- For Claire Richardson to provide an update on the usage of Darwen Health Centre at the next committee
- That Kevin Lavery, Mark Warren and Claire Richardson be thanked for their attendance and presentations

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Monday 9th October 2023, where the main agenda item will be:

CQC Self-Assessment – regulation of the Council care commissioning via the CQC, which came into force in 2022, the care market, safeguarding and budgets for the most vulnerable will all be subject to inspection at any time, how prepared is the Council?

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed