

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

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COORDINATING

DIRECTOR: Denise Park

People Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 3rd December 2018.

The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 3rd December 2018 and considered the work of the task group looking at mental health. The Committee received a number of recommendations from the group and the Executive Members responded to these. The Task Group had looked at the issue with the help of the young people on the Committee who had given their perspective and experiences of the services provided. The group had also received evidence and information from professionals working in the field of mental health and looked at the study undertaken by the University of Birmingham Policy Unit.

The recommendations were-

1. Note the outstanding work that is delivered in the Borough by all partners to improve the outcomes for people with mental health issues
2. Request the Leader, Executive Members for Health and Adults and Children's Services to ensure that outcomes highlighted in the Self-Assessment Document (produced at the request of the task and finish group) are delivered through their portfolio work and also through the work with partners to deliver services.
3. That the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust and the CCG be invited to a next meeting of the Committee to set out their response to the report of the Mental Health Policy Commission and how they would fund any actions they feel necessary in addition to the work that they carry out to meet the current needs of service users
4. That the service providers be requested to produce a concise directory of services available for all areas of mental health and that this be considered for distribution to those who have first line contact with potential service users and that the provision of the directory digitally be examined as a most effective way of publication and maintaining information in the most relevant and up to date means

The recommendations will now be taken to the Executive Board by the Executive Members with a response where applicable.

Varicose Veins

Members of the Committee were updated on the response to the consultation and the comments of members on the change to the provision of services to people with varicose veins. Given the meeting pattern of the Committee it had not been possible to consider the issue at a formal meeting so the views of members had been sought. A corporate response was sent in October 2018. The Committee will be kept informed of progress and any subsequent changes to the policy arising from the consultation and subsequent decision. The Committee also agreed that this method of getting members comments be used in

similar situations in the future with the Committee being kept informed of the response and outcomes.

OFSTED.

The Executive Member for Children, Young People & Education and the Director of Children's Services & Education attended and outlined the outcome of the follow up inspection that had been published on 30th November. They would now continue to work on ensuring that services to children were the best possible and that these were developed to meet need. The Committee would be kept informed of progress on the recommendations of OFSTED.

Sylvia Liddle,

Chair of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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