

Council Forum 28th March 2019

Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This report updates Council Forum on the progress of the Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4th March 2019.

Joint Working on Mental Health and the Work of the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust.

The Committee welcomed representatives from the Lancashire Care Foundation Trust. The Trust has been undertaking a programme of improvements and welcomed the opportunity to discuss the progress to date and the timeline for improvement of services. The Committee were informed that work would look at using what was available and re-shaping services to meet the needs of service users. There had been a significant increase in activity, especially through presentation at accident and emergency departments. The Committee were informed of the multi- agency crisis plans that were in place to deal with issues such as suicide prevention and how these added value to services provided and could identify issues that needed addressing to assist those in need. The need for early intervention was stressed and the Trust's priority was to deliver services as locally as possible and through schools and not Accident and Emergency Departments.

The Trust gave details of the resources available to them and the access they had to additional services in the private sector that could assist in dealing with pressures that arose. The services provided were currently being mapped on a Lancashire wide basis and transformation would happen over a period of 2-3 years. The aim of the review would be to reduce the need for beds and provide the preventative services that would reduce this need. The Trust worked with all partners including the Local Authority and CCG to meet need and address issues that were presented.

The Trust undertook to come back to the Committee in the near future to outline progress on the reshaping of services to meet need and progress on the introduction of early preventative interventions and outcomes.

Safeguarding

The Committee received an update on the work that was being undertaken to safeguard children in the borough, the work that was going on with partners to ensure that we keep children safe was outlined and the work that is underway to enhance this. The Committee agreed to review progress early in the new municipal year.

Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group

The Committee received an update on the work of the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory group and proposals for the group to ensure that the outcomes

for looked after children were as high as possible. The Group would be looking to restructure the way it worked to have themed focus groups which would enable members to get more involved and ensure that the best possible outcomes are achieved.

Sylvia Liddle

Chair of the Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee.