

## **People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Present:** Councillor Liddle (in the Chair) Councillors Saima Afzal, Parwaiz Akhtar, Jane Oates, Jacqueline Slater, Julie Slater, Dave Smith, Ron Whittle and Julie Gunn,

### **1. Welcome and Apologies.**

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillor Salton.

### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 were submitted.

**Resolved-** That the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.

### **4. Dialysis Services in the Region**

The Committee received a presentation on the review of the renal and haemodialysis service. The Committee were informed that the Lancashire Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust was reconfiguring and retendering the renal haemodialysis service which provided services to more than 600 patients throughout Lancashire and South Cumbria at seven locations (and at homes for approximately 100 patients). The change was necessary to provide the availability and quality of care closer to patient's homes. Many patients travel longer than the national standard of 30 minutes to their nearest renal unit; some facilities were not fit for purpose or are situated in an inconvenient location; there were recruitment challenges at more than one unit which restrict opening hours; and the service was not financially sustainable.

The Committee noted that feedback from patients and patient representatives groups had informed service specification and would be fully involved in the retender process and their feedback would be a significant factor in the decision making process. Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the Lancashire and South Cumbria area were being consulted on this in accordance with the legal requirement for consultation on substantial reconfigurations. In East Lancashire dialysis services are currently provided in Accrington, Burnley and Blackburn. The unit in Accrington was structurally inadequate, unfit for purpose and did not provide a good patient experience. The rent for the Burnley facility was prohibitively high and is a significant cost pressure to the sustainability of the service. The service in this borough

was provided in a temporary portakabin which was an unsatisfactory environment in which to deliver care. The proposals would

- Improve access to treatment closer to home for in-centre dialysis patients in East Lancashire.
- Expand dialysis capacity in East Lancashire whilst reducing numbers of units to 2 from 3 and ensuring that travel times are no more than 30 minutes.
- Ensure that patients wanting home dialysis have a suitable local support to develop their skills and confidence.
- Improve Patient experience during dialysis treatments in East Lancashire.

The Committee welcome the positive outcomes proposed for patients in East Lancashire and this borough in particular with the replacement of temporary accommodation with purpose built facilities and improved services especially for those patients who required treatment in isolation.

The Committee were informed that this consultation was the first in a series of service reconfigurations that would be consulted on in the near future. As these covered services delivered on a regional footprint across Lancashire, South Cumbria, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with powers to consider and make recommendations on these is being considered with representation from the four upper tier Local Authorities.

**Resolved-** That the Committee agree:

1. To support the review of dialysis services in Lancashire and South Cumbria to improve access to treatment closer to home for in-centre dialysis patients in East Lancashire
2. To support the expansion of dialysis capacity in East Lancashire whilst reducing the number of units to 2 from 3 and ensuring that travel times are no more than 30 minutes.
3. To support the desire to ensure that patients wanting home dialysis have suitable local support to develop their skills and confidence.
4. To support the aim of improving patient experience during dialysis treatments in East Lancashire and in particular through the enhanced service delivery proposals in Blackburn.
5. To welcome the opportunity to discuss further following the conclusion of the retender process.

## **5. Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Inspection.**

The Committee received information on the SEND inspection that had taken place in June of this year. The inspection was a joint inspection undertaken by OFSTED and the Care Quality Commission and included the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Public Health, NHS England, Early Years settings, Schools and Further Education Providers.

The review highlighted Key areas of strength and areas for improvement and areas have been identified for further improvement. This will form the basis of the revised SEND Strategy Action Plan for the local area. This plan will be co-produced with stakeholders and co-owned between the Council and the CCG.

**Resolved** -That the congratulations of the Committee be forwarded to all those who contributed to the positive outcome of the review and the continued successful development of services to Children and Young People with special educational needs and/or disabilities.

## **6. Feedback from the Youth Forum**

The Committee received an update on the work of the youth forum and the projects that they were involved in. The forum had been looking at a number of issues including-

The Takeover Challenge which will focus on knife crime and prevention.

The forum was busy planning for the annual national Takeover Challenge event which would focus on Knife and gang crime. This would take place on November 28<sup>th</sup> at Blackburn Rovers from 6pm – 9pm. A guest speaker had been arranged to open the event who had real lived experience of being involved in gang/knife crime in Birmingham.

The Regional Youthforia event

The forum hosted the Regional Youthforia event on 8<sup>th</sup> September at the Town Hall, 120 young people participated from 21 local authority youth councils. It was the annual AGM and the Forum were pleased to report that Amine, our forum member, was elected as Lancashire Area Rep. Amine would ensure that BwD young people's voices along with the wider county are heard in the North West.

The Annual Youth MP Conference in August at Leeds University.

The Committee were informed that the forum had been represented at the Annual Youth MP conference in August at Leeds University. The Youth MP's voted on 44 motions. The top 9 will form this year's Make Your Mark Ballot. There will be a 10<sup>th</sup> option for young people this year which will be a community/local issue. The Forum was looking forward to hearing what young people in our borough would like to see action on.

The annual sitting in the House of Commons was due to take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, however with the political situation of the country at the moment the forum were unsure whether this will go ahead

Solutions to Integration in BwD

The Forum also attended the Youth Voices session which was a successful commissioned service from the Integration fund. They had met with young people from the ARC project who were young people from the asylum seeker and refugee community.

BwD Youth Integration Forum and "Eat, Rave, Repeat"

Over 200 families took part in the activities the young people provided and consultation was undertaken regarding Integration in BwD. This had been fed back to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Our Community Our Future team. It was had been a fantastic day with a big turnout and the young people had great fun meeting new people and hearing views on integration in our town.

**Resolved-** That the Committee thank the forum for the work and continue to value the input of the Youth Forum into the work of the Committee.

Chair at the meeting .....

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