

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

26 September 2019

Business Planning Group Report

Report by Chairman, Business Planning Group

Executive Summary

Each Select Committee has a Business Planning Group (BPG) to oversee the Committee's work programme and prioritise issues for consideration by the Committee. This report provides an update to the Committee of the BPG meeting held on 27 June 2019 setting out the key issues discussed.

Recommendation

The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) is asked to endorse the contents of the report in particular the Committee's Work Programme revised to reflect the Business Planning Group's (BPG's) discussions (attached at Appendix A).

1. Background

- 1.1 The Business Planning Group (BPG) met on 27 June, members in attendance: Mrs Arculus, Mr Boram, Mr Turner (Chairman) and Dr Walsh (Chichester). Also present were: - Paul McKay (Director Adults' Services), Daniel MacIntyre and Anna Raleigh (Public Health), Juliette Garrett (Senior Commissioning Manager), Emma Ford and Linda Corn (Strategic Contracts and Supplier Relationship), (Chris Salt (Strategic Finance Manager), Rob Castle and Helena Cox (Democratic Services).
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Mrs Smith.

2. HASC Work Programme Planning 2018-20

2.1 Public Health Updates

2.1.1 Social isolation

- Initiatives such as social prescribing, pub/cafe groups, Big Conversation events and organisations such as Kitemark were helping fight social isolation

2.1.2 Suicide Prevention Strategy

- The Sustainability Transformation Partnership was prioritising mental health
- Public Health was recruiting people who would educate young people about the dangers of self-harming and £80k was available for a health psychology service for children around school leaving age

2.2 Adults' Services Updates

2.2.1 Reablement

- Essex Care Limited (ECL) reported that it was beating its targets for recovery and was commissioned to make 1,500 reablement starts per year. It made

1,237 in 2018/19, it would have made more, but spent a lot more time than expected providing domiciliary care

2.2.2 Hospital Discharge

- Sussex Community Foundation Trust (SCFT) would establish people's health needs then care assessments would take place within three days of discharge
- If longer term care was required, people would be referred for reablement
- The new system would begin in April 2020

2.2.3 Care and Support at Home

- The purpose of the decision was to get all customers on to the new framework by January 2021
- BPG agreed that the decisions on hospital discharge and care and support at home did not need to be added to the Committee's agenda and be subject to pre-decision scrutiny

2.3 Requests/Referrals to the Committee

2.3.1 Relocation of the Lancing Special Care Dental Service, Lancing Health Centre

- BPG agreed that this did not need to be added to the Committee's work programme

2.3.2 Brook House Detention Centre

- The Home Affairs Select Committee report on this had still not been published so no action was possible at this time.

2.3.3 The Shortage of Paediatricians

- The Chairman to discuss this with John Readman, Interim Director of Children and Family Services

2.3.4 Capacity of the Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service

- A joint approach would be sought with the Children & Young People's Services Select Committee

2.4 Forward Plan of Key Decisions

- BPG considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions, but decided not to add any items to the work programme

2.5 Total Performance Monitor and Risk Register

- Technology Enabled Care and Connecting Lives were expected to absorb the £2m demand pressure, but it was uncertain when these benefits would be realised
- The older people group was thirty larger than expected this year, but this was still less than in 2016
- There were increasing risks with care home contracts and pressures around the learning difficulties service
- Financial pressures should be mitigated by using improve Better Care Fund money
- There was no money available to pump prime new investments
- Past investment in preventative services was beginning to bear fruit

- Costs had decreased as the number of people admitted to care homes before the eligibility criteria began in 2012 had also decreased
- Discharge to Assess and the new Adults' Services Vision & Strategy were also helping keep costs down

2.6 Contract Monitoring

- The contract with Shaw Homes was to be reviewed including bringing in external specialist expertise to see how break clauses could be used if required - there were regular meetings to discuss safeguarding and quality
- There had been an increase in demand for the Community Equipment Service
- Use of more bespoke equipment meant that it was harder to be reused by others
- The Council would only get involved in the operational side of the contract when necessary in accordance with the contract
- BPG agreed to look at contract monitoring bi-annually

2.7 Recommendations from HASC meetings over the last 12 months

- BPG acknowledged a view from the Committee that Housing Related Support come back to the Committee in September, but felt that it would be more appropriate to look at it in November

2.8 Work Programme Changes

- Social Isolation to added to the Work Programme for September's Committee meeting

3. Planning for the next meeting

3.1 Substance Misuse (Drugs and Alcohol) – report to include information on drug related deaths and what is being done to educate young people about the danger of drugs and alcohol.

3.2 Health Protection Annual Report – witnesses would be invited to attend

4. Dates of next BPG meeting

4.1 Members noted that the next BPG meeting will be held at 10.30 on 20 November 2019.

5. Implications

5.1 There are no social impact, resource, risk management, Crime and Disorder Act or Human Rights Act implications arising directly from this report.

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Appendices - Appendix A - HASC Work Programme

Background Papers - None

