

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

15 January 2020

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 20 November 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 20 November, members in attendance: Mrs Arculus, Mr Boram, Mr Turner (Chairman) and Dr Walsh (Chichester). Also present were: - Carla Dow (Head of Communications, Coastal West Sussex CCG, Crawley CCG, East Surrey CCG, Horsham and Mid-Sussex CCG – by phone), Anna Raleigh (Director of Public Health), Chris Salt (Strategic Finance Business Partner) Gill Vickers (Deputy Director of Adults' Services), Helena Cox and Rob Castle (Democratic Services).

1.2 Mrs Smith was absent.

2. HASC Work Programme Planning 2018-20

2.1 Deputy Director of Adults' Services – verbal update by Gill Vickers

- Updates on Housing Related Support and Winter planning to come to the 27 November Committee meeting
- Deerswood was the only one of the Shaw homes that was still rated as inadequate
- Glen Vue, East Grinstead, had been vacated by adult social care and was now sublet to Age UK
- Maidenbower is owned by Crawley Borough Council and was being sold
- When refurbishment was finished at the Judith Adams Centre (Chichester) and the Chestnuts (Bognor Regis) services would move from the Wrenford Centre (Chichester) which would then be declared surplus to service requirements

2.2 Director of Public Health – verbal updates by Anna Raleigh

- A report on self-harm would be included with an update on the Suicide Strategy and presented to the March meeting of the Committee
- Social isolation was being addressed in several ways including the Health & Wellbeing Board's 'Ageing Well' campaign
- GP and pharmacy contracts were out for procurement
- District and borough councils had agreed to carry out intervention work on smoking, drinking and health checks
- Childhood obesity was being addressed by a wellbeing programme across the county

2.3 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) – paper introduced by Carla Dow

- Following Governing Body approval, the GP Memberships in Crawley CCG and Coastal West Sussex CCG had approved the constitution for the new single West Sussex CCG
- The legal directions on Coastal West Sussex CCG had been lifted
- Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust and East Surrey CCG have moved to the Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System
- A Sussex-wide winter advice communications plan had been launched with the support of partners, including the Council

2.3.1 Points covered in discussion: -

- Video GP consultations were being used in the north of the county
- The Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) in Crawley was taking bookings via NHS 111
- The soft launch of the new model of UTCs based in A&E departments would take place at St Richard's hospital, Chichester and Worthing hospital from 1 December 2019 with full public launches in April 2020 (Crawley UTC was already live)
- All UTCs and minor injury units had to meet certain standards to continue providing urgent care
- Following concerns, a number of Coastal West Sussex CCG patients scanned by the non-obstetric ultrasound service provided by Bestcare Diagnostics Ltd were having their notes reviewed as part of the Clinical Harm Review
- Stroke services in Coastal West Sussex are being reviewed as part of commitments to achieving the NHS Long Term Plan and national quality guidelines. This will include a period of public engagement during 2020 and a plan is currently being put together.
- An integrated community health hub was expected to open in Midhurst by Easter 2020
- A primary care strategy for West Sussex was being developed

2.4 Requests/referrals from the Committee

- There will now be a public inquiry into issues at Brook House detention centre and therefore the outcome of this would be awaited
- It was agreed that the NHS Human Resources Strategy was not a subject for scrutiny by the Committee

3. Total Performance Monitor – update by Chris Salt

- The predicted £4.3m overspend in the Adults & Health budget was due to four factors: -
 - i. **Demand Management** – the expected £2m pressure in older people’s services was still expected to be absorbed by a new technology contract and the ‘Supporting People, Connecting Lives’ programme. However, these will take longer than initially anticipated to have an effect with benefits expected to be limited in 2019/20
 - ii. **Shaw Homes Contract** – the contract variation to convert 129 beds from medium to complex needs remains under negotiation
 - iii. **Learning Disabilities** - £2m of savings are required. Plans already in place will save £1m
 - iv. **Market-related pressure** – 17% of residential placements cost above the Council’s usual threshold compared to 12% in 2018
- The overspending will be managed through use of the improved Better Care Fund, this was permitted in the conditions of the funding
- A budget recovery plan was in place which aimed to avoid any of this overspending being carried over into 2020/21. This will enable the Improved Better Care Fund to be used on things such as the hospital discharge project

3.1 Points covered in discussion: -

- The Adults’ Social Care Improvement Board monitored performance in detail
- Budget planning through the Medium-Term Financial Strategy assumed continuing demand management through savings projects
- The situation whereby people could not start their care packages due to a shortage of domiciliary care was constantly monitored
- The Council introduced a number of preventative services after the change in social care eligibility criteria in 2012 which will bring benefits, newer services have been introduced to support these

4. Date of next BPG meeting

- Members noted that the next BPG meeting will be held at 10.30 on 18 March 2020.

5. Implications

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