

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

9 September 2020

Business Planning Group Report

Report by Chairman, Business Planning Group

Executive Summary

Each Scrutiny 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 1 June 2020 setting out the key issues discussed.

1. Background

1.1 The BPG met on 1 June 2020, members in attendance were Cllr Arculus, Cllr Boram, Cllr Turner (Chairman) and Cllr Walsh. Also present were Anna Raleigh (Director of Public Health), Chris Salt (Strategic Finance Business Partner), Alan Adams (Interim Executive Director for Adults & Health), Chris Clark (Joint Strategic Director of Commissioning), Pennie Ford (Executive Managing Director, Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups), Helena Cox and Rob Castle (Democratic Services). Cllr Sudan was absent.

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr Turner as a locum pharmacist.

3. HASC Work Programme Planning 2020-21

3.1 The BPG discussed the Committee's Work Programme and agreed the version attached at appendix 1.

3.2 There were concerns over funding for Change, Grow, Live due to increased demand during Covid-19.

3.3 It was hoped to continue providing some funding for low vision services provided by 4Sight. A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment needed to be completed before deciding what other low vision services were to be commissioned.

3.4 It was proposed to establish a Task & Finish Group to look at the Covid-19 experience in West Sussex

3.5 Total Performance Monitor – Chris Salt

- Covid-19 has underlined the need for the budget to be more sustainable
- The Covid-19 Recovery Plan would focus on market management, prevention and joint working with health – the three areas that would have a disproportionate effect on the budget position

3.6 Points covered in discussion: -

- Some care providers may cease to operate – the Council had developed a Care Home Resilience Plan to try to keep the market stable – a project plan for sustaining a healthy market was requested but did not yet exist. A project plan would be produced after Covid-19 and could be part of the item to Committee on Adults Services Improvement
- Options for clearing the backlog of work caused by Covid-19 were being looked at – some private hospitals were already taking on NHS work

4. Planning for the next meeting

4.1 Covered above

5. Date of next BPG meeting

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

6. Implications

6.1 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