

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel, 11 June 2014

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
11 June 2014

PRESENT:

PANEL MEMBERS: Councillor David d'Orton-Gibson - Chairman; Councillors Beryl Baxter, Malcolm Davies, Cheryl Johnson, Rae Stollard, Michael Weinhonig and John Wilson.

ALSO PRESENT FOR CERTAIN ITEMS AS APPROPRIATE: Councillor Nicola Greene - Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services, Councillor Blair Crawford - Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Councillor Jane Kelly - Cabinet Member for Community Regeneration and Public Health.

ALSO ATTENDING:

From Bournemouth Borough Council:

Jane Portman	Executive Director for Adults and Children
Neil Goddard	Service Director for Community Learning and Commissioning
Andy Sharp	Service Director for Adult Social Care
Sue Bickler	Head of Community Regeneration
Sam Crowe	Assistant Director of Public Health
Hannah Wilson	Contracts Coordinator

From Healthwatch Dorset:

Martyn Webster	Regional Manager, Help and Care
Louise Bate	Volunteer Officer

From Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust:

Jane Elson	Director of Mental Health Services
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The meeting commenced at 6.05 pm.

Note: To see a copy of the public reports that were considered by the Panel at this meeting please visit:

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/CouncilDemocracy/Councillors/BoardsPanels/Health-and-Adult-Social-Care-Overview-Scrutiny-Panel.aspx>

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SECTION I - BUSINESS RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

No items

SECTION II - BUSINESS DECIDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Cheryl Johnson declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to any discussions arising in relation to the Royal Bournemouth Hospital, by way of her employment with the Hospital. Consequently, Councillor Johnson did not take part in any of the brief discussions at clauses 22 b and c of these minutes.

14. SIGNING OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2014 were confirmed and signed.

15. PUBLIC ISSUES

There were no public questions, deputation requests or petitions received for this meeting of the Panel.

16. HEALTHWATCH AND NHS COMPLAINTS ADVOCACY SERVICE

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Community Regeneration, circulated at '6'. The report asked the Panel to consider that commissioners of services were asked to require providers to share feedback, information and data with Healthwatch. Alongside this, it was suggested that Healthwatch, Help with NHS Complaints and the Panel, share work programmes, in order to identify where they could add value to each other's work.

The Head of Community Regeneration, explained that following the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the provision for a new consumer champion for health and social care was outlined in the form of Healthwatch. Alongside this, the act enabled local authorities to make arrangements for the delivery of independent complaints advocacy in respect of NHS services. From 1 April 2013, Healthwatch came into force locally, commissioned jointly with Bournemouth Borough Council, the Borough of Poole Council and Dorset County Council. Following a competitive tendering exercise, a

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separate independent complaints advocacy service was set up in the form of Dorset Advocacy.

The Panel acknowledged that whilst Healthwatch was contracted by local authorities, their independence enabled the organisation to hold the local authority and NHS bodies to account in respect of the services they provide. Alongside this, as the voice of the consumer, Healthwatch could gather very helpful data for the Panel to assist in the scrutiny of service provision across the Borough.

Attention was drawn to survey results of May 2013, which highlighted that only 9% of E-Panel respondents were aware of the service Healthwatch provided. Officers explained that this was expected given that the organisation had only been established a month before in April 2013.

The Panel were pleased to note that comments collected from service users by Healthwatch were divided between both positive and negative. Despite this, further work was planned to encourage more feedback to Healthwatch on social care, alongside generally improving the public's confidence in making a complaint as a positive learning opportunity for all those involved.

In response to members' questions, the Head of Community Regeneration confirmed that Healthwatch and Help with NHS Complaints were two distinct and separate organisations, although they did work together to share appropriate information and signpost service users wishing to make a complaint or access information. In connection with this, one member hoped that the May 2014 E-Panel survey results would confirm a much higher awareness of Healthwatch, following 9% in May 2013. The Regional Manager, Help and Care, acknowledged that raising awareness was one of the greatest challenges for Healthwatch. The Panel were encouraged by the aim for high brand recognition, by distributing material reliably into GP surgeries, publishing positive recommendations for services in the area such as the recently published 'something to complain about?' report, and working closely on targeted pieces of work with local providers.

In response to the Chairman's question on the target to improve feedback on social care services, the Regional Manager, Help and Care, confirmed that this target was common across the country. Historically, advocacy and consumer champion organisations in this area have been 'health' focused rather than social care. This imbalance would be addressed by Healthwatch, particularly with a major project planned on domiciliary care upcoming. The Panel welcomed this focus in seeking the views of some of the hardest to reach service users in the Borough.

DECISION MADE:

- a. That commissioners of services be asked to require providers to share feedback, information and data with Healthwatch.

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- b. That Healthwatch, Help with NHS Complaints and the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel share work programmes, to identify where they can add value to each other's work.

17. BRIEFING - CARE HOMES MEETING STANDARDS

The Panel considered a briefing paper by the Contracts Coordinator, Community Learning and Commissioning, circulated at '7'. The paper provided an update on the work undertaken by the Panel to scrutinise the governance arrangements in place for those care homes in the Borough that have been found not to meet essential standards by the Care Quality Commission.

The Service Director for Community Learning and Commissioning, introduced the report and highlighted the recent publicity in the Bournemouth Echo which had used outdated information. Despite this, it was timely to update the Panel on the progress made.

The Panel acknowledged that 20 out of 73 care homes within the article were in Bournemouth, with 29 of the homes subject to a contract with the Council. Following the publication of the Care Quality Commission reports, 20 out of 29 contracted care homes had either been visited by the Council's Care Contracts Team to monitor the service they provide, or have been submitted a satisfactory improvement plan to the Council.

One Member commended officers for the support provided to the providers in improving the quality of standards across the Borough. Further follow up inspection results would be provided to the Panel once published by the Care Quality Commission.

The Chairman highlighted the benefit of the quarterly Care Quality Commission Panel briefing which provided an opportunity to discuss reporting techniques, trends and targets for Bournemouth. Panel Members were encouraged to attend these meetings where possible.

DECISION MADE:

That upcoming Care Quality Commission inspection results be shared with the Panel once published.

18. BRIEFING - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARE ACT 2014-2015/16 AND 2016/17

The Panel considered a briefing paper by the Lead Commissioner for Adults, Community Learning and Commissioning, circulated at '8'. The paper was the first in a series of briefings, training and information sessions planned to

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highlight the new legislation contained in the Care Act 2014, with a focus on the implications for the Council, local people and resources.

The Service Director for Community Learning and Commissioning, introduced the report and highlighted the need for a range of training events as further information emerged from the regulations and guidance in connection with the Care Act 2014. The Panel were encouraged by the idea of a group of officers working on the programme for implementation of the Act, alongside Member training requirements and implications across the Council.

In response to members' questions in relation to the proposed cap on care costs, officers highlighted that the cap was applicable for older people in receipt of care rather than younger people. The importance of correctly assessing the care needs of an individual in connection with the amount the Council would be required to fund, was considered in detail by the Panel. The Service Director for Adult Social Care reported that in practice, the differences to social care eligibility would be minimal, however the practices for undertaking assessments in determining eligibility would be challenging for the Council.

Members were encouraged by the Council's commitment to preventative services, particularly in respect of home based physiotherapy and similar services designed to prevent serious illness developing through neglect of simple exercise and self care. Officers highlighted an opportunity for the Panel to undertake some more focused work on preventative services as part of the planning for 2014/15.

The Panel discussed support provided to carers in the Borough and the challenge of identifying some of the 13,000 carers not on the Council's radar. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care highlighted that carers often saw their role as a duty to loved ones, rather than being a carer. Reaching these people to provide necessary support was a challenge but an opportunity to improve the lives of carers.

The Executive Director, Adults And Children, highlighted the need for the Panel to scrutinise the financial implications of the Care Act 2014, which would be brought back to a future meeting when appropriate. The Panel expressed support for this opportunity in understanding the resource implications for the Council. In connection with this, the 'Better Care Fund' progress would be timely to consider as part of the Care Act 2014.

DECISION MADE:

- a. That the briefing paper be included for circulation in the weekly Councillor Information Bulletin on Friday 13 June 2014.
- b. That further training and information sessions be planned for all Councillors.

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- c. That a further report be considered by the Panel in due course in relation to the financial and resource implications of the Care Act 2014, alongside the progress with the 'Better Care Fund'.

19. PROTOCOL FOR SCRUTINISING REPORTS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Panel considered a report by the Lead Commissioner for Adults, Community Learning and Commissioning, circulated at '9'. The report outlined a suggested protocol for adoption by the Panel to support their scrutiny of reports provided by and requested from external organisations.

The Service Director for Community Learning and Commissioning introduced the report and highlighted the Francis Inquiry Action Plan prompting the Panel to consider how more effective scrutiny can be achieved in relation to external organisations. The proposed protocol addressed the Panel's requirements for additional information such as complaints data and Healthwatch trends when receiving a presentation from a local commissioner or provider. Alongside this, officers would produce an independent summary report, to enable constructive challenge of the issues presented to the Panel.

In response to the Panel's questions in relation to reporting timescales, the Democratic and Overview and Scrutiny Officer reported that where possible, planning for the Panel's items would be undertaken at the earliest possible stage through the Work Programme planning. Despite this, the nature of emerging service changes and inspection outcomes dealt with by the Panel often required immediate consideration. In these cases, the Chair and Vice-Chair would be consulted as part of the meeting by meeting agenda planning process.

The Chairman acknowledged the timescale constraints and highlighted that the earliest possible notification of suggested items for the Panel's consideration was preferable.

DECISION MADE:

That the flowchart protocol outlined at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted by the Panel, to support the effective scrutiny of reports from external organisations.

20. THE FRANCIS INQUIRY - ACTION PLAN

The Panel considered the Francis Inquiry Action Plan, circulated at '10'. At the meeting of 6 November 2013, the Panel agreed to monitor the Action

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Plan each meeting, to track progress in line with the agreed recommendations.

The Democratic and Overview and Scrutiny Officer highlighted that the action plan now included a completed actions section which allowed the Panel to focus on the outstanding actions for each meeting.

In relation to Safeguarding training and further Panel training, an update was requested for the next meeting of the Panel to consider future training requirements.

DECISION MADE:

That at the meeting of 17 September 2014, the Panel consider future training requirements and opportunities planned for 2014/15 onwards.

21. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATE PLAN

The Panel considered a report by the Corporate Performance Management Officers, circulated at '11'.

The Chairman introduced the report and welcomed comments from the Panel. It was acknowledged that the report would be presented differently in future with closer alignment to the corporate plan. In connection with this, the Chairman suggested that all Overview and Scrutiny Panels in receipt of the quarterly performance monitoring report be given a briefing on how the new data will be presented and best practice for interpreting the reports.

The Executive Director for Adults and Children drew attention to the significant progress made in respect of the number of people in receipt of personal budgets as a proportion of the eligible people using community based services. Performance had continually improved as follows:-

- September 2012 - 26.9%
- December 2012 - 46.6%
- March 2013 - 69%
- August 2013 - 80.2%
- December 2013 - 93%
- February 2014 - 96.3%

In response to the Chairman's question in relation to the impact of the Care Act 2014 on the Council's performance in the area of personal budgets, the Service Director for Adult Social Care reported that the performance of the Council was set against a national benchmark and therefore there should not be a negative impact.

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Officers confirmed that although the report stated that the figures were 'latest', they were in fact final for the year end.

22. WORK PROGRAMME AND TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATES

a. TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE - PUBLIC HEALTH

The Panel received a brief update from Councillor Baxter on the work of the Task and Finish Group. Members were informed that the Task and Finish Group had undertaken a detailed scrutiny session on the last six months of public health since the transfer of the function to local authorities in April 2013.

Councillor Baxter reported that a focused piece of work on diabetes prevention and active lifestyles could be recommended back to the Panel through the final report of the Group. Alongside this, a piece of work was suggested in partnership with Dorset County Council and the Borough of Poole Council on drafting specific areas of responsibility for the Councils as part of the hosted model.

Furthermore, the Task and Finish Group had planned a series of interviews with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Executive Director, Council for Voluntary Services, Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group Locality Lead and the Public Health Project Officer.

Given that the original membership of the Task and Finish Group had included the newly elected Mayor Councillor Chris Mayne, Councillor Baxter welcomed any interested Panel Member to join the Group for the completion of work to present back to the Panel in September 2014.

DECISION MADE:

That the update from the Task and Finish Group be noted.

b. TASK AND FINISH GROUP SUMMARIES - NHS QUALITY ACCOUNTS

The Panel received a brief update from the Chairman on the work scrutinising NHS Quality Accounts for 2013/14. Work had been completed on the Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, with comments in relation to the removal of jargon forwarded to the Trust.

Further work was planned with Poole Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, whilst Members had chosen not to respond to the Dorset Healthcare University NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account, acknowledging the

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ongoing work in partnership with the Borough of Poole Council in relation to Quality Governance at the Trust.

DECISION MADE:

That the update from the Task and Finish Group be noted.

c. JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY SUMMARY - ONCOLOGY AT ROYAL BOURNEMOUTH HOSPITAL

The Panel received a brief update from the Chairman in relation to the work of the Joint Health Scrutiny Panel which had met in partnership with Dorset County Council and the Borough of Poole Council on 10 June 2014 to scrutinise the proposal to permanently move the specialist oncology unit from the Royal Bournemouth Hospital to Poole Hospital.

The Chairman confirmed that the Joint Panel unanimously endorsed the proposals, whilst a majority decision was taken not to consider the proposals a significant variation in service.

DECISION MADE:

That the update from the Task and Finish Group be noted.

d. WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15 WORKSHOP

DECISION MADE:

That the Panel confirm the 2014/15 Workshop for Monday 4 August 2014, commencing at 5.30 pm.

The meeting finished at 7.40 pm.

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Please note that the next quarterly meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel will take place at the Town Hall at 6.00 pm on Wednesday 17 September 2014.

BOROUGH OF POOLE

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 APRIL 2014

The Meeting commenced at 7.05pm and concluded at 9.10pm.

Present:

Councillor Mrs Moore (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Evans (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Brooke, Mrs Hodges and Mrs Pratt

Keith Newman, Diocesan Representative

Also in Attendance:

Democratic Support Officer, Legal and Democratic Services
Jan Thurgood, Strategic Director (People Theme)
Vicky Wales, Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL)
Anthony Rogers, Recreation Manager
Mary Chamberlain, Special Education Needs (SEN) Strategy Manager (CYPL)
Nick Wharam, Strategic Planning and Commissioning (CYPL)
Sue Langdon, Senior Adviser School Improvement (CYPL)
Dr. David Phillips, Director of Public Health
Sophia Callaghan, Deputy Director of Public Health
Michelle Smith, Public Health Programme Advisor
Kate Long, Parents and carers Are eXperts (PAX) Member
Corinne Wareham, Parents and carers Are eXperts (PAX) Member

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CYP85.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Le Poidevin, Mrs Parkinson and Wilkins.

Poole's Member and Deputy Member of Youth Parliament UK also gave their apologies for absence due to Exams.

CYP86.14 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 11 March 2014, having been circulated previously, be taken as read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Chairman updated the Committee on the Catchment Options Study (MCYP79.14); advising Members that the Public Consultation had commenced on 28 April 2014 and would conclude 6 weeks later on 13 June 2014. Copies of the Consultation Document and the Flyer being distributed via schools and early years settings were given to each Committee Member. Full details on the Consultation were also available on the Borough of Poole Website; www.boroughofpoole.com/catchmentreview

It was also noted that a report on the Outcome of this Consultation would be considered by this Committee in September 2014.

CYP87.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

CYP88.14 CHILD OBESITY

The Deputy Director of Public Health gave the Committee an overview of the Report and the Public Health Programme Advisor highlighted the key areas within the Report. It was noted that there had been a significant rise in the number of adults in England deemed obese in the past 20 years. Obesity rates among children had also increased alongside the figures for adults over the past decade, and evidence indicated a link to socioeconomic deprivation. Obesity was a major contributing factor to serious illnesses such as; heart disease, some cancers and type 2 diabetes and whilst type 2 diabetes had traditionally occurred in middle to old aged people, this was changing with more and more young people and children being diagnosed with the condition each year, with cases now being recorded in children as young as 5 years old.

Local data on child obesity in Poole was being undertaken using the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Locally children aged 4-5 years and 10-11 years were being measured yearly, as part of the NCMP in Schools, to ascertain which groups were at risk of being overweight and obese. The figures in Appendix 2 of the Report related to the combined figures of those overweight and obese. The outcomes highlighted that whilst 23.2% of 4-5 year olds and 28.3% of 10-11 year olds were deemed either overweight or obese, Poole was either in a similar or better position than the National Average, when compared against the combined overweight and obesity figures.

The Committee's attention was also drawn to the fact that although the figures in Appendix 2 of the Report showed an increase in the combined figures for obese and overweight children in Reception over the last 3 years, this was, however, only a very slight increase of just 0.8% over 3 years and was deemed as significant in public health terms; particularly as the overall figure for that period had declined and remained in line with the National Average. It was also noted the importance of the single figures for those children recorded as obese in Reception for that same period, and not the combined overweight and obese figures shown in Appendix 2 of the Report. The recorded rate in Poole had decreased between 2011/12 to 2012/13 from 9.7% to 8.5%, where as

the National figures had only seen a decrease of 2% from 9.5% to 9.3% and regionally the South West had actually seen an increase from 8.7%-8.9%.

Analysis work was being undertaken to extract local learning from previous and current approaches and interventions relating to obesity within the Poole, Bournemouth and Dorset area. This information, integrated with the most recent evidence, would then enable more informed discussions in the future via the Joint Public Health Board and the two Health and Well-Being Boards.

In response to a Member's question relating to sport, and its impact when included/not included as part of a school curriculum, the Deputy Director of Public Health advised the Committee that a 40 page Action Plan had been accomplished around Physical Education. Lots of work had been carried out in various single settings, but now there was a need to establish links across all services. The 'Change for Life' Programme and the Olympic legacy were also noted to have influenced some changes. To ensure changes were implemented a 'one step at a time' approach needed to be undertaken with schools, and a need for parents' engagement and community led.

A Member advised the Committee that the Health Visitors were more closely linked to the Children's Centres, and as such, suggested that this could influence engagement, and the implementation of any changes. The Member also felt there was a need to change people's views and encourage more outdoor play, having heard that a local infant school, and an early years setting had received complaints from residents about the level of noise experienced from children playing outdoors, which forced them to limit the children's outdoor play sessions. Another Member raised the possible impact that the Planning Committee could have in reducing the number of fast food outlets in an area.

A Member highlighted the need to ensure safe routes to schools, whilst he commended the Council for implementing 20 mile an hour speed limits near the Schools, he felt this needed to be extended across the Borough and that a more co-ordinated approach needed to be taken. He also highlighted that whilst a 'Park and Stride' Scheme had been operating in Broadstone, to try and address inappropriate parking near schools during child drop off and collection periods, the Scheme seemed to be rarely used by parents and, as such, it was suggested that more work needed to be undertaken i.e. mobile enforcement cameras, to address this particular issue, to ensure the safety of children going to and from school. In response the Deputy Director of Public Health advised the Committee that discussions regarding safe routes to school were being undertaken with the Road Safety Partnerships. The Public Health Programme Advisor also suggested that parents needed to be asked "what would make them use the Scheme?", in order that this issue could be fully reviewed. The Strategic Director (People Theme) also advised the Committee that further work on such issues were to be undertaken via the Public Health Board, at Pan Dorset level, but would also ensure the Members' views were shared with the Transportation Service.

A Member enquired as to whether or not children's weights were being tracked in School from Reception Year through to Year 6, to identify if and when any changes occurred. In response the Deputy Director of Public Health advised the Committee that this was an area to be discussed and agreed.

A Member highlighted that, since the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) began, this was the first year that the same children who had moved through school from Reception to year 6 had been measured in both years, and enquired as to whether or not these children's weight could be tracked, to identify if and when any changes occurred. In response the Deputy Director of Public Health advised the Committee that, as this was indeed the first year this had occurred, this was an area that was being discussed at a national level and would probably see much further discussion. It was, however, noted that any weighting and measuring in schools years other than Reception and Year 6 would be additional to the current NCMP and would need further resources locally to support that. Within the current format of the NCMP it could be possible to track the cohorts of children within Reception and Year 6 and this could be discussed further, but tracking individual children would become complex due to data protection issues.

A Member enquired what, if any, impact free school lunch would have in respect of a child's weight. In response the Deputy Director of Public Health advised the Committee that the implementation of free school meals was just one element of the whole picture and there was a need to encourage parents to access such incentives.

In response to other questions raised by Members the Committee was advised that there was no specific evidence that the weight of Summer born babies' had an impact on their Schooling, when compared to those born the rest of the Year. Early Year Providers monitored all children, but were not interrelated with obesity.

A proposal was **MOVED**, **SECONDED** and on putting it to the vote the Proposal was **CARRIED**.

RECOMMENDED that:

- i. Members note the content of the Report and that the joint Public Health Board will consider next steps for a cross sector approach to address the issue of obesity at Pan-Dorset level.**
- ii. An update report, to include other Local Authorities undertakings, to be considered at a future Meeting.**

VOTE: For – Unanimous

CYP89.14 **CHANGES TO HEALTH REFERRALS SCHEME**

The Recreation Manager gave the Committee an overview of the Report and highlighted that, whilst the Exercise Referral Scheme was well managed and efficient, there remained some concerns regarding the long-term health

benefits for participants. It was, however, noted that as a result of changes, the Referral Scheme would continue to be operated by local leisure centres and would provide a revenue saving of £18,000 for the Council.

In response to Members' questions the Committee was advised that referral to the Scheme should have been the same for all Borough of Poole Residents, regardless of their Ward. Referral clinics were held at Rossmore and Broadstone, but once referred participants were able to attend any Leisure Centre, including Ashdown.

A Member commented that she was very pleased to see that specific group sessions i.e. the Active Choices Scheme had been available for those in a similar situation, having previously felt intimidated attending sessions that primarily had fit and slim participants. A Member also commented that the she felt the normal price of roughly £4 per session, was a reasonable rate, to encourage people who had enjoyed these Sessions at the subsidised rate of £1 per session, to continue beyond the subsidised 12 weeks.

RECOMMEND that Members note the content of the Report.

VOTE: For – Unanimous

CYP90.14

REFORM OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) LEGISLATION & GUIDANCE 2014

A 'Summary Briefing' hand-out report was distributed to the Committee for its consideration in addition to the Report within the Agenda.

The Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) advised the Committee that the involvement of children, young people and their parents in decision making and control, was a central theme of the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Reforms. Poole's Parent Carer Forum; Parents and carers Are eXperts (PAX) was actively engaged with Local Authority colleagues in shaping the delivery of the Reforms, and the Committee was introduced to PAX members; Kate Long and Corinne Wareham.

It was noted that the changes to the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Legislation were to be the biggest realised in 30 years and would become a statutory compliance from September 2014. The Key Changes and funding implications outlined within the Report were highlighted to the Committee, but when the Final Version of the Statutory Framework would be available was not known. The Strategic Director (People Theme) commented that, whilst the full extent of the financial implication was also not yet known, it was hoped that the Changes might draw in greater funding from health for Poole.

In response to Members' questions the Committee was advised that the funding of SEN was very complicated and referred Members to the 'Summary Briefing' hand-out, Page 7, which gave an overview of the Reform of High Needs Funding. It was noted that financial support from the Designated School Grant (DSG) for SEN was only provided to Maintained Schools and

Academies; children in Independent Schools who had special educational needs might be subjected to an assessment, but as parents had opted to educate their children within the Independent sector the Local Authority and the Dedicated School's Grant would not necessarily fund SEN provision.

A Member commented that she was pleased to see the word "Statement" removed when referring to those with Special Educational Needs, as their situation could change, and enquired as to what the changes to the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Legislation meant for parents. In response a 'Parents and carers Are eXperts' (PAX) member advised the Committee that in her opinion it was a positive step forward, as it encouraged partnership working and felt glad that parents were being listened to, instead of having to fight all the time. She had two children that had not been 'statemented', but still required support and felt the 'plan, review and assess' cycle would drive improvements. It was also felt that the extension of the SEN legislation from 21 years to 25 years was a 'god send'. Another PAX member, however, was aware that some parents had concerns that the level of support currently provided to those with 'statemented' children could be reduced or removed.

The Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) advised the Committee that all parents would have a say and would be able to have an input. There was a 3 years transition period for 'statements' to be transferred to the new system, which would affect approximately 500 'statemented' children. Grant funding was to be used to give capacity for transition to the new system.

A Councillor commented that, in respect to the level of support provided there was an emphasis on those with learning difficulties, but felt support was also needed for those who were bright and therefore would expect the same 'plan, review and assess' process be undertaken with all pupils. In response the Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) advised the Committee that she would expect schools to plan for all its pupils. Help and support was available to schools for vulnerable pupils through Children's Services and multi-agency work.

The Strategic Planning and Commissioning Officer advised the Committee that the 'Local Offer' would provide complete transparency of services and support for those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) from 0-25 years. Schools and Health Services would need to publish this information for all to view and understand.

A 'Parents and carers Are eXperts' (PAX) member raised concern that in her opinion the term 'Offer' meant it could be withdrawn and felt it should be highlighted that support would remain.

The Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) advised the Committee that the 'Local Offer' would be in a language that all could understand and offered continuity of services and support, with no bridge to gap through their transitions.

Members were all pleased to see that parents were being involved in the Change Programme and valued their attendance at this Committee Meeting.

RECOMMENDED that

- i. **the Committee note the changes to the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Legislation and how these Changes will be implemented in Poole.**
- ii. **A further report be brought to the Committee in January 2015.**

VOTE: For – Unanimous

CYP91.14

KEY STAGE 2 ATTAINMENT 2014 AND ACTION PLAN

The Head of Children, Young People and Learning (CYPL) advised the Committee that the Officer's Report was very detailed and focused. The Senior School Adviser expressed her disappointment in last years' results, but highlighted that it was the catalyst that had led to positive outcomes. A summit with the Schools' Heads and the Council's School Monitoring and Intervention Team had been very effective. They had continued to meet with the Primary Phase Head Teachers every half term since October 2013, to raise standards at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Their next meeting was to be held in June 2014. The Head Teachers' Conference in March 2014 had continued with this work and had produced longer term school improvement plans, which was to be led by the Poole Schools Association.

High level data analysis was provided to Borough of Poole Schools by the Council's School Monitoring and Intervention Team, using the information provided by its Schools, on a termly basis, with the exception of those schools in the 'intervention' category, which had been provided its data every half term. This had aided teachers' ability to fully understand the data collated and identify different groups of pupils etc. It had also provided schools a shared understanding of the attainment and achievement of pupil groups across the Borough. The Head Teachers had shared effective intervention strategies with each other and had facilitated its staff to work within other schools, to aid their learning and understanding and provide focussed professional development for other teachers. It was noted that future scoping would also include more stretching targets for the more able pupils.

The Borough of Poole had recently had moderation feedback from the Standards and Testing Agency (STA), during which the assessment of the Council's Plans were commended and its depth of data was praised. Current school data collection and analysis, together with the monitoring outcomes, undertaken by the School Monitoring and Intervention team, had indicated that this Summer's Results should show a significant improvement on last years' results. It was, however, highlighted that there was still a risk that pupils' performance might not meet the challenging targets that had been set by the Local Authority in respect of some indicators; in particular 2 levels progress in writing in two schools. These Schools had large cohorts of pupils, which could impact on the overall figures. The Schools had been frequently monitored and supported by the Primary Adviser and additional teaching support had been

put in to support the Year 6 Teaching Teams. The Governing Bodies of both Schools were also fully involved in challenging the School's Leadership Teams to deliver the best results possible, and progress was being closely monitored by the Her Majesty's Inspector assigned to both Schools. It was noted that the progress in writing would not be moderated until the end of June 2014.

A Councillor thanked the Senior School Adviser and the School Monitoring and Intervention team for the hard work and effort that had been provided, and was pleased to hear progress had been made. He felt it was a shame this level of support and monitoring had not been implemented 8-10 years ago, because the whole picture was then realised and warned the Committee that there was still a long way go, in order to improve and prevent complacency, due to huge competition. In response the Committee was advised that progress and achievement were key and the need for all schools to continue to work together and share information. It was agreed that Poole could not afford to look inward and that it had brokered some support outside the Borough and outside Dorset. There remained a need to continue the work that had been undertaken and raise standards with the support of Head Teachers and the newly formed School Standards Board.

In response to a Member's question regarding the teachers' responses to the work undertaken by the Council's School Monitoring and Intervention Team the Committee was advised that these were varied, but many of their views and processes had since changed. It was also noted that the Team had struggled to get some Secondary Schools to engage.

RECOMMENDED that

- i. **The Committee note the contents of the Report**
- ii. **A verbal report be presented at September's Meeting and a full School Standards Report be considered when the Data is validated in January 2015.**

VOTE: For – Unanimous

CYP92.14 URGENT BUSINESS

None

CYP93.14 FORWARD PLAN

The Strategic Director (People Theme) advised the Committee that there was a link between the performance areas highlighted as RED or AMBER within the corporate Mid Year Performance Report, which had been presented to Cabinet on 14 January 2014, and the Committee's Recent Reports and current Forward Plan.

The Democratic Officer advised the Committee that, in addition to the items scheduled on the Forward Plan for its Meeting in May 2014, there would be a presentation on scrutiny and a revised Terms of Reference for this Committee's consideration.

RECOMMENDED that

- i. Members note that the Amber and RedKey Performance Indicators (KPI'S) for 2013/14 were addressed in the current Forward Plan.**
- ii. A complete view of Children's Services' Performance be scrutinised at its Meeting in September 2014.**
- iii. The following items be added to the Forward Plan for consideration at its Meeting in January 2015:**
 - A further report on the Special Educational Needs (SEN) Legislation.**
 - Age of Transfer – the long-term outcomes**
 - A full report on the Key Stage Results**
- iv. An update report on Child Obesity, to include other Local Authorities undertakings, to be added to the Forward Plan for consideration at a future Meeting.**

VOTE: For - Unanimous

CHAIRMAN

