

## **PEOPLE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Gill Taylor (Chairman), Molly Rennie (Vice-Chairman), Piers Brown, Robin Cook, Nick Ireland, Paul Kimber, Louie O'Leary, Jon Orrell and Belinda Ridout

**Also present:** Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Byron Quayle and Cllr David Taylor

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

Vivienne Broadhurst (Executive Director - People Adults), George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Paul Dempsey (Corporate Director - Care & Protection), Julia Ingram (Corporate Director for Adult Social Care Operations), Theresa Leavy (Executive Director of People - Children), David Bonner (Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance), Joshua Kennedy (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer), Karen Maher (Service Manager - S117 Hub), Mark Tyson (Commissioning Consultant), Robert Payne (Deputy Director – Strategic Commissioning, NHS Dorset), and Matthew Baker (NHS Dorset)

**Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):**

Tessa Fielding (Programme Manager, South West Dentistry) and Sian Walker McAllister (Independent Chair, Safeguarding Adults Board)

**23. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**24. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ireland declared that he was a governor of Dorset HealthCare.

**25. Minutes**

**Decision**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 were confirmed and signed.

**26. Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**27. Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

## 28. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

## 29. **Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report**

The Independent Chair of the Dorset and BCP Safeguarding Adults Board introduced the annual report and gave a presentation to the committee, which is attached to these minutes. The presentation outlines the board's statutory duties and the data for Dorset Council's safeguarding activity. The board's strategic plan was summarised, and the board's key achievements were highlighted.

Members asked questions of the Independent Chair; the following points were raised:

- Safeguarding concerns could be reported through a website.
- Data enables the board to strategize and plan to ensure that they are working in the right place with the right people.
- Self-neglect was not just an issue caused by housing; it was often a result of trauma. It was important that homeless people have their care and support needs met.
- There was not a statutory duty for the Board to provide training, however the board could receive training for something significant.
- Adult social care teams manage safeguarding concerns. The demand and the best way to manage the demand was being examined.

The Committee noted the report.

## 30. **Update on Dental Services and Commissioning**

The Deputy Director for Strategic Commissioning, NHS Dorset, introduced the written report and delivered a presentation, which is attached to these minutes. The presentation covered the following areas: an outline of the Integrated Care System; oral health inequalities; dental access and high street dentistry; the Dental Reform Strategy; how dentistry is commissioned; current risks and challenges for NHS dentistry; what dental reform would bring for children and young people; the dental stabilisation programme.

Committee members made comments on the report and presentation and asked questions of the officers. The following areas were discussed:

- In relation to creating a Dorset contract for dentists to attract them to the county, it would take a lot of time and effort to get to a good outcome, however population health contracts could start to be offered within the next year.

- Dentists would be included within the potential development of proposals for a dental school.
- There needs to be a balance between NHS and private dental appointments.
- There were no statistics about who needed dental treatment and cannot afford it. There were also unknowns about who was and was not accessing dentistry.
- Dentistry received funding for 50% of the area's population rather than 50% of the need.
- A helpline placed emergency patients into commissioned emergency care slots. In some cases, it would be clinically appropriate to visit A&E instead.
- There were benefits of NHS Dorset commissioning dentistry, however not in terms of access to high street dentistry.
- Targets for the next 12 months included looking at underperformance in deprived areas and options to commission in these areas.
- Dentists have guidance on how often patients should return for check-ups, based upon the patient's clinical need.

The Chairman thanked NHS representatives for attending.

### 31. **Scrutiny Performance Review**

The Service Manager for Business Intelligence and Performance highlighted the performance indicators that were identified by the committee. The performance indicators were:

- The net number of households in B&B for the month.
- The number of care leavers in B&B accommodation.
- The percentage of new children in care receiving their IHA within 20 days.
- The number of special educational needs (SEND) tribunals against the authority.
- The number of staff non-reportable accidents, particularly related to violence.

Officers responded to the indicators raised and made the following points:

- The number of households in B&Bs were improving and there was strong performance, however there was more to do because of high demand.
- The rise in the percentage of new children in care receiving an IHA within 20 days was due to an increase in the number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.
- There was an issue with timings of children's medical appointments because it was important that they were not taken out of school.
- SEND tribunals happen when the local authority recommends a school place, but parents would like an alternative.
- The care of children with complex needs may result in accidents that include violence. It may not have had a violent intention.

32. **Committee's Work Programme and Cabinet's Forward Plan**

Members noted the committee's work programme and the Cabinet forward plan.

33. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

**Duration of meeting:** 10.00 am - 12.54 pm

**Chairman**

.....