

**MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 7.00 PM, ON  
Tuesday, 3 January 2023  
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Committee Members Present:** S Barkham (Chair), Ansar Ali (Vice-Chair), C Burbage, S Qayyum, B Rush, B Tyler, J Allen, C Harper, N Bi, Co-opted Member Parish Councillor Neil Boyce, Co-opted Member De Wilde

**Officers Present:** Jyoti Atri, Director of Public Health  
Debbie McQuade, Service Director, Adults and Safeguarding  
Donna Glover, Assistant Director: Adult Safeguarding, Quality & Practice  
Ramin Shams, Senior Democratic Services Officer

**Also Present:** Cllr John Howard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health

**33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gavin Elsey, Saqib Farooq and Co-opted Member Sandie Burns

**34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WHIPPING DECLARATIONS**

No declarations of interest were received.

**35. MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 08 NOVEMBER 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 November 2022, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

**36. CALL-IN OF ANY CABINET, CABINET MEMBER OR KEY OFFICER DECISION**

There were no Call-Ins received at this meeting.

**37. Portfolio Progress Report for Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health**

The Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care, Health and Public Health introduced the report, which provided the Committee with an update on the progress of the Cabinet Member portfolio. The report outlined information regarding public health service recovery, performance, living with Covid, and the Health and Wellbeing Integrated Care Strategy. He advised Members that uncertainty remained about the future path and severity of the Covid virus. Therefore, the UKHSE had allowed the Council to carry over the COMF grant funding into the 2023/24 financial year for Covid-19 control and covid recovery, including mitigating the impact of Covid on health and health inequalities. He added that services made a positive recovery post Covid19, especially Health Behaviour Change Services, drug and alcohol, and sexual reproductive health services. In addition, the pandemic led to the development of virtual services. He further explained that the Health and Wellbeing Board had identified three ambitions and four priority areas for the 2030 vision. These were to increase the number of years that people spend in good health, reduce inequalities and preventable deaths before the age of 75 and achieve better outcomes for children. The senior responsible officers leading the four priority areas described in the report on page 23 from across the system.

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee debated the report, and in summary, key points raised and responses to questions included:

- The Director of Public Health advised Members that if the resurgence of Covid19 virus was imminent to Amber, the Service had kept a small team of a consultant and a nurse, and other staff to be deployed to those areas for support. The team is supporting the response to Covid inquiries, but the services had received confirmation that the Team could carry forward into the next municipal year to help and support outbreaks. She added that if it led to Red, the Service would look for government intervention as it had previously done.
- Members referred to page 18, paragraph 4.2.6. and raised concerns regarding the Clinical Guidance on Chlamydia testing, which recommended only routinely testing females and not males and asked why the guidance had changed. Members were advised that the test offer was still open to young men. The rationale for the change in the guidance was that the main problem with Chlamydia was that it caused Pelvic Inflammatory disease, which could lead to infertility. Therefore, the guidance was focused on young women of childbearing age, which could have the most impact.
- Members were advised the Stop Smoking support was provided by GP practices, and once GPs delivered the programme, they would receive an incentivised payment for performance, if targets are achieved.
- Members referred to page 15, paragraph 4.2.2.3 regarding Health Trainer Service and asked whether other deprived areas were targeted apart from Orton and Bretton Shopping Centre mentioned in the report. Members were advised that the Service targeted all areas but focused on those areas where the Service had previously identified higher rates. The Service had done well and exceeded expectations.
- Members referred to page 12, paragraph 4.1.4 regarding the COMF funding, asked that the report mentioned the £467,632 of uncommitted funds and if the Service had planned to spend this amount in the next municipal year. The Director of Public Health advised Members that the Service had a Covid19 Team they support in case Covid19 numbers rise again. The Covid19 Team would continue into the next municipal year,

the cost would be paid from uncommitted COMF funds, and the funds would also be spent on other mitigation measures that the Service was involved in, such as promoting uptake of Covid vaccines and supporting those who were vulnerable.

- Members referred to page 25, paragraph 4.4.6, regarding the critical risk pressures around workforce capacity, recruitment and retention across the local authority and care providers. Members asked what steps had been taken to mitigate those risks. Members were advised that currently, the Service was working on mitigating risks for winter and reviewing a retention payment for the key workforce in-house, but also working with providers to look at how the Service might support their recruitment and their attention for long term. In addition, Members were informed that the Service was working closely with the ADAS Association of Diet and Social Care within the eastern region, as it was a broader issue. The Service would ensure that staff were trained and paid adequately, and the Service would like this to be recognised nationally and needed broader support. The Service also struggled with retaining occupational therapists, and it was a broader issue nationally. The Service would promote apprenticeship as it had for the social workers, as it had been proven successful.
- Members were advised that the Service needed to fund and support the voluntary sector for long-term sustainability, as the current arrangement was for the short term and usually had funding for three months for the winter period. Members were informed that the Service was working with partners for a longer-term solution for the voluntary sector.
- Members raised concerns over the unsatisfactory breastfeeding rate in Peterborough and requested a briefing note from Raj Lakshman – Consultant in Public Medicine, on what the Council was doing to improve breastfeeding rates in Peterborough. The Consultant in Public Medicine confirmed that a briefing note would be provided to Members outside this meeting.

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- Note and comment on the Portfolio Holder Progress report for Public Health, including updates on public health service recovery and performance, living with Covid and the Health and Wellbeing Integrated Care Strategy
- Note the updates from Adult Social Care, including the summary of findings from the adult social care self-assessment and the subsequent LGA (Local Government Association) Peer Review and the You Said We did work undertaken with partners and adults with lived experience.

### **38. Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board Annual Report 2021-22**

The Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding introduced the report, which provided the Committee with a summary of both the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board and the work of the sub-committees. The report highlighted the significant events from April 2021 to March 2022 and recognised areas of good practice with the statistical information regarding the partnership and safeguarding performance. She explained that the partnership had been active, identifying and learning lessons. Two case reviews this year were published on the

learning from the reviews, which had been identified and disseminated through the various activities, including briefings, workshops, and different training shared learning.

The Safeguarding Adults Board had introduced a process called MAM Multi-Agenda Risk Management which would help practitioners work together to support those individuals who had caring support needs but did not wish to engage with services. These were vulnerable adults that the service knew were struggling. The multi-agency work support was needed for a long-term commitment to support those individuals and deliver good outcomes. The Board also worked with partners in the community to develop a cuckooing policy.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to note the contents of the report.

#### **39. Committee Meeting Start Time 2023/24**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and sought the committees' views on what start time they would like for the new municipal year 2023/2024.

Members of the committee unanimously agreed that the start time should remain at 7.00 pm for the municipal year 2022/2023.

### **AGREED ACTION**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to keep the start time for all Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee meetings for the Municipal Year 2023-24 at 7.00 pm

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### **FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer introduced the report, which included the latest version of the Council's Forward Plan of Executive Decisions containing decisions that the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Members would make during the forthcoming month. Members were invited to comment on the plan and, where appropriate, identify any relevant areas for inclusion in the Committee's Work Programme.

### **AGREED ACTIONS**

1. The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**41. REVIEW OF 2021/2022 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/2023**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer presented the report. Members considered the Work Programme for the municipal year 2022/23 to determine the Committee's priorities.

**AGREED ACTIONS**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee noted the report and **RESOLVED** to note the report.

**42. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Joint Meeting of the Scrutiny Committees – Monday 23 January 2023
- Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee Meeting – Tuesday 14 March 2023
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CHAIR

7.00 – 08.35 pm

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