

**MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 7.00PM, ON  
TUESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2024  
BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM, TOWN HALL, PETERBOROUGH**

**Committee Members Present:** Cereste (Chair), Barkham (sub, Vice Chair), Bi, J. Fox (sub), Hussain, Mahmood, Rush, Tyler, and Qayyum.

Co-opted Members: Neil Boyce, Sandie Burns (MBE), Caroline Tyrrell-Jones and Chris De Wilde.

**Officers Present:** Madia Afzal, Democratic Services Officer  
Jon Chapman, Chair of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough  
Safeguarding Adult Board  
Tina Hornsby, Head of Adults Performance and Strategic  
Development  
Debbie McQuade, Service Director for Adults and Safeguarding  
Stephen Taylor, Executive Director for Adults  
Emmeline Watkins, Deputy Director of Public Health

**Also Present:** Cllr John Fox, Cabinet Advisor for Adults and Health

**35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Jyoti Atri, Director of Public Health  
Councillors: Lane, Shaheed, Skibsted and Stevenson  
Cabinet Member for Adults and Health: Cllr Saqib Farooq  
Youth Councillor: Mohammad Akhtar

**36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**37. MINUTES OF THE ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 07 NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 07 November 2023 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

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

There were no call-ins received.

**39. SUPPLEMENTARY APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBER 2023/24**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the appointment of a Co-opted Member in accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

The purpose of the report was to seek approval from the Committee to appoint Caroline Tyrrell-Jones as a Non-Voting Co-opted Member for the municipal year 2023/2024

to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee in accordance with Part 3, Section 4 – Overview and Scrutiny Functions.

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report and explained that the Chair, Vice-Chair and group representatives welcomed the nomination.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the appointment of Caroline Tyrrell-Jones as a Non-Voting Co-opted Member for the municipal year 2023/2024.

The Chair welcomed the Co-opted Member and invited her to join the Committee for the rest of the meeting.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS:**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to make the following appointment:

1. Caroline Tyrrell-Jones as an Independent Co-opted Member with no voting rights to the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2023/2024. Appointment to be reviewed annually at the beginning of the next municipal year.

#### **40. FORWARD PLAN OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

The Chair 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.

- Clarification on the PCC's Home Care Spend decision was sought, with one Member requesting additional information on what the decision was seeking to improve. The officer agreed to liaise with Adults Commissioning to fulfil the Member's request.
- Clarification on the Delegation to Cambridgeshire County Council re. recommission of the Healthy Schools Support Service – KEY/13MAR23/01 decision was sought, with one Member querying the financial disparity between Peterborough and Cambridgeshire.
- In response, it was advised that that funding for the two regions derived from different grants, the Peterborough funding derived from the Peterborough Public Health Grant and the Cambridgeshire funding derived from the Cambridgeshire Public Health Grant.
- It was further advised that the funding was based on the number of schools and that additional resources were allocated to Cambridgeshire due to its population size.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS:**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the current Forward Plan of Executive Decisions and RESOLVED to note the report. The Committee also requested that Officers:

- Provide further information on what the Approval on PCC's Home Care Spend through CCC's DPS 2024-27 - KEY/18DEC23/04 is seeking to improve.

#### **41. PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORT FROM THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the portfolio

holder progress report on Adult Social Care.

The Cabinet Advisor for Adults and Health introduced the report and key points raised included:

- The first portfolio holder report since the decision to separate Peterborough City Council's Adult Social Care function from Cambridgeshire was presented to the Committee.
- It was noted that the service area had persevered to identify strengths, clear actions and better areas for concern.
- The positive feedback from the ex-Director leading the regional external challenge on Peterborough's achievements following the separation from Cambridgeshire was relayed to members of the Committee.
- Reference was made to the Care Quality Commission assurance (CQC) of Adult Social Care Services.
- Members were advised that the CQC's methodology was in its development stage.
- It was noted that the report provided an overview of the work that had been undertaken.

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

- Clarification on 4.1.3 of the report under efficient processes was sought, with one Member querying whether housing and care needs of users were being fulfilled and the work which had been undertaken.
- It was advised that the service area worked closely with colleagues in housing to identify appropriate housing.
- Reference was also made to the Occupational Therapist, based in the Housing Needs Team.
- Members were advised that the Therapist worked across Adult and Social Care to provide support with adaptations and assessments.
- Furthermore, the Committee were assured that the service area was working with partners to resolve housing issues.
- Concerns were raised around the length of time it took to house those in need and its implications on other needs including the health and mental health of residents.
- Furthermore, Members queried whether anything could be done to mitigate these problems.
- The Officer agreed to consider individual housing and care cases on the Committee's behalf, and it was advised that it was also in the service area's best interest to progress applications in a swift and efficient manner.
- A query was raised on waiting lists under 4.2.4 of the report and whether these were being impacted by local NHS waiting lists and whether they had resulted in challenges for the service area.
- In response, it was advised that waiting lists were not impacted, however demand had increased.
- Furthermore, it was suggested that the service area meet with local NHS bosses to resolve the issue.
- Members were advised of the regular meetings with health colleagues at the Northwest Anglia NHS Foundation Trust (NWAFT) and the increasing complexity of cases was acknowledged.
- In terms of the patients who were mistakenly discharged from hospital, without the appropriate care packages, it was advised that the service area had written to the acute regarding the ongoing concerns and Members were assured that the issues were being addressed on a daily basis.

- Moreover, the issues were acknowledged, the importance of swift hospital discharge was recognised, and Members were referred to the collaborative work with the Integrated Transfer Care Hub.
- A query was raised on Peterborough's ranking under 4.4.4 of the report and whether any work had been undertaken to improve these rankings.
- The low rankings were acknowledged and the reasoning as well as the ongoing improvement work was outlined.
- Clarification on the collaborative work with the voluntary and community sector, under 4.2.1 of the report (page 36) was sought, with one Member querying what was being done to assist the sector with the ongoing challenges.
- In response, it was advised that the service area regularly engaged with the sector and the Early Intervention and Prevention work was outlined.
- Furthermore, the local authority's commissioning work the voluntary sector was noted and Members were advised that work was underway with partners to streamline the commissioning process.

The following recommendation was made by Councillor Qayyum and seconded by Councillor Hussain:

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee recommended that a report be requested from the Integrated Care Board on current waiting list status for operations in hip and knee joint replacement and cognitive assessments and how that is impacting increase in potential adult social care demand and which if any external providers have been awarded outsource contracts to bring these waiting lists down and the cost, the recommendation was **AGREED**.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS:**

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

Note the updates from Adult Social Care, including the summary of findings from the adult social care self-assessment and the subsequent external challenge and the You Said, We did work undertaken with partners and adults with lived experience.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee also **RECOMMENDED** that a report be requested from the Integrated Care Board (as mentioned above).

## **42. CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH SAFEGUARDING ADULTS' PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report in relation to the work of the Safeguarding Adult Board and the work of the sub committees. The report also highlighted the significant events from April 2022- March 2023.

The Chair of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Safeguarding Adult Board introduced the report and key points raised included:

- The three primary functions of the Safeguarding Board as set out by the Care Act 2014 were outlined.
- The Board's three statutory partners were also detailed.
- Reference was made to the Safeguarding Partnership's current priorities: understanding and developing tools, learning around mental capacity, the wide-ranging work around vulnerabilities and learning from Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR).
- Members were advised that the report provided a snapshot of data relating to

Peterborough.

- The Officer's introduction focused on the Partnership's key priorities and the challenges in respect to the priorities were outlined.
- Members were updated on the work in relation to vulnerabilities such as mental health, substance misuse, financial abuse and rough sleeping.
- Furthermore, the benchmarking work and scoping which had been undertaken in respect to these areas was noted.
- Members were advised that a Financial Abuse Pathway had been developed by the Board.
- The journey of a child into Adult Social Care was highlighted as the area of focus moving forward.
- Reference was made to the leader of the Learning Disability Reviews and how the responsibility for such lied with the Integrated Care Board and not the Safeguarding Partnership Board.
- The areas of development were highlighted.

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

- A query on adult grooming and romance fraud was raised.
- The Member's concerns were acknowledged. However, it was advised that it was difficult to intervene in cases where a person had the mental capacity and that to date, no such cases had been brought to the Partnership's attention.
- Furthermore, the Committee were assured that processes were in place to mitigate such issues for individuals with capacity but at risk from their own decisions.
- The Committee queried whether the Partnership had considered training with voluntary groups.
- In response, the extensive, free training package for Peterborough and Cambridgeshire was outlined and it was suggested that the Committee make contact with Jo Procter for further details on localised training.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS:**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to:

Note the contents of the annual report.

#### **43. MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

The Democratic Services Officer introduced the report which enabled the committee to monitor and track the progress of recommendations made to the Executive or Officers at previous meetings.

#### **AGREED ACTIONS:**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the report and RESOLVED to note the responses from Cabinet Members and Officers to recommendations made at previous meetings as attached in Appendix 1 to the report.

#### **44. WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

The Democratic Services Officer presented the report which considered the relevant items presented in 2023/2024 of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee and looked at the work programme for the new municipal year 2023/2024 to determine the Committee's priorities.

**AGREED ACTIONS:**

The Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee considered the Work Programme for 2023/2024 and RESOLVED to note the report.

**45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as being the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

CHAIR

Meeting started at 7.00pm and finished at 8.00pm