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**SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2020**

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Present: Councillors Bogle (Chair), White (Vice-Chair), Laurent, Professor Margetts, Noon, Payne and Vaughan

16. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair acknowledged that James Rimmer and Stephanie Ramsey would soon be moving on from their current posts and expressed the Panel's gratitude for the support they had given the Panel.

17. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 22 October 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

18. **MENTAL HEALTH UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Director of Quality and Integration providing an update on mental health services in Southampton.

Stephanie Ramsey – Director of Quality & Integration, Integrated Commissioning Unit, Dr Adam Cox - Divisional Clinical Director, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust, Liz Doyle – Senior Clinical Lead, Dorset Healthcare, Amanda Luker – Senior Commissioner, Integrated Commissioning Unit, Claire Robinson - Clinical Director of Children and Family Services, Solent NHS Trust and Dr Hana Burgess - Clinical Lead for Mental health, NHS Southampton City CCG were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- The structure of mental health provision in the City. It was noted that the various agencies within the City had adopted strong collaborative protocols in order to ensure appropriate treatments were available from the correct providers.
- The impact of Covid 19 on the types of support being provided. It was noted that initially all face appointments had been halted and that appointments were held virtually. It was noted that some progress had been made in ensuring that those in need could have face to face appointments. It was detailed that there had been a positive patient response;
- The potential impact of Covid 19 on the number of people requiring support and treatment;
- The funding for rough sleepers during the 1<sup>st</sup> wave of the pandemic; and
- The effect of the of the changes to the CCG structures on the provision of mental health care within the City.

**RESOLVED** that the Panel noted the report but, requested that additional information on accommodation for rough sleepers during the pandemic is circulated to the Panel.

19. **ADULT SOCIAL CARE UPDATE**

The Panel considered the report of the Executive Director - Health and Adults, providing the Panel with an update on developments with regards to the provision of adult social care in Southampton.

Councillor Fielker – Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, Grainne Siggins – SCC Executive Director, Health and Adults, Stephanie Ramsey - Director of Quality & Integration, Integrated Commissioning Unit and Karen Biddle – Principal Social Worker, Adult Social Care were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- The differences between the care schemes set by Central Government and how funding was affecting care packages;
- The level of complex care packages required;
- Medically optimised for discharge;
- Measures of support for staff and staff involvement including methods used to address absence;
- The initial outcomes of the Social Care Health Check; and
- The potential level of future demand on services and whether the forthcoming budget was realistically set for the level of demand.

**RESOLVED** that the Panel requested:

1. That the Social Care Health Check is shared with the HOSP when it is completed.
2. That absence data, broken down by Adult Social Care teams, is circulated to the Panel.
3. That the Panel consider post Covid-19 demand, and the additional funding proposed for adult social care at the 4 March 2021 meeting of the HOSP.

20. **COVID-19 PLANNING**

The Panel considered and noted the verbal update presented by the Interim Director of Public Health on Covid-19 planning in Southampton.

Debbie Chase, Interim Director of Public Health was in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel were briefed on a number of issues and discussed:

- The numbers of confirmed case in the City and the numbers of over 60s in hospital with Covid 19;
- The introduction of Covid Marshalls, and Champions;
- Public engagement through the Local Outbreak Engagement Board;
- Concerns that Brexit may impede the distribution of the Covid vaccine;
- The importance of strong communication of the public health messages in order to keep members of the public following the hands, face, space message; and

- How the public were looking to Councillors to provide information about the vaccination programme in the City.

**RESOLVED** that the Panel requested:

1. That, reflecting the role played by elected members in engaging with residents, Councillors are kept informed of the appropriate communications and messages with regards to the roll out of the vaccination in Southampton.
2. That, reflecting concerns that the message will be diluted with the commencement of vaccinations, public health messages with regards to hands, face, space are reinforced to remind the public of the ongoing need to remain vigilant.