
SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 MARCH 2021

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

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes for the Panel meeting on 17 December 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

22. **COVID-19 PLANNING**

The Panel considered and noted the report of the Chair of the Panel requesting that the Interim Director of Public Health has been invited to provide the Panel with a verbal update on Covid-19 planning in Southampton.

Dr Debbie Chase – Director of Public Health, Stephanie Ramsey – Director of Quality & Integration, Integrated Commissioning Unit and Phil Aubrey-Harris – Associate Director - Primary Care, 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 current situation regarding infection rates, community testing initiatives and vaccinations;
- an overview of the impact the pandemic has had on health services in the City; and
- the concerns over the pressures on staff within the health service and the ability of services to tackle any backlogs in treatment for patients.

In addition the Panel noted that additional information detailing the above would be posted online with the meeting papers.

23. **SOUTHAMPTON SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

The Panel considered the report of the Independent Chair of the Southampton Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) providing the Panel with an update on the work of the Board during 2019-2020

Deborah Stuart-Angus – Independent Chair, SSAB was in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- the new approach taken by the Board as outlined in the report that seeks to improve the robustness of decision making with connected governance and new structure for the Board;
- how the Covid 19 pandemic has affected the Boards ability to undertake reviews;

- how the Board was dealing with the backlog of reviews
- the long-term financial future of the Board;
- the potential impact of the merger of the Region's Clinical Commissioning Groups
- the numbers of Section 42 referrals in the City; and
- the key elements of the new SSAB strategy due for publication in the spring of 2021.

24. **ADULT SOCIAL CARE UPDATE**

The Panel considered and noted the report of the Chair of the Panel requesting an update outlining the direction of travel for developments within Adult Social Care.

Councillor Fielker- Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care, Grainne Siggins - Executive Director, Health and Adults, Stephanie Ramsey - Director of Quality and Integration, Integrated Commissioning Unit and Guy Van Dichele – Interim Director of Adult Social Services were in attendance and, with the consent of the Chair, addressed the meeting.

The Panel discussed a number of points including:

- the impact of Covid 19 on demand and infrastructure;
- the key senior personnel changes - The Panel wished Grainne Siggins well in her new position and welcomes Guy Van Dichele to the Council;
- the results of a peer review that identified concerns regarding quality of practice and outcomes and staffing levels along with the new structure for Adult Social Care;
- the ongoing project on better communication with service users and providers;
- budget support for Adult Social Care agreed at Council in February, and the replacement of the Paris IT system; and
- the longer term approaches to reducing demand and costs.

In addition the Panel noted that additional information detailing the above would be posted online with the meeting papers.

25. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Panel noted the report of the Director, Legal and Business Operations, enabling the Panel to monitor and track progress on recommendations made at previous meetings.

The Panel noted that many of the proposed action as set out in the published appendix had now been completed.