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JOINT SCRUTINY PANEL FOR PENNINE CARE (MENTAL HEALTH) TRUST

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 23rd July 2019

PRESENT: Councillors Dale, Susan Smith and Sullivan (Rochdale Borough Council), Councillors Hamblett, Moores and Surjan (Oldham MBC), Councillors Holloway, Mobbs and Wright (Stockport MBC) and Councillor Walker (Bury MBC).

OFFICERS: P. Thompson (Governance and Committee Services – Rochdale Borough Council).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: C. Molloy (Chief Executive – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), C. Parker (Executive Director – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust), J. Stewart (Executive Director – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust) and D. Wallace (Communications and Engagement Advisor – Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2019/20

1 The Committee considered appointing its Chair and Vice Chair for 2019/20.

Resolved:

1. Councillor Susan Smith (Rochdale Borough Council) be appointed Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care Mental Health Trust, for the 2019/20 Municipal year.
2. Councillor Patricia Sullivan (Rochdale Borough Council) be appointed Vice-Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care Mental Health Trust, for the 2019/20 Municipal year.

Councillor Susan Smith in the Chair.

APOLOGIES

2 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Grimshaw (Bury MBC).

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 Councillor Keith Holloway (Stockport MBC) declared a personal interest insofar as his daughter was employed by the Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust.

MINUTES

4 The Committee considered the minutes of its most recent meeting held 21st March 2019.

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust, held 21st March 2019, be approved as a correct record.

PENNINE CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST - OUTLINE PRESENTATION

5 It was noted that the Joint Scrutiny Panel's membership in 2019/20 comprised a number of Councillors who had not previously been members of the Committee. In this regard Pennine Care Trust's Chief Executive gave a presentation which outlined the configuration and operations of the Trust, noting that they were in the midst significant structural changes that would see a large proportion of the community based services, currently provided being transferred to other organisations. The Trust staffing complement was expected to reduce from its current level of approximately 5,000 to around 4,200 by the end of March 2020, when the Trust would be focussed on the delivery of mental health services for the six boroughs in the Trust's footprint: Trafford, Stockport, Tameside, Oldham, Rochdale and Bury.

In considering the presentation Members of the Committee sought clarification on a number of issues including the Trust's strategy, going forward, for the provision of learning disability services, the Trust's contribution to the Greater Manchester Health Care Plan and the provision of electronic patient records..

Resolved:

1. The presentation be noted.
2. The Trust's Chief Executive be requested to report to the Committee's next meeting, on 15th October 2019, detailing the Trust's proposed contribution to the Greater Manchester Health Care Plan.
3. The Trusts Chief Executive be requested to report to a future meeting of the Committee, detailing the Trust's Learning Disability Strategy.
4. The Trust's Chief Executive be requested to provide an update to the Committee's next meeting, on 15th October 2019, on electronic patient records.

MIXED SEX ACCOMMODATION

6 The Committee considered a report of the Trust's Executive Director of Nursing, Healthcare Professionals and Quality Governance which updated and advised of the next steps with regards to the Trust's intention to meet statutory mixed sex accommodation (MSA) requirements.

The Trust's 2016 CQC inspection report highlighted a failure to comply with the Department of Health guidance on single sex accommodation on older people and acute wards for working age adults, which was the catalyst for the programme of consultation on this matter that has subsequently been undertaken.

A wide ranging survey that was undertaken in 2018/19 into the provision of hospital accommodation had yielded 674 responses the majority of which were in favour of moving towards single gender accommodation with shared spaces. The results of the survey had been scrutinised at a previous meeting of the Committee and were considered by the Board. The findings of the

survey were reflected in the Trust's preferred position, moving forward, which was also for the provision of single gender accommodation with shared spaces. It was anticipated that a report would be presented to the Trust's Board in September or October 2019 with this as its principal recommendation. The Trust intended to forward details of reports, on the subject of hospital accommodation, to members of the Committee so that any views/opinions expressed thereon can be reported to the Trust's Board prior to any decisions being made.

The Committee, in considering the report, asked if visits could be arranged for Members to view the Wards in question, at locations across the Trust's footprint.

Resolved:

1. The report be noted.
2. The Trust be requested to arrange visits for Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to view hospital wards across the Trust's footprint.

NICHE SERVICES

7 Members of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee received a presentation which outlined 'niche services' that were aimed at achieving sustainable and effective mental health.

The Trust had held a series of internal workshops regarding the provision of niche services, which were attended by around 180 people, with a good range of interests represented. The sessions had resulted in positive local conversations about models, performance and developments. It was found that a spirit of 'joint endeavour' still prevails, so a good platform was present for the next stages. There was a wide interest in understanding what was being discussed across the Pennine area.

The niche presentation had sought clarity on the financial envelope, and highlighted a need for a strategic financial steer prior to a second round of locality events. There was broad agreement that emerging models needed to be judged against financial realities and strategic agreement on priorities going forward – but with the ambition to be "good" if possible. A further workshop was due to be held on 7th August 2019 to consider work on models, options, costs and priorities – and in particular to act as a clear "watershed" between the 'possible and the impossible'.

Resolved:

That the Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust be requested to report to the Committee's next meeting, on 15th October 2019, reviewing the progress of niche services.

FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE TRUST

8 The Trust's Chief Executive reported upon Pennine Care's current financial situation. Presently, based on information currently available, it was

projected that there would be a budget deficit by the end of the 2019/20 financial year. However it was added that these current figures did not account for expected significant financial contributions to be forthcoming from the Department of Health and it was expected that the Trust would indeed have a 'balanced budget' by the end of March 2020. The Trust has established a Budget Monitoring Sub-Committee that monitor and control the Trust's budgetary performance throughout 2019/20. The Trust had introduced a savings programme to help reduce costs whilst the filling of some staffing vacancies was being delayed. In terms of staffing vacancies the Committee requested the submission of a report to a future meeting updating Members on the Staff Welfare Strategy.

Resolved:

1. The report be noted
2. The Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Trust be requested to update the Committee on the Trust's overall financial situation, throughout 2019/20.
3. The Chief Executive of Pennine Care NHS Trust be requested to provide an update report, to a future meeting of the Committee, on their Staff Welfare Strategy.

TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

9 The Committee received a report which updated the Committee on the transfer of community services from Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust to a range of alternative providers. It was reported that this was a complex set of transfers, involving the transfer of community services to a number of different providers at different timescales during 2019/20. A summary of each transfer, timescales and issues was detailed in the report.

The main issues were:

- a. Transfer of community services to Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust
- b. Transfer of community services to Manchester Foundation Trust
- c. Transfer of children's services in Heywood, Middleton and Rochdale
- d. Transfer of Dental Services to alternative providers
- e. Child Health Information Service CHIS to a new provider

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

10 Resolved:

It was agreed that:

1. The next formal meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Panel for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust be held on Tuesday, 15th October 2019, Tuesday, 21st January 2020 and on Tuesday, 17th March 2020; all three meetings to be held in the Council Offices, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, commencing at 2.00pm.
2. Informal meetings of the Committee's membership be held with representatives of Pennine Care Foundation Trust's senior management, at the Trust's head office (225 Old Street, Ashton-under-

Lyne) on Tuesday, 10th September 2019, Tuesday, 19th November 2019, Tuesday, 18th February 2019 and Tuesday, 14th April 2020: all meetings commencing at 2.00pm.