

Item 8

MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 MARCH 2019 AT CHURCHGATE HOUSE

Present:

Bolton	Councillor Stephen Pickup
Bury	Councillor Stella Smith
Manchester	Councillor Eve Holt
Oldham	Councillor Colin McLaren
Rochdale	Councillor Ray Dutton
Salford	Councillor Margaret Morris
Stockport	Councillor Keith Holloway
Trafford	Councillor Sophie Taylor
Wigan	Councillor John O'Brien (Chair)

Also in attendance:

GMCA	Julie Connor
GMCA	Lindsay Dunn
GMCA	Mark Knight
GMHSC Partnership	Stephen Dobson
GMHSC Partnership	Michael Howard

JHSC/08/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Linda Grooby (Derbyshire County Council), Warren Heppolette, Councillor Gillian Peet (Tameside) and Steven Pleasant.

JHSC/09/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Committee were advised that Councillor Gillian Peet would be not be standing at the forthcoming local election and hence would no longer be a member of the GM Health Scrutiny Committee. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair thanked Councillor Peet for her contributions at GM level and her role as Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Panel in Tameside.

RESOLVED/-

That the committee acknowledge the immense contribution made by Councillor Gillian Peet to Tameside and Greater Manchester as a whole.

JHSC/10/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Keith Holloway declared a personal interest in any relevant item on the agenda in respect of the fact that his daughter works for Oldham CCG.

JHSC/11/19 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the meeting held 16 January 2019 were presented for consideration.

RESOLVED/-

To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16 January 2019.

JHSC/12/19 UPDATE ON DIGITAL STRATEGY

Stephen Dobson, Chief Digital Officer, GM Health and Social Care Partnership introduced a report which provided an update on the delivery of the Digital Strategy and priorities within it.

The committee were advised that in order to support the delivery of the programme a specific system wide governance structure has been established to ensure wide participation in the setting and delivery of priorities.

Members were informed of the progress against the eight prioritised programmes of the digital collaborative and were provided with an overview of the allocation of digital funds. The refreshed strategy is more explicit of prioritised implementation plans with clear alignment to that of the GMCA digital strategy and Health Innovation Manchester's strategy and business plan. The refreshed strategy will set out a vision in terms of shared purpose for all organisations involved with links to the policy and delivery objectives that it is intended to support.

It was noted that all GM organisations have signed up to the information sharing gateway and progress has been made towards harmonisation of information governance. In this regard a member requested if a protocol had been developed to obtain consent from patients. It was advised that the digital collaborative were addressing issues with regards to information exchange, information governance and approval. The committee were notified that obtaining permission was essential for secondary care and further consideration is being provided to legislation with regards to GDPR. It was further advised that it was only intended to share data across health organisations and local authorities for specific use following public consultation.

The Committee recognised the benefits of the digital programme as a mechanism to share and disseminate patient information and enquired if there was a means for public inclusion to encourage and enable the public to engage with digital platforms. It was advised that plans were being developed within localities through communication and public engagement with patients and carers and a GM wide approach to provide information would be required as programmes develop.

Members asked for reassurance with regards to adequate security and resilience of networked systems. It was advised that security was considered to be a high priority and systems were designed to be resilient.

A member enquired as to how the £34m digital transformation fund had been obtained and whether all local authorities had been asked to contribute to those systems that would be aligned to those of the NHS. It was confirmed that the funding referred to in the report related solely to capital obtained through NHS allocations.

Adequate training for the public and health care professionals was discussed and the Chair encouraged the committee to undertake registration with their own GPs and

utilise patient access systems for appointments, prescriptions and access to their medical record. Members were requested as locality chairs of local health scrutiny committees to provide feedback and disseminate information with regard to patient access to residents locally. Issues experienced by carers when accessing information on behalf of patients was highlighted as a matter that required addressing. It was recognised that tools to delegate access to ensure capability for carers to access information was required. It was suggested however that in these instances obtaining authority as a third party was the difficulty rather than the design of the system.

A member asked how local health scrutiny committees could influence development of the digital strategy. It was advised that the strategy had received input from all levels and organisations across localities. The Chair requested that the digital services officer made contact with local democratic services departments to further consider how local health scrutiny committees and members could be involved in the development of the health and social care digital strategy and address any local issues experienced.

It was recognised that the implementation of the strategy required a significant level of investment for which there were identified risks and reservations. It was suggested therefore that the refresh should contain case studies which would demonstrate the fundamental benefits for residents to encourage participation by patients and clinicians to improve pathways. It was confirmed that underlying the digital transformation programme are efficiencies to deliver solutions more effectively for users which includes patients, clinician and health professionals.

On behalf of the Committee that Chair acknowledged the introduction of free Wi-Fi at hospitals as a positive step for patients and relatives.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the update be noted.
2. That Members of the GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee undertake digital registration with their own GP's to utilise patient access.
3. That Members disseminate information with regard to patient access to residents locally and provide feedback.
4. That the Digital Services Officer contacts local democratic services departments within local authorities to provide further consideration to how local health and social care can be involved in the development of the digital strategy.
5. That the positive comments with regards to the introduction of free Wi-Fi at hospitals be noted.

JHSC/13/19 DRAFT GM DRUG AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY

Mark Knight, Strategic Lead for Substance Misuse, Greater Manchester Combined Authority introduced the draft Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy which sets out the collective ambition to significantly reduce the risks and harms caused by drugs and alcohol.

It was reported that the draft Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy has been subject to public consultation and co-designed with a wide range of stakeholders to provide a framework for localities and wider partners.

Greater Manchester continues to experience long-standing problems with alcohol and GM partners also recognise the nature of drug misuse is becoming increasingly complex, and is changing. It was advised that the draft strategy focuses on doing things differently, maximising existing resources and making the most of the opportunities for transformation that exist within Greater Manchester. A fully resourced Implementation Plan sits beneath the strategy.

Members were advised that the draft strategy was presented to GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee and GM Corporate Issues and Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee ahead of tabling it for final approval from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 29th March 2019.

As local members, the committee emphasised that residents increasingly report concerns in relation to street level drug dealing. It was acknowledged however that there are limited resources to address the issues. And it was suggested that consideration should be provided to a different approach which will require a vast combined effort from all partners to achieve significant progress.

In order to tackle alcohol related issues, a GM statement of licensing policy was suggested. Members raised concerns with regards to prescription drugs and reassurance was provided that the strategy and implementation plan would address prescribing policies.

Early intervention strategies were welcomed and the requirements to understand the wider determinants of drug and alcohol use and addiction. Members requested if consideration had been provided to national policies and initiatives and how the strategy ties into enforcement of larger scale organised drug dealing.

The Committee acknowledged the positive impact of prevention measures but commented on the consequences of austerity and budget cuts to youth service provision and drug and alcohol services.

Overall, the strategy was welcomed, however it was considered to be fragmented if other areas of the country did not develop similar strategies. The length and period of public consultation in the development of the strategy was not considered to be appropriate.

Members discussed decriminalisation along with Portugal's radical drug strategy. The Committee requested that the discussions and views with regards to legalisation of certain types of drugs is communicated to GM MPs and asked for clarification that MPs for the region had been engaged in the development of the strategy.

Implementation of the strategy at local and GM level once approved by GMCA was considered and it was agreed that in order for the strategy to be meaningful, a concerted approach to prioritisation would be required. The Committee questioned if

progress of the ambitious strategy would be achievable within the period to 2021 and requested an update on the next steps at a future meeting.

Clarification was provided as to why there were more alcohol and drug related deaths in GM than other parts of the country and a clear focus on challenging social norms with regards to drinking was proposed.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the broad objectives of the draft Greater Manchester Drug and Alcohol Strategy be supported.
2. That the strategy should run to March 2021 in line with the Health and Social Care Devolution window be agreed.
3. That the application of the strategy as a framework for localities and partners be promoted.
4. That a further update on the implementation of the GM Drug and Alcohol Strategy be provided at a future meeting of the GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

JHSC/14/19 JOINT GM HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

A report was presented that set out the progress of the Committee's work programme over the municipal year. Members were thanked for their contribution to the programme and particular acknowledgment was made with regard to progress made in relation to workforce and Brexit.

It was advised that at the next meeting in the new municipal year, Members will be requested to dedicate time as a committee to develop the work programme for 2019/20.

RESOLVED/-

1. That the progress of the updated work programme for 2018/19 be noted.
2. That the contribution of Members to the progress of the 2018/19 work programme be acknowledged.

JHSC/15/19 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

All meetings will take place in the Boardroom at GMCA Offices, Churchgate House. Further briefing session dates will be advised separately.

Wednesday 10 July 2019 10.00 - 12 noon

Wednesday 11 September 2019 10.00 – 12 noon

**Workshop Session – Improving Specialist Care
GM Fire and Rescue Training Centre, Cassidy Close, Manchester, M4 5HU**

Thursday 14 March 2019 1.00 – 3.00pm