

### **Update from Scrutiny Chairman to Cabinet: 12 July 2016**

This report provides an update on the following scrutiny meetings:

Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 15 July 2016

Health Scrutiny Committee – 20 July 2016

Scrutiny Committee – 28 July 2016

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee – 6 September 2016

### **Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 15 July 2016**

1. The Great Yarmouth and Waveney (GY&W) Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on [15 July 2016](#). Chairmanship of the Joint Committee has transferred to Norfolk for the coming year.
2. In consideration of 'Services for children who have an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD)' the committee agreed:
  - a) That the commissioners should visit Sunbeams Play, in Great Yarmouth, during the community paediatric service review to hear the views of service users and staff.
  - b) That during the community paediatric service review the commissioners should focus on designing services to meet the individual needs of the child and their parents.
  - c) That there should be more joint working and sharing of best practice between the two counties across the GY&W area.
  - d) That there should be more joined-up thinking and working together between agencies to close gaps in service provision.
  - e) That the CCG and representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils attend in 12 months to update the Committee on progress with autism services for children.
  - f) That the Chairman & Vice Chairman raise within their County Councils the need for improved resourcing of autism services for children, particularly for early intervention.
3. In consideration of the 'Greyfriars Walk-In Centre' the committee agreed:
  - a) That the CCG be asked for information on what will be provided to the vulnerable children at risk of harm who are currently seen by a specialist nurse at Greyfriars.

- b) That the Joint Committee review the progress of the replacement services for Greyfriars in January 2017.
4. In consideration of an 'Update on the Implementation of the Changes to Adult and Dementia Mental Health Services' the committee agreed:
- a) To arrange a visit by Members to the children's facility at Carlton Court.
  - b) That the Committee should receive an information update on the changes to adult and dementia mental health services in one year.
5. The committee also noted progress updates on the 'Shape of the System implementation' and the 'GP practice premises in Gorleston and Bradwell'. The minutes of the Joint Committee meeting are due to be confirmed at the next meeting on 7 October 2016, at which the committee will consider: Diabetes care within primary care services, the Out of Hospital Teams, and an update on the outcomes and impacts for GY&W arising from the CQC inspections of NSFT.

## **Health Scrutiny Committee – 20 July 2016**

6. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 20 July 2016 and considered:
- a) the provision of GP Services in Hopton and Stanton;
  - b) the background to the requirement for health and care systems to produce Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs);
  - c) the current financial position of Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs; and
  - d) Recruitment and retention of nursing staff in the Suffolk health and care industry.

### **The provision of GP Services in Hopton and Stanton**

7. The Committee was joined for this item by Ed Garratt, Chief Officer, Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and West Suffolk CCG, Lois Wreathall, Head of Primary Care, West Suffolk CCG, Isabel Cockayne, Head of Communications, Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG and West Suffolk CCG and Stuart Quinton, Suffolk Primary Care Contracts Manager, NHS England. The Committee also heard from Councillor Joanna Spicer (local county councillor), Amanda Stevens (representing Healthwatch Suffolk) and two local residents who spoke in the public participation session.
8. The Committee made the following recommendations:
- a) To encourage the commissioners and providers of the service to fully consider all the options available for the development of primary care services at Hopton and Stanton, with the involvement of local community leaders and local residents.
  - b) To request that NHS England and the West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group provide a further report to the next meeting of the Committee on 12 October 2016, setting out:

- I. what steps had been taken by NHS England and West Suffolk CCG to avoid the situation which arose in Hopton and Stanton arising again as a result of any future changes to primary care services;
  - II. clarity about who is responsible for timely and appropriate communications with patients and the local community for any future changes to primary care provision;
  - III. an update on proposals for the future provision of primary care services at Hopton and Stanton, and an explanation of the rationale to support the chosen course of action and rejection of alternative solutions;
  - IV. details of how community leaders, the local population and patient groups have been involved in developing these proposals and what further involvement is planned;
- c) To recommend to NHS England that the business process flow diagram for the development/improvement of primary care premises should be amended to include steps for the involvement of the local community, stakeholders and potential partners who may have an interest in developing shared accommodation at the early stages of discussions;
  - d) To recommend that action is taken to develop the Patient Participation Group for the Hopton and Stanton GP Practice;
  - e) To ask the Business Manager (Democratic Services) to clarify whether the Committee can require representation from the Hopton and Stanton GP practice to provide information for the meeting on 12 October 2016;

### **Sustainability and Transformation Plans**

9. The Committee received information on the background to the requirement for health and care systems to produce Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs). It was joined by Nick Hulme (Chief Executive, Ipswich Hospital and Colchester Hospital NHS Trusts), who had been appointed STP leader for the Suffolk and North East Essex STP Footprint.
10. Members heard that Waveney was part of the STP for Norfolk and Waveney, and would therefore be a matter for the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.
11. The Committee agreed:
  - a) To note the information provided, including the scale of the challenge, the need for further work to address the identified financial gap and the requirement for the revised plan to be submitted to NHS England by 16 September 2016;
  - b) To note the importance of prevention and early intervention in the long term sustainability of health services, and the key leadership role played by the local authorities and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in helping to achieve sustainability for the local NHS in Suffolk;
  - c) to ask the Chairman to approach the Chairman of Essex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a view to establishing a Joint Health Scrutiny Task and Finish Group for the purposes of reviewing the development of proposals for cross-county border health provision under the Sustainability

and Transformation Planning process and to receive formal consultation on any substantial variations emerging from this work.

### **Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs' current financial position**

7. The Committee received a verbal update from Ed Garratt, Chief Officer for Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs on the current position of the CCGs' finances.
8. The Committee agreed:
  - a) to congratulate Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs on the approach being taken to engage with the public on the challenges and issues faced;
  - b) to note that the CCGs would continue to engage with the public and the Committee, at an early stage, on further proposals for changes resulting from the need to make in year savings;
  - c) to request an update on the outcomes of the engagement exercise on IVF and the Marginalised Vulnerable Adults service;
  - d) that members of the Committee would seek promote the CCGs engagement activities and encourage people to respond.

### **Recruitment and retention of nursing staff in the Suffolk health and care industry**

9. The Committee considered the recruitment and retention of nursing staff by the NHS and other health and care providers in Suffolk. Written evidence was received from Health Education England, Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs, Ipswich Hospital, Norfolk and Suffolk Foundation Trust and the Suffolk Association of Independent Care Providers, and Ross Collett, Head of Norfolk & Suffolk Workforce Partnership, Health Education England, Jo Wood, Deputy Director of HR (Acting), The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Claire Thompson, Associate Director of Nursing (Surgery) The Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, Ben Askew, HR Business Systems Manager, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, Hilary Gibbs, Chair, Suffolk Association of Independent Care Providers (and Residential Home Owner), Prema Dorai, Nursing Home and Home Care Agency Owner, Ian Turner, Nursing and Residential Home Owner and Izzy Shaw, Suffolk Brokerage presented evidence.
10. The Committee agreed:
  - a) to commend the approach being taken across the sector to work together in the wider interests of the local health economy;
  - b) to request an update at a future meeting on the impact of changes in the funding arrangements for nurse education and training which come into effect on 1 August 2017;
  - c) to ask for an update from the Suffolk Brokerage on the effectiveness of the "grow your own" scheme and the piloting of nursing assistant roles for a future meeting.

## Scrutiny Committee – 28 July 2016

11. The Scrutiny Committee met on 28 July 2016, when it considered and made recommendations in respect of the County Council's role in working with partners to tackle domestic abuse in the county.
12. The Committee heard evidence from the Police and Crime Commissioner and from representatives of Suffolk Constabulary, Anglia Care Trust and SafeLives. In addition, evidence was provided by Councillor Jenny Antill (as former Chair of the Suffolk Domestic Abuse Partnership), Councillor Robin Millar (as Member with Special Responsibility for Stronger Families) and officers in Public Health and Protection, Children and Young People's Services and Adult and Community Services. The Committee considered proposals set out in a report entitled "[Domestic Abuse Interim Report February - June 2016](#)"
13. In light of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
  - a) To thank all those involved in producing the Interim Report on Domestic Abuse, and to commend them on the progress made to date.
  - b) To highlight the importance of political leadership to champion and be accountable for work to tackle domestic abuse. The Committee noted that this currently sits within the wider remit of the Cabinet Member for Health, and considered, given the breadth of this portfolio and the cross Directorate nature of the work, this does not necessarily need to sit with a Cabinet Member.
  - c) To recommend to the Cabinet Members for Health, Adult Care and Children's Services, Education and Skills that:-
    - (i) current expenditure on services to tackle domestic abuse by the County Council should be identified and agreement sought to pooling these monies into a single fund as a first step towards joint commissioning;
    - (ii) a commitment to longer term funding for commissioning of services to tackle domestic abuse is needed, in order to align commissioning cycles with other agencies;
    - (iii) the budget for commissioning services to tackle domestic abuse should be protected, to provide greater stability for providers and facilitate improvements in service planning.
  - d) To recommend to the Health and Wellbeing Board that:
    - (i) the Board is best placed to provide management and accountability for the multi-agency approach required to tackle domestic abuse in Suffolk. It should therefore undertake this role;
    - (ii) a strategic commissioners group should be established with clear terms of reference and membership, to take responsibility and be accountable for leading on the development of joint commissioning arrangements and overseeing the implementation of the recommendations from the Interim Report. This should include the development of common

outcomes/metrics (including “soft” metrics) to enable progress to be measured;

- (iii) that a Partnership Action Plan should be developed, which sets out who will be responsible for taking forward the recommendations in the Interim Report, for agreement by the Health and Wellbeing Board, ideally by November 2016;
  - (iv) in developing the Action Plan, maximum use should be made of the knowledge held by the Charity “SafeLives” to help inform this work, including the Lancashire model of triage and data sharing, and the Hertfordshire model of joint commissioning;
  - (v) if long term change in the prevalence and patterns of domestic abuse is to be achieved, the behaviour of perpetrators must be tackled. Best practice from other areas, for instance the Drive Scheme, must be part of this work;
  - (vi) the recommendation of the Interim Report to “*co-ordinate the development of the Suffolk Domestic Abuse Hub with the “One Front Door within the MASH ..”*”, should be commended.
- e) To ask the Member with Special Responsibility for Stronger Families to increase the role of Suffolk Family Focus in tackling domestic abuse, including the strategies in place for supporting families affected by domestic abuse and strategies for tackling the behaviour of perpetrators;
  - f) To commend the Crime Stoppers campaign in Suffolk, which aims to raise awareness of the issue of domestic abuse and provides an opportunity for people to report concerns anonymously.
14. The minutes of the meeting are due to be confirmed at the next meeting on 30 September 2016.

## **Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee – 6 September 2016**

15. At the time of writing the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to meet on [Tuesday 6 September 2016](#), to consider items on ‘CYP Budget / Cost Savings Impacts’ and ‘School Infrastructure and Capacity Planning’. The recommendations arising will either be circulated before the Cabinet meeting as an addendum to this Report, or otherwise reported to the next meeting of Cabinet. The next meeting of Education and Children’s Services Committee will take place on Thursday 1 December 2016, when the Committee will consider ‘Pupils aged 16 to 25 with Education and Health Care (EHC) Plans’ and ‘MyGo (young people employment centre) and Age 16-18 NEETs’.