

Update from Scrutiny Chairman to Cabinet: 21 February 2017

This report provides an update on the following scrutiny meetings:-

Health Scrutiny Committee - 19 January 2017

Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - 20 January 2017

Scrutiny Committee – 7 February 2017

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1. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on [19 January 2017](#), when it considered:

The Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People

2. The Committee invited Members of the Education and Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee to join it to consider progress with the implementation of the plan for transforming the provision of emotional wellbeing services to children and young people (“*Emotional Wellbeing 2020*”), a year after its publication, and explored how schools are engaging with the delivery of emotional health and wellbeing services to children and young people in Suffolk. The Committee received written evidence from a number of sources and was joined at the meeting by witnesses from the CCGs, SCC, Schools Choice, Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, Healthwatch Suffolk and representatives of schools and parents and carers.
3. As a result of the evidence received, the Committee made the following recommendations:
 - a) To applaud all parties on their achievements so far, whilst recognising that there was still more to be done to deliver the ideas and priorities in EWB2020. It was agreed that the emotional wellbeing of children and young people should be retained on the Committee’s Forward Work Programme, so that members could monitor progress at a future meeting.
 - b) To request, for the Information Bulletin at the meeting on 14 March 2017:
 - i) an update on progress with the development of a single point of access for child and adolescent mental health referrals in Suffolk. This should include information on timescales, challenges faced and details of what would, and would not be delivered through the single point of access;
 - ii) mapping of the total funding pot available to support children and young people’s emotional health and wellbeing in Suffolk and how this had been allocated to address levels of need.
 - iii) details of what was being done to ensure relevant agencies were meeting the statutory requirement to participate in Education, Health and Care needs assessments and the production of ECH Plans for people aged 18-25;

- c) To thank the Headteacher of Highfield Nursery School and Children's Centre for attending the meeting and to commend the way in which her school was working to support the emotional wellbeing of children and families.
- d) To ask the Children's Emotional Health and Wellbeing Group to:
 - i) encourage other schools to engage with the good practice being demonstrated at Highfield Nursery and Children's Centre;
 - ii) encourage schools in Suffolk to take up the offer of free mental health first aid training for staff.
- e) To endorse the work being undertaken by the Suffolk Public Health Team to encourage schools to promote healthy lifestyles for children and families.
- f) To recommend that the Suffolk Public Health Team should use "Suffolk Headlines" as a mechanism for communicating short, succinct public health messages to schools, and for publicising its reports and information.
- g) To request that the outcomes of the Healthwatch project currently taking place with secondary schools (My Health, Our Future) are provided to the Committee when they are available.
- h) To submit a summary of relevant key themes discussed at the meeting to the Health and Education Select Committee, which was currently inquiring into the role of educational settings in supporting children's emotional health and wellbeing and;
- i) In light of the tight timescales, to delegate authority to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, to approve the final wording of the submission.

Winter Pressures – Report from Task and Finish Group

4. The Committee also received a report from the Task and Finish Group on Winter Pressures, which had met on 12 December 2016 with representatives of Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs, Ipswich Hospital NHS Trust, West Suffolk Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and SCC Adult and Community Services. The Committee made the following recommendations:
 - a) To note the findings of the Task and Finish Group as set out in the report.
 - b) To note the verbal update on the status of West Suffolk Hospital over the Christmas and New Year period, provided at the meeting by Stephen Dunn, CEO West Suffolk Hospital, and to request a similar update from Ipswich Hospital for the Information Bulletin at the meeting on 14 March 2017.
 - c) To note the comments from the Cabinet Member for Adult Care about the work taking place and the need to share good practice across the system.
5. The minutes of the meeting are due to be confirmed at the next meeting of the Committee, on 14 March 2017, at which the Committee will be considering planning and funding of infrastructure for primary care.
6. On 10 March 2017, a meeting will take place of the Essex and Suffolk Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Suffolk and North East Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan. The meeting will take place at 2.00pm in the King Edmund Chamber.

Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 20 January 2017

7. The Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on [20 January 2017](#)
8. In consideration of ‘Services to replace Greyfriars GP practice and walk-in centre’ the Joint Committee agreed to receive an update on the effects of the Greyfriars walk-in centre closure on James Paget University Hospital A&E after the summer period, including analysis of visitor attendance at A&E as well as resident attendance, and also to receive details of the timeframe for provision of a new service for homeless people in Great Yarmouth & Waveney.
9. In consideration of an ‘Update on mental health services in Great Yarmouth and Waveney’, the Joint Committee agreed to (i) write to NHS England to welcome their commissioning of 7 in-patient beds for children at the Dragonfly Unit, Carlton Court, and to support the commissioning of five more beds so that the facility is used to full capacity and, (ii) encourage co-working between NSFT and the new school for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs at Carlton Colville, which is sponsored by Catch 22. A Member visit to the Dragonfly Unit would be arranged within the next 2 to 3 months.
10. The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 4 April 2017 in Great Yarmouth.

Scrutiny Committee – 7 February 2017

11. The Scrutiny Committee met on [7 February 2017](#) when it considered and made recommendations in respect of the following:

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service – Improving services through collaboration

12. At Agenda Item 5, the Committee considered work being undertaken by Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service to develop arrangements with other blue light services and public sector partners. Following consideration of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
 - a) To congratulate officers on the work taking place to develop opportunities for greater collaboration across the blue light services and encourage further efforts.
 - b) To recommend that some general principles should be developed to provide a collective strategic vision for the future of blue light collaboration, whilst retaining flexibility to react to local and organisational circumstances.
 - c) To recommend that a conversation should take place with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency about what opportunities exist for greater collaboration.
 - d) To recommend that a cost benefit analysis should be undertaken of the pilot work taking place on co-responding to help identify how this work might be further developed and funded for the future.
 - e) To express concern about the process for gaining national funding for the Cadet programme and to recommend that the outcomes anticipated from the Suffolk’s Cadet programme should be clarified.

- f) To recommend that every effort should be made to maximise the potential efficiencies available through greater collaboration on Fleet Management.
- g) To request an information bulletin setting out which Fire Stations are part of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI).

Housing Development Company – Barley Homes (Group) Ltd

13. At Agenda Item 6 the Committee considered the general principles of the operations of the housing development company known as Barley Homes (Group) Ltd, which is jointly owned by the County Council, Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council. Following consideration of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:

- a) That the Chairman should approach West Suffolk councils' Scrutiny Committee Chairmen with a proposal to undertake joint scrutiny of Barley Homes (Group) Ltd at a future meeting.
- b) To recommend to the Shareholder Advisory Group and Directors of Barley Homes Group that consideration should be given to:
 - i. clarifying what potential reputational risks might exist to the shareholding councils from the activities of Barley Homes Group, which would not be a consideration for other commercial developers;
 - ii. in light of shareholdings, the extent to which the arrangements for dispute resolution are fit for the future.
- c) To recommend that the governance structure should be kept under review, in response to any learning from other authorities involved in similar arrangements, and the need for transparency and accountability.
- d) That the appointment of Non-Executive/Independent Directors to the Board should be expedited.
- e) To request an information bulletin setting out the arrangements for the appointment and dismissal of Directors and Non-Executive Directors.

14. The minutes of the meeting are due to be confirmed at the Committee's next meeting on 8 March 2017.