

Time Commenced – 6.05 pm
Time Finished – 8.30 pm

Protecting Vulnerable Adults Overview and Scrutiny Board

11 August 2015

Present: Councillor J Khan (Chair)
Councillors Webb, Ingall, Turner, Raju & Ashburner

01/15 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received

02/15 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Raju declared an interest with Item 8 – Healthwatch Overview presentation as he is on the Board of Director for Healthwatch Derby

04/15 Items Referred from Corporate Scrutiny and Governance Board

None

05/15 Response to the Recommendations to SDCCG on Access to GP Services

The Board considered a report of the Acting Strategic Director of Adults Health and Housing asking them to consider a response given by the SDCCG to the recommendations made by the Adults and Public Health Board at their meeting in March 2015. Andy Layzell, Chief Officer at the SDCCG had been invited to the meeting to comment on his response sent on 14th July 2015. The Board were also invited to make further comments or recommendations.

A Layzell acknowledged that there is a national issue with not being able to recruit to GP posts, whilst there is currently a glut of pharmacists, so the prospect of using pharmacists more than having to have a GP appointment was being explored.

The Board stated that they felt the responses given in the letter from the SDCCG were disappointing and 'woolly' adding that they would like to see evidence to back the findings. It was acknowledged that GP practices needed to be performance monitored in some way so that data may be collected and results recorded

A Layzell stated that this issue would also be covered in his presentation that was going to be given at item 6 and asked if any recommendations could be deferred to after the presentation.

The Board resolved to:

- 1) note the response to the recommendations made by the Adults and Public Health Board**
- 2) To await making further recommendations until after the presentation had been given at the next agenda item**

06/15 Presentation by SDCCG on Joined up Care

The Board received a report from the Acting Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing asking them to receive a presentation from the Chief Officer of the SDCCG in relation to the 'Derby Wedge' and Joined Up Care with NHS Hospitals to support people in their own homes whilst they are convalescing.

A Layzell, Chief Officer at the SDCCG stated that, as items 6 & 7 were so closely related he had prepared one combined presentation and asked if the Board would be willing to take items 6 & 7 together.

The Board agreed to hear items 6 & 7 together

07/15 Health Economy Update

The Board received a report from the Acting Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing asking them to receive a presentation from the Chief Officer of the SDCCG in relation to the health economy

A Layzell gave a Powerpoint presentation to the Board which incorporated all three areas (access to GP services, the Derby Wedge / Joined up Care and the health economy).

The presentation outlined the challenges faced by the SDCCG, with people living longer with long term health issues and decreased Government funding, along with the proposals to transform primary care, redesign community services and improve end of life care. An explanation of how the 'Wedge' was anticipated to work and how it was hoped that people will be able to be supported in their homes more, with each local area having a single health and social care team with general practices at its centre. A Layzell reported that this was moving rapidly and developing well.

Discussion was held over how factors like locality, size of GP practice and culture have an effect on the pressures facing the GP practice along with preventative measures (obesity, anti smoking).

The Board also discussed the budget deficit acknowledging that there would always be a deficit but this needed to be reduced in size. It was acknowledged that the Public Health budget was currently ring fenced but not sure what would happen in the future as this is not a statutory function.

The issue of not being able to recruit to GP posts was discussed more fully and options on how these posts could be made more attractive (joint posts with hospitals) was explored.

The Board resolved to:

- 1) Note the presentation**
- 2) Receive further reports and clear responses, from the SDCCG, on the recommendations made by the Adults and Public Health Board**
- 3) To receive further information on number of patients registered with GP practices in relation to number of people in area who are likely to just present at A & E departments or Walk-in centres**
- 4) Receive clarity on local co-ordinated areas defined by both DCC and SDCCG.**
- 5) Educate all population within city on when should use pharmacist, GP surgery, A & E Department and Walk-in Centre**
- 6) Empower the patients to make complaints on the health service they have received.**
- 7) Implement a 3Cs system (complaints, complements and comments) for health service experience by patients.**

08/15 Healthwatch Overview Presentation

The Board received a report from the Acting Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing asking them to receive a presentation from Healthwatch Derby asking them to note the scope of their work.

Samragi Madden, Quality Assurance and Compliance Officer from Healthwatch Derby attended the meeting to brief the Board.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the presentation**
- 2) Acknowledge the good work already done by Healthwatch**

09/15 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive asking them to receive a report agreed by Council on 20 May 2015 setting out the new arrangements for Overview & Scrutiny. The Board were asked to discuss and agree the future work programme and topic review for the forthcoming municipal year.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the presentation**
- 2) Agree the draft work programme**
- 3) Agree to look at access to GP surgeries as the topic review**

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