

Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee / Children & Young People's Services Select Committee

27 April 2016 – At a meeting of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee and the Children & Young People's Services Select Committee held at 11.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester.

Present: Mr Cloake, Mr Evans, Mrs Evans, Mr Griffiths, Mr High, Mrs Jones, Mrs Jupp, Ms Kennard, Mrs Mullins, Mr R Oakley, Mr Parsons, Mrs Rapnik, Mr Smith, Mrs Smith, Mr Sutcliffe, Mr Turner (Chairman), Dr Walsh and Mr Wickremaratchi, (West Sussex County Council), Cllr Mr Blampied (Arun District Council), Cllr Mrs Dignum (Chichester District Council), Cllr Mr Wye (Worthing Borough Council), Mr Pickering (Healthwatch West Sussex), Mr Blunden (Parent Governor), Mrs Le Rossignol (Parent Governor), Mrs Ryan (Catholic Diocese).

In attendance by invitation: Mrs Field (Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing (and Deputy Leader)), Mr Hillier (Cabinet Member for Start of Life (Lead Member for Children)), Mr Patel (Deputy Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care).

Apologies: Mrs Bennett, Mr Oppler, Mr Peters and Mr Sheldon (West Sussex County Council) and Cllr Mr Belsey (Mid Sussex District Council), Cllr Mr Hotton (Adur District Council), Cllr Mr Ward (Crawley Borough Council), Canon Dr Holt (Church of England Diocese), Mr Catchpole (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care).

Absent: Cllr Mr Britten (Horsham District Council)

Declarations of Interest

1. Mr Cloake declared an interest in respect of item 4 (Arrangements for the future operation of the West Sussex Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After and Adopted Children) as a registered foster carer.

Urgent Matters

2. The Chairman reported the Care Quality Commission inspection results of Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (Outstanding) and Queen Victoria NHS Foundation Trust (Good).

3. Mr Wickremaratchi raised the issue of the closure of Haywards Heath College – Mr Cloake (Chairman of the Children & Young People's Services Select Committee) said that his committee's Business Planning Group would consider the matter and decide what action to take.

Healthy Child Programme

4. The committees considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education and a presentation by the Head of Children and Families and (working age) Adults Commissioning (copies appended to the signed minutes).

5. The presentation was given by Alison Nuttall, Head of Children's Commissioning, Hayley Connor, Strategic Commissioning Manager, Tanya Procter,

Commissioning Manager - Healthy Child Programme and Jackie Lincoln, Interim Principal Manager (Early Childhood) who told the committees that: -

- The Council had commissioned the Healthy Child Programme (HCP) since October 2015 at a cost of £13.5m per year – one third of the Public Health grant
- The aim for the future was to have a comprehensive system that would understand families and their needs, promoting early identification and ensuring support was provided when it was needed. The aim was to have a clear set of integrated outcomes across an Early help and prevention offer.
- It was hoped the HCP, with other programmes, would support more children to be ready for school
- A robust engagement process had taken place involving children, parents, families and staff
- Transition stages needed to be handled effectively
- A progressive universal model was required
- Access to services had to be clearer

6. Summary of responses to Members' questions and comments: -

- The 70% of teenage parents not supported by the FNP received help in various other ways with work going on to help the most vulnerable
- Improved integration would help fill gaps in the current HCP provision – e.g. working with the Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service for a school-based offer and strengthening perinatal pathways
- Provision would be measured using key performance indicators
- Contacts in the universal model and the 'school readiness tool' would help identify those needing help
- Nutritional intake would be improved by the sugar reduction programme in school meals and there was potential for cooking courses for families
- Advice was being sought about entering into partnership working arrangements
- Areas of deprivation were recognised
- Only one secondary school responded to the offer to take part in the focus groups – other secondary school age children were reached through the Youth Cabinet, the Children in Care Council and via the survey
- Young parents preferred counselling/informal support from friends/peers – the challenge was how to make this happen
- Where there was a shortage of school nurses, the relevant skills would be developed in other staff as required to deliver the programme
- An app was being developed that may help with accessibility/inclusiveness
- The Early Years Needs Assessment looked at people with different cultures, faiths and languages and how they access services

7. Resolved – that the committees: -

- i. Support the proposals for future service provision as presented to inform the Cabinet Member decision in May 2016
- ii. Are keen to see progress, particularly with the development of key performance indicators and monitoring arrangements and therefore ask for a report back to the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee's Business Planning Group following implementation of the first stage in April 2017

Arrangements for the future operation of the West Sussex Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After and Adopted Children

8. The committees considered a report by the Executive Director Care, Wellbeing and Education which was introduced by Mary Blanchard, Service Leader for Fostering, Adoption and Interventions who told the committees that: -

- More expertise would be developed in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service for Looked After and Adopted Children (CAMHS/LAAC) service
- There would be multi-agency involvement with psychologists used in the most effective way as clinical staff currently delivering the service would be seconded to the County Council
- Care packages would be reviewed regularly
- Social workers skills would be developed so that they could carry out therapeutic work
- Having one line management would allow effectiveness to be measured more easily
- Group managers would be responsible for the day to day running of the service
- A parenting programme would be offered to all special guardians during their first year of adopting children

9. Summary of responses to Members' questions and comments: -

- Involving Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) staff would help grow the model which was a work in progress
- Currently all children referred for therapeutic treatment were seen by the CAMHS/LAAC team, other staff e.g. in adoption teams, would be trained to do this so that the CAMHS/LAAC team could concentrate on more difficult cases
- There would be close working with doctors and special guardians
- During the one to two year secondment of SPFT staff to the Council, the first year would be spent developing the model and the second, looking at the plan for the future
- Money for the wider redesign of CAMHS came from the clinical commissioning groups
- A Local Transformation Plan had been developed in response to the release of NHS resources
- Clinical staff had helped build the model which aimed to improve the service, whilst ensuring stability and minimal change for staff and families
- Foster carers and adopters have been kept informed of progress
- Private foster carers would be looked at on an individual basis about coming into the service
- The early help programme and a wider universal service should help wider family members who look after relatives' children

9. Resolved – that the committees: -

- i. Support the proposed decision to adopt the new model for the provision of therapeutic interventions for Children Looked After or adopted
- ii. Asks that the business planning groups of both committees monitor the development of the model
- iii. Asks that the Corporate Parenting Panel also monitor developments focussing on the needs of Children Looked After or adopted

Date of Next Meetings

10. The next scheduled meeting of the Children & Young Peoples' Services Select Committee is on 8 June, and the next meeting of the Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee is on 10 June, both at County Hall, Chichester.

The meeting ended at 13.12

Chairman.