

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
(ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH)**

**REMOTE INFORMAL MEETING HELD
ON TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY, 2022**

PRESENT: Councillor Thomas (in the Chair)
Councillors Cluskey, Halsall, Irving, Jones, John
Joseph Kelly, Killen, Myers, Pugh (Substitute
Member for Councillor Brodie-Browne) and Roche

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. B. Clark, Healthwatch Representative
Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member – Adult Social
Care

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Brodie-Browne.

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

40. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2021, be confirmed as a correct record.

41. LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The Committee received a presentation from Sir David Dalton, Interim Chief Executive, and Clare Morgan, Director of Strategy, of Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (LUHFT). The presentation outlined the following:

- CQC inspection: context;
- CQC inspection: ratings;
- Fundamental Priorities;
- LUHFT Improvement Plan: The Journey to high Reliability;
- LUHFT Improvement Plan: Summary;
- LUHFT Improvement Plan: Fragile services;
- LUHFT Improvement Plan: Organisational Change;
- System working patient flow opportunity; and
- High reliability.

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The link to the most recent Care Quality Commission inspection report was also provided.

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issues:

- The reliability of data to indicate Trust performance.
- Electronic patient records and the ability of various NHS Trusts to share data.
- Assurances around the findings of the recent CQC report, particularly around fragile services.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted and Sir David Dalton and Clare Morgan be thanked for their attendance.

42. INTEGRATED INTERMEDIATE CARE STRATEGY

The Committee considered the joint report of the Chief Officer of NHS Southport and Formby Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group and the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health, that presented the Sefton Joint Intermediate Care Strategy 2021-24. Intermediate Care was defined as a range of integrated services that promoted faster recovery from illness; prevented unnecessary acute hospital admissions and premature admissions to long-term care; supported timely discharge from hospital; and maximised independent living.

The Sefton Joint Intermediate Care Strategy 2021-24 was attached to the report.

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issues:

- Projections for staffing levels, etc. in order to accommodate an increasing older population requiring home based care. The Cabinet Member would discuss the matter with the Member concerned.
- Representations to the Government for increased support for carers and care packages at home.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the information on the Sefton Joint Intermediate Care Strategy 2021-24 be noted.

43. SEFTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS - UPDATE REPORT

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The Committee considered the joint report of the NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the NHS Southport and Formby CCG, that provided an update about the work of the CCGs. The report outlined details of the following:

- Update on system changes;
- Blood tube disruption;
- COVID-19 vaccination update;
- Winter well communications;
- Public consultation about hyper acute stroke services underway;
- Roe Lane and Christiana Hartley patients surveyed;
- GP COVID-19 access survey begins to roll out;
- GP practice access;
- Practice self-care for life;
- Update on Shaping Care Together;
- New pilot to be launched at Liverpool Hospital's Emergency Departments;
- Sefton residents to be part of ground-breaking cancer trial;
- 'Lung MOTs' to find cancer cases sooner to be expanded in Merseyside;
- Sefton head pharmacist receives honour from the royal family; and
- Governing Body meetings.

Fiona Taylor, Chief Officer for the Sefton CCGs, was in attendance to present the update report and to respond to questions raised by Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the update report submitted by the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups, be received.

44. SEFTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS - HEALTH PROVIDER PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD

The Committee considered the joint report of NHS South Sefton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS Southport and Formby CCG, that provided data on key performance areas, together with responses for the Friends and Family Test for both Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust and Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. Information on the monitoring of the 7-day GP extended access scheme for both CCGs was included within the data.

Fiona Taylor, Chief Officer for the Sefton CCGs, was in attendance to present the data and to respond to questions raised by Members of the Committee. A verbal update was provided on Covid vaccines.

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issues:

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- Whether Covid was likely to add to performance pressures over the following weeks.
- Particularly in relation to stroke services, if ambulance performance could be included within the data for future performance reports provided to the Committee. A representative of the North West Ambulance Services could be invited to attend the next Committee meeting.
- The process regarding the provision of health services for refugees. A briefing note could be provided.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the information on Health Provider Performance be noted;
- (2) the Chief Officer for the Sefton Clinical Commissioning Groups be requested to:
 - (a) include information on ambulance performance within the data for future performance reports provided to the Committee; and
 - (b) provide a briefing note to the Senior Democratic Services Officer, outlining the process regarding the provision of health services for refugees; and
- (3) consideration be given to inviting a representative of the North West Ambulance Services to attend the next Committee meeting.

45. CABINET MEMBER REPORTS

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer submitting the most recent update reports from the Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care, and the Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing, whose portfolios fall within the remit of the Committee.

A revised version of the Cabinet Member update report – Adult Social Care, attached to the report at Appendix A, had been circulated prior to the Committee, that outlined information on the following:

- Care Homes - Vaccination
- Adult Social Care Budget, including external grants
- Sefton's Adults Safeguarding Board
- Mental Health Services
- Alternatives to Crisis
- Brain in Hand App
- Sensory Services
- Performance
- Integrated Care Teams (ICTs) Updates
- Complaints Update

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Councillor Cummins, Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care, attended the meeting to present his report and to respond to any questions.

The Cabinet Member update report – Health and Wellbeing, attached to the report at Appendix B, outlined information on the following:

- COVID-19 Update
- Pharmacy Needs Assessment
- Breastfeeding
- Seasonal Influenza
- Residential Rehabilitation
- PH Service Plan
- Mental Health
- Dunes SplashWorld
- Leisure Update
- Summary of Leisure Summer Holiday Activity 2021
- Adult Social Care & Health

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issue:

- The increase in figures relating to abuse occurring in care homes. The Cabinet Member would provide additional information.

RESOLVED:

That the update reports from the Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care and the Cabinet Member – Health and Wellbeing be noted.

46. WORK PROGRAMME KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer reviewing the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of 2021/22; reporting on progress of the Mental Health Issues Working Group; reporting on progress of work on the Integrated Care Partnership; identifying any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the latest Key Decision Forward Plan; receiving an update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee; reporting on progress made by the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee to consider proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside and West Lancashire; and noting the update from Healthwatch Sefton.

The Work Programme for 2021/22 was set out at Appendix A to the report, to be considered, along with any additional items to be included and agreed.

There was just one Decision within the latest Key Decision Forward Plan, attached to the report at Appendix B, that fell under this Committee's remit, and the Committee was invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny.

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An update on recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton, was attached to the report at Appendix C.

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issue:

- Consideration could be given to inviting a representative of the North West Ambulance Service to attend the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (1) the Work Programme for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (2) a representative of the North West Ambulance Service be invited to attend the next Committee meeting;
- (3) the progress made by the Mental Health Issues Working Group be noted;
- (4) progress made on work on the Integrated Care Partnership be noted;
- (5) the contents of the Key Decision Forward Plan for the period 1 January – 30 April 2022, be noted;
- (6) the update on the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted;
- (7) the progress made on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, to consider proposals for the reconfiguration of the hyper-acute stroke services across North Merseyside and West Lancashire, be noted; and
- (8) the recent activities undertaken by Healthwatch Sefton, as outlined in Appendix C to the report, be noted.

47. COVID-19 UPDATE

Margaret Jones, Director of Public Health, provided a verbal update on the latest position in relation to developments with Covid-19, particularly in relation to the new Omicron variant, including figures provided for the previous month; rates by age groups; availability of tests; cases in care homes within Sefton; Public Health work with schools; business continuity; and take-up of vaccines.

Members of the Committee asked questions/raised matters on the following issues:

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- Pregnancy and the Covid-19 vaccine.
- The likely impact of the new variant on the most vulnerable residents.
- The likelihood of reinfection amongst the population who had received the booster vaccination.

RESOLVED:

That the update on the Covid-19 situation in Sefton be noted.