

North Yorkshire County Council

Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 March 2018 at 10.00am at County Hall, Northallerton.

Present:-

County Councillor John Ennis in the Chair

County Councillors: Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Mike Chambers MBE, John Ennis (in the Chair), Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, David Jeffels, Andrew Jenkinson, John Mann and Karin Sedgwick.

In attendance:

County Councillors Caroline Dickinson (Executive Member for Adult Social Care).

Officers: Rachel Bowes (Assistant Director Care and Support, Care and Support (HAS)), Ray Busby (Scrutiny Support Officer), Louise Wallace (AD Health and Integration, Commissioning (HAS))

Apologies:

County Councillors Stanley Lumley, Stuart Martin MBE and Nicola Wilson

Voluntary and Community Sector: Jill Quinn (Dementia Forward).

Independent Sector: Mike Padgham (Independent Care Group)

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

150. Minutes

Resolved –

That, the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2017, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

151. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

152. Public Questions or Statements

The committee was advised that no notice had been received of any public questions or statements to be made at the meeting.

153. Chairman's remarks

Councillor John Ennis reported on the letter sent to Jeremy Hunt MP detailing the conclusions of the Joint Scrutiny members task group on workforce challenges associated with Health and Social Care Integration,.

154. Health and Social Care Integration

Considered -

- a) Presentation by Louise Wallace (Assistant Director, Health and Adult Services)
- b) Report by the Scrutiny Team Leader setting out a possible approach for a joint task group involving both the Scrutiny of Health Committee and the Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Louise Wallace explained the complex picture of health and social care integration by highlighting the three areas

1. National policy
2. Integrated commissioning
3. Integrated provision

In response to questions about how to measure the progress of Integration and its effectiveness, and in particular the relevance of Key Performance Indicators, Louise advised that a number of approaches were under consideration with the latest being the release by SCIE of an integration model. This proposed the adoption of a series of indicators.

Ray Busby added that this framework would be a key document for the task group's review of the wider health and social care integration in North Yorkshire which was the second element of this task group's scrutiny work – the first being the completed examination of workforce challenges

Resolved -

- a) That the presentation be noted.
- b) That the proposed terms of reference for the task group be agreed.

155. Strength Based Assessments

Considered -

Report by Rachel Bowes (Assistant Director, Health and Adult Services) explaining: the purpose behind moving to the practice of strength based assessments; what makes a good assessment; how the authority has implemented strength based assessments; performance data and outcomes; case studies; and the extent to which required savings had been achieved.

Rachel explained that a strengths-based approach to care, support and inclusion says let's look first at what people can do with their skills and their resources and what can the people around them do in their relationships and their communities.

Members concluded that the local approach pointed to good progress in all areas - not just the fact that Strength Based Assessments are contributing to 2020 savings requirements.

These assessments are supporting our responsibility to promote wellbeing and independence and reduce dependency. They are helping us achieve our requirement to prevent, reduce or delay needs. They are used across our entire pathway.

Resolved -

That the presentation be noted.

156. Engagement in Health and Adult Services

Considered –

Introduction and Presentation by Louise Wallace (Assistant Director, Health and Adult Services) on engagement structures, options and practice.

Resolved -

- a) That the report and presentation be noted.
- b) Group Spokespersons consider the suggestion that committee representatives attend the Learning Disability Partnership Board and/or the North Yorkshire Disability Forum

157. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Scrutiny Team Leader on the Work Programme.

Resolved -

- a) That the following matters be taken at the next meeting:
 - Financial Assistance for People receiving Housing Support
 - Supported Housing (Funding) Consultation
 - Feasibility study in relation to the provision of nursing care
 - Prevention contracts and Mental Health contract
- b) That the following matters be added to the work programme
 - Public Health Grant - assessment of priorities
 - Social Care Green Paper: Department of Health and Social Care Changes - this be the subject of a broad ranging committee session later in the year, ideally when the Governments intentions around the green paper become clearer.
 - Delayed transfers of Care. An update report has been requested for the September committee meeting.
 - Short Breaks Proposals: review of respite/short term breaks
 - Client Contributions