

## **SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 6 p.m.**

**Conference Room 2, Council House, Walsall**

### **Committee Members Present**

Councillor K. Hussain (Chair)  
Councillor B. Allen (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor G. Ali  
Coughlan G. Clarke  
Councillor D. Coughlan  
Councillor S. Ditta  
Councillor W. Rasab  
Councillor I. Robertson  
Councillor H. Sarohi  
Councillor V. Waters

### **Portfolio Holders Present**

Councillor R. Martin – Adult Social Care

### **Others Present**

#### **Walsall Council**

Adrian Roche – Head of Social Inclusion  
Anne Doyle – Group Manager Performance  
Nikki Gough – Democratic Services Officer

### **01/19 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor S. Neville, Councillor M. Longhi and John Taylor.

### **02/19 Substitutions**

There were no substitutions received.

### **03/19 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor B. Allen declared an interest as an employee of Walsall Healthcare Trust.

### **04/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## **05/19 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were considered.

### **Resolved**

**The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.**

## **06/19 Areas of Focus 2019/20**

The Chair welcomed Members of the Committee to the meeting and introductions were made. The work of the Committee in the previous municipal year was commended and the Chair suggested that a thematic approach was taken to formulation of the work programme. The Chair suggested that the following themes were agreed as the basis for the committees work programme for the coming year:

- Wellbeing (to include domestic abuse)
- Finance (NHS 10 year plan and budget consultation)
- Access to Primary Care (Primary care networks and geographical locations)
- Partnerships/ healthcare integration (Walsall Together)
- Mental health
- Hospital services and community care (improvement programme)
- Public Health

Following discussions Members suggested that the committee include the following topics as part of the wider themes to include –

- Mental health services to include services available, waiting lists and funding. Also GP training and support to GPs from the CCG,
- CAMHS,
- Performance of stroke rehabilitation services,
- The use of the Better Care Fund and how efficiencies were achieved,
- Care and support for those individuals living with autism,
- Use of agency staff in care homes, and hospitals,
- Aids and adaptations to assist independent living.

The Committee agreed to re-establish the mental health working group with the following membership:

- Councillor Allen (Lead Member)
- Councillor V Waters
- Councillor S. Ditta
- Councillor H. Sarohi.

It was also suggested that the Committee should complete policy overview work wherever possible.

## **Resolved That**

### **1. The following themes (and work programme items) are agreed as priorities for the committee for the 2019/20 municipal year;**

- **Wellbeing**
  - Future of domestic violence services
  - Aids and adaptations to assist independent living
- **Finance**
  - Detail of financial allocations and timescales attached to the NHS 10 year plan
  - The use of the Better Care Fund and how efficiencies were achieved
  - -Budget consultation
- **Access to Primary Care**
  - An update on Primary Care Networks
  - Geographic access to primary care
- **Partnerships/ healthcare integration**
  - The governance of Walsall Together Alliance
- **Mental health**
  - Dudley and Walsall mental Health Trust and Black Country Partnership Trust 'case for change' business case
  - Services available, waiting lists and funding.
  - Also GP training and support to GPs from the CCG
  - CAMHS
  - Care and support for those individuals living with autism
- **Hospital Services and Community Care**
  - Performance of stroke rehabilitation services
  - Use of agency staff in care homes, and hospitals
- **Public Health**

### **2. A Mental Health Working Group is established with the following membership**

- Councillor Allen (Lead Member)
- Councillor V Waters
- Councillor S. Ditta
- Councillor H. Sarohi.

**07/19 Forward Plans**

The Committee considered the forward plans of the Local Authority and the Black Country Executive Joint Committee.

**Resolved**

**That the Forward Plans be noted.**

**Date of next meeting**

There being no further business the meeting terminated at. 6.20 pm.

Signed: .....

Date: .....