

Motherwell, 9 May 2019 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Baird, Barclay, Burgess, Cameron, Carragher, Di Mascio, Fannan, Feeney, Fisher, Gourlay, C. Johnston, Kerr, Magowan, McKendrick, McNally, McPake, A. McVey, O'Rourke, Pettigrew, Stephen, Watson and Weir.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A), Councillor Quigley attended as a substitute for Councillor McCulloch.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Children, Families and Justice Social Work Services; Interim Chief Accountable Officer, Health and Social Care; Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services; Interim Head of Planning, Performance and Quality Assurance; Business Finance Manager (Strategy), and Democratic Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Docherty and McCulloch.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. There were no declarations.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 3 2018/19

2. There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Accountable Officer, Health and Social Care (1) outlining the performance data for the period 1 October to 31 December 2018 (Quarter 3) and associated trend information, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (2) advising of the areas identified for improvement and planned actions, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Arising from discussions thereon, it was proposed and agreed that a presentation be provided to the next meeting of the Committee on the areas for improvement and planned actions.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SUICIDE SAFER COMMUNITIES

3. There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services (1) outlining the content and associated work of the national and local suicide prevention action plans; (2) summarising the key strategic aims of the Scottish Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018 entitled

“Every Life Matters”, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) setting out eight local priority areas and associated actions for suicide prevention within North Lanarkshire, as detailed in the North Lanarkshire Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018/19; (4) informing of current and planned work, including working with young people in schools, public awareness and training; (5) informing of the establishment of a multi-agency Suicide Prevention Partnership within North Lanarkshire to implement the national and local strategies via a range of activities, and (6) detailing statistical information from the Scottish Suicide Information Database (ScotSID).

Decided:

- (1) that the work plan for North Lanarkshire be approved;
- (2) that an updated Suicide Prevention Plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee before the end of the calendar year;
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Integration Joint Board for approval of direction of travel, and
- (4) that the report be otherwise noted.

MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY AND MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER DUTIES

4. There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services (1) outlining Scotland’s Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027; (2) providing an update on the performance of Mental Health Officer duties; (3) highlighting the Mental Health Officer national context and the national demand; (4) detailing proposals for a review of the current Mental Health Officer Service Model, and (5) proposing workforce planning for Mental Health Officers within the North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

Decided:

- (1) that the actions highlighted within the report be approved;
- (2) that the review and proposals to further the development of the Mental Health Officers Service within the Mental Health Strategy, in respect of workforce planning, be approved, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

HOME SUPPORT UPDATE BRIEFING

5. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Adult Health and Social Care Committee held on 14 February 2019, there was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services (1) providing an update on the development of the new model of home support; (2) informing that a Home Support Project Board had been established to assist with the planning and implementation of specified changes in terms of task, resourcing and structures; (3) outlining the consultation arrangements to be managed by the Board; (4) detailing the progress and the roll-out of dynamic scheduling, and (5) advising that the pre-existing Project Board will become the Operational Home Support Group to oversee and implement operational change and improvement.

Decided:

- (1) that a full and detailed Action Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee;
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Integration Joint Board for approval of the direction of travel and the actions required for the next meeting of the Committee, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.

EAST STEWART GARDENS INTEGRATED DAY SERVICE, COATBRIDGE - UPDATE

6. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the Special meeting of this Committee held on 17 April 2019, there was submitted a report (1) providing an update on the implementation of the closure of East Stewart Gardens Integrated Day Service, as agreed at the North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board meeting of 26 March 2019; (2) detailing, within Appendix 1 to the report, the work undertaken in facilitating the closure of the day service at East Stewart Gardens, Coatbridge; (3) informing that all service users, carers and families have been kept informed of decisions taken and that no service users will be detrimentally affected by the change; (4) intimating that places at Sinclair Integrated Day Service, Coatbridge are to be managed to ensure sufficient availability for service users transferring, and (5) advising that HR business partners have met with individual staff as a result of the closure to discuss their options.

Councillor Carragher intimated that she intended to move an amendment to the recommendations contained in the report in respect of the inclusion of an extra recommendation that the Committee "note that this Committee has previously expressed concerns regarding the plans".

At this point the Convener proposed that recommendation one, as detailed in the report, be reworded to read "that the necessary works undertaken by the Council Services, to implement the closure of East Stewart gardens, as summarised in Appendix 1 to the report be noted". In response Councillor Carragher withdrew her amendment.

Decided:

- (1) that the necessary works undertaken by the Council Services to implement the closure of East Stewart Gardens, as summarised in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted, and
- (2) that a progress update report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT

7. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the special meeting of this Committee held on 16 April 2019, there was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services (1) detailing the way in which savings of £422,000 will be managed to avoid significant impact on service users requiring support; (2) summarising a number of key actions within the overall context of increasing demand, and (3) outlining the continued partnership working with independent sector providers.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CHARGES FOR NON RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, MEALS PROVISION, INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOMES, IN-HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE AND RESPITE CARE

8. There was submitted a report by the Head of Children and Families and Justice Social Work Services (1) advising of the charging levels to be applied for non residential services, meals provision, independent sector care homes, in-house residential care and respite care in 2019/20; (2) highlighting that the Council's charging policy had been updated for 2018/19 to reflect the new rates, and (3) intimating that the Council's leaflet on charges would be revised and updated to reflect the changes for 2019/20 and made available to residents and service users.

Decided:

- (1) that the threshold figure for payment of home support charges be set at £210 for single people and £320 for couples;

- (2) that the hourly rate for home support be increased to £17.74;
- (3) that the daily rate for attending an integrated day service be set at £10;
- (4) that the charge for meals provided in day services be set at £5;
- (5) that an increase be applied to independent sector care home fees as negotiated via COSLA, Scottish Care and the Scottish Government;
- (6) that the charge for in-house residential care be increased to £649 per week;
- (7) that an uplift in charges for residential respite in line with increases in pensions and allowances be agreed, and
- (8) that rates for free personal care and nursery care be increased to £177 and £80 respectively.

SOCIAL WORK - CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT FOR PERIOD 12 - FROM 1 APRIL 2018 TO 1 MARCH 2019

9. There was submitted a report by the Interim Head of Adult Social Work Services (1) advising of the overall projected financial position for the Social Work Capital Programme 2018/19 for the period from 1 April 2018 to 1 March 2019; (2) providing an update on the financial performance of the Social Work Capital Programme for that period, and (3) detailing, in the Appendix to the report, the projected financial position.

Decided: that the financial position of the 2018/19 Social Work Capital Programme be noted.

REVIEW OF INTEGRATION

10. There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Officer (1) outlining the background to the review of integration; (2) detailing the legislative requirements of the review; (3) summarising each of the three main elements of the review and the progress to date, and (4) recommending that the final report and associated Action Plan be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that regular updates on progress be submitted to future meetings of the Committee when required;
- (2) that the final report and associated Action Plan be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee, and
- (3) that the report be otherwise noted.