

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD
11th December, 2015

Present:- Councillor Steele (in the Chair); Councillors Beck, Hamilton, Mallinder, Julie Turner, Whelbourn and Wyatt.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hughes and Sansome.

63. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wyatt declared a personal interest in Minute No. 65 (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) – member of RDaSH and relative who works in the NHS.

64. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no members of the public or the press present at the meeting.

65. RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW: CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Further to Minute No. 109 of the 24th April, 2015, meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board and Minute Nos. 17 (13th October, 2015) and 25 (18th November, 2015) of Commissioner Newsam's Decision Making, consideration was given to a report, presented by Paul Theaker, Operational Commissioner, concerning the updated response to Scrutiny Review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

Although the principal focus of the Scrutiny Review was RDaSH CaMHS, the services were part of a complex system of services, commissioning and provision and the recent changes to RDaSH CaMHS, such as the reconfigured Duty Team and self-referral, were positive. However, the quality of data provided by RDaSH CaHMS remained an issue and greater attention should be paid to improving and measuring outcomes. Prevention and early intervention should remain a focus to try and reduce the number of young people needing support at higher levels or continuing into adulthood, given the emergence of many lifelong conditions during adolescence.

More flexible services across a range of community settings and greater links to Youth Services and schools were a priority to progress further. The volume of referrals to RDaSH was high and, although waiting times had been reduced for routine assessments, the target was still being exceeded with the service likely to continue to face high demand.

The improved communication between agencies and with families, clear access criteria, referral and care pathways and renewed attention on health promotion, self-help and early support through the CaHMS transformation work would help to reduce the number of young people with deteriorating mental health and emotional wellbeing.

During discussion of the report, Members raised the following salient issues:-

- Monitoring/scrutinising by the Local Authority and the Department of Health
- There had been a delay in submitting the report but this had been to allow the Scrutiny Review to dovetail with the CaHMS Transformation Plan
- Key strands of the Transformation Plan was PHSE and prevention and early intervention
- A whole school and whole community approach was being taken forward. CaHMS locality workers would work alongside schools to provide support and advice. A meeting had taken place recently with community partnerships in terms of developing the community grassroots work
- In terms of response to Mental Health issues, RDaSH were developing, as part of their new structure, locality workers across the Borough. There was also a workforce development strand and developing needs such as screening tools and putting on basic awareness training for all the children's workforce so as to identify signs and work and support young people in the community
- Work was taking place with the voluntary sector's Children and Young People's Consortium to identify partners in localities
- NHS England was the commissioner for the expensive out-of-authority placements and had been involved in the Transformation Plan but not specifically in terms of prevention and early intervention. There were discussions locally to develop a Tier 3+ service with the aim of supporting the young people at home or in the local community and not progressing into Tier 4
- Part of the prevention and early intervention work was the development of a screening tool and awareness training. The aim was to roll out a piece of training, Mental Health First Aid, to School Nurses
- The Children's Partnership Group, comprising of representatives from all of the statutory organisations as well as the voluntary sector and commissioners, would monitor the transformation plan

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the ongoing monitoring of the action plan be undertaken by the Health Select Commission on behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

66. ISSUES REFERRED FROM THE AREA ASSEMBLIES

There were no issues to report.

67. YOUTH CABINET/YOUNG PEOPLE'S ISSUES

Members noted that a planning meeting was to be held on 14th December, 2015, with the Youth Cabinet for the Children's Commissioner Day. Also to be discussed would be the Scrutiny Review response to the CaHMS transformation.

68. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board held on 26th November, 2015, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

69. WORK IN PROGRESS

Health Select Commission:-

The Chair reported on the recent activities of the Health Select Commission:-

- Development of the new Rotherham Carers Strategy
- Update on the current position with regard to the Better Care Fund which was to continue next year although the national requirements had not yet been specified
- The RFT Quality Accounts half yearly update and progress report
- There was to be a special meeting on 17th December to look at the Adult and Older People's Mental Health Transformation and development of a Single Point of Access

Improving Places Select Commission:-

The Chair reported on the recent activities of the Improving Places Select Commission:-

- The work of the Waste Task and Finish Group was coming to the end of its deliberations. At the Group's next meeting consideration would be given to the Waste Health Check report carried out by a peer mentor from Nottingham County Council. It was hoped the final report would be ready for the Select Commission in January

Improving Lives Select Commission:-

The Chair reported that the next meeting of the Lives Select Commission was to be held on 16th December. Agenda items included:-

- Rotherham CSE Needs Analysis
- Update on the Multi-Agency Referral Panel

- Overview of progress to date of the Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan 2015 - 2018 in the specific areas of Voice and Influence Impact and work undertaken in schools in Rotherham

Audit Committee:-

The Chair reported on the recent activities of the Audit Committee:-

- Strategic Risk Register which was to be discussed at Minute No. 71

70. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to financial or business affairs and labour relations matters).

71. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Colin Earl, Assistant Director Audit, ICT & Procurement, presented the Strategic Risk Register and powerpoint presentation giving an update on Risk Management as follows:-

- The position at RMBC
- Operational Risk Management
- Strategic Risk Management
- Improving Risk Management
- Responsibilities
- Role of the Audit Committee
- Priorities

The report contained, as an appendix, the latest position in relation to the Strategic Risk Register. Following criticism in the Casey report, work had been carried out to reinstate risk management arrangements including the production of a Strategic Risk Register. It signalled a new sharper approach involving a clearer distinction of the key risks affecting the organisation at a corporate level and ensuring cross-cutting assessment and review of key strategic tasks. The Risk Register would be updated once the Council agreed its corporate priorities.

There were three overall categories of risk Red, Amber, Green (RAG) representing varying degrees of exposure. Each category contains a range of risk scores, resulting in varying degrees of risk within each category.

The risks contained within the draft Register were:-

- Delivering the Corporate Improvement Plan
- Providing effective Children's and Adults Services
- Resources and Governance
- Rotherham, The Place (achieving the vision)
- Compliance and Resilience

Members discussed the following salient issues:-

- Newly appointed temporary Risk Manager
- Ownership of the Risk Register
- Funding of risk
- Challenging of Directorates
- Appointment of external auditors
- Audit Commission governance arrangements
- Possible move of Risk Management into Assistant Chief Executive's area of responsibility
- Internal Audit expertise in the area of Children's Services
- Insurance premiums
- Member development

Resolved:- (1) That the draft Strategic Risk Register be noted.

(2) That the newly appointed Risk Manager be invited to attend the February meeting of the Board.

(3) That Risk Management and an Elected Member's responsibility be included as part of the Member Development training for newly Elected Members.