

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD
27th May, 2016

Present:- Councillor Steele (in the Chair); Councillors Albiston, Allcock, Clark, Cowles, Elliott, Mallinder, Sansome, Julie Turner and Walsh.

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2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

There were no questions.

4. IMPROVING ACCESS TO CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Assistant Chief Executive which detailed the findings of a spotlight scrutiny review undertaken by the Rotherham Youth Cabinet (RYC) in respect of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) in Rotherham. The review was undertaken as part of the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Challenge initiative, which involved young people taking over a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

It was reported that the key focus of the young people's attention was on services provided by Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust (RDaSH), following a major reconfiguration resulting in a new service model for CAMHS). The RYC were keen to explore how that reflected their recommendations for service improvements following publication of the "Mind the Gap" report.

The review had led to eleven recommendations based on the following key issues:

- Improving access to services – opening hours, waiting times and locations
- Using information to improve services
- Ensuring young people have a say in their treatment and care
- Effective services with measurable improved outcomes for young people using services
- Factual information about mental health to reduce stigma

- Improving visibility of school nurses in schools and access to support
- Agencies sharing good practice to improve services

Members welcomed the report and recommendations from the Rotherham Youth Cabinet and indicated that it would be necessary for the Health Select Commission to monitor the response received and the subsequent implementation of the recommendations.

Discussions ranged from the scale and variety of mental health problems amongst young people and how good practice could be shared in future. In endorsing the report, the Board heard from a young person who had been involved in the review and shared her personal experience of a referral to CAMHS, which, in her view, should have been much quicker and could have helped to avoid a deterioration in the condition.

The Chair thanked the Youth Cabinet and support officers for their hard work and report.

Resolved:-

- 1. That the report be received and endorsed.**
- 2. That the final report and recommendations be submitted to Commissioners and the Cabinet for consideration and response.**
- 3. That, when received, the response of Commissioners and the Cabinet to the recommendations be referred to the Health Select Commission.**
- 4. That the thanks of Overview and Scrutiny Management Board be conveyed to the Rotherham Youth Cabinet and young people who participated in the review process.**

5. CONSULTATION - LIBRARY STRATEGY AND FUTURE SERVICE OFFER

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment and presented by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Working and Cultural Services, which sought the Board's views on the consultation documents and proposals in respect of the Library Strategy and future service offer.

It was reported that the draft Library Strategy 2016 – 2019 proposed a vision for Rotherham libraries where:

- Libraries were well used, cost effective and responsive to changing customer needs, available technologies and resources;
- The services offered and enabled would reflect the needs and make up of Rotherham communities;
- Rotherham's children, young people and families would enjoy reading and develop their knowledge and skills, so that they would be able to improve their quality of life and have an opportunity to realise their full potential; and
- Library buildings would be recognised as community hubs, offering welcoming spaces and providing access to modern digital technology.

Savings proposals underpinned the draft strategy and had been developed to ensure that the service could have a sustainable future with a reduced annual budget, with the available financial resources being targeted to best meet the needs of residents.

It was verbally reported that since the consultation had started in March 2016, approximately one thousand responses had been received, with 84% in agreement with the vision for the Library Strategy and 93% in agreement with the proposal to keep sites open. In that time, 72 people had offered to help or volunteer in libraries. It was noted that 78% of respondents could access the internet, but 64% of respondents did not want to opt for e-correspondence.

The Board were interested to note that 62% of non-users were not aware of the services offered in libraries and 22% would not use a library even if they did know. No respondents to the consultation were aware that the council lends e-books, which can be downloaded. Other comments received included "Fines put me off" and "Riverside House is out of town".

Members highlighted accessibility as a concern which had not been given sufficient attention in the past and indicated that the comments about Riverside House being out of the town centre and anecdotal feedback in respect of the locations of other libraries across the borough suggested that libraries needed to be co-located with other services in places that are well positioned. It was also suggested that businesses should be encouraged to provide their services from libraries and a specific example in respect of IT services was cited as being an area of opportunity. Other examples of film clubs, travel agencies and credit unions were also referred to as potential partners for libraries in future.

It was noted that increased use of 'click and collect' was changing the role of the mobile library, which was proposed for withdrawal within the consultation. Figures collated suggested that 400 people use the mobile library, but three-quarters of those using it would be able to access the same service from existing static sites.

The Cabinet Member highlighted the need to generate as much feedback to the consultation as possible and emphasised the future of libraries as being “Buzz, Not Shush”. In response, Members described their passion for the provision of library services and the enthusiasm of their constituents for the services provided.

In summary, the Chair indicated that the Board’s comments should be noted in respect of the consultation. Furthermore, it was expected that the outcome of the consultation and final proposals would be subject to pre-decision scrutiny before final determination by the Cabinet.

Resolved:-

- 1. That the progress report on the consultation on the Library Strategy and future service offer be noted.**
- 2. That the Board’s comments in response to the questions posed by the consultation on the Library Strategy and future service offer be noted.**
- 3. That the Library Strategy and future service offer be subject to pre-decision scrutiny prior to any final decision by the Cabinet.**

6. ISSUES REFERRED FROM THE AREA ASSEMBLIES

It was reported that no issues had been referred from the Area Assemblies.

7. YOUTH CABINET/YOUNG PEOPLE'S ISSUES

It was reported that there were no issues arising from the Youth Cabinet or Young People.

8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21ST APRIL, 2016

Resolved:-

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, held on 21 April 2016, be approved as a true and correct of the proceedings for signature by the Chairman.

9. WORK IN PROGRESS (CHAIRS OF SELECT COMMISSIONS TO REPORT)

Councillor Sansome, Chair of the Health Select Commission, reported that he had attended a meeting Sheffield on 23 May 2016 in respect of the ‘Working Together’ programme, where it was reported that a public consultation on work streams would take place from September 2016. Furthermore, the Commission had also submitted statements on the

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Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust and the Rotherham Foundation Trust Quality Accounts. Councillor Sansome announced that a briefing would be held on 31 May 2016 for new members to enable them to understand the activity and remit of the Health Select Commission.

As Councillors Clark and Mallinder had been appointed as Chairs of the Improving Lives and Improving Places Select Commissions at the Annual Meeting on 20 May 2016, they did not have any matters to report to the meeting.

Resolved:-

That the activities of the Select Commissions be noted.

10. CALL-IN ISSUES - TO CONSIDER ANY ISSUES REFERRED FOR CALL-IN

It was reported that there were no issues from the Cabinet which had been referred for call in.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board would be held on Friday, 1st July, 2016, commencing at 9.00am.