

Committee	Healthier Communities Select Committee	Item No.	2
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Wards	N/A		
Contributors	Scrutiny Manager		
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Attendance and Apologies

Present: Councillors Scott (Chair), Maines, Clutten, Milton, Phoenix, Flood, Ibitson, Hall
Councillor Stockbridge (Ex-officio)

Apologies: None

Also present:

Alan Bailey	Lewisham LINK Executive
Aileen Buckton	Executive Director, Community Services, LBL
Dee Carlin	Head of Joint Commissioning, PCT/LBL
Joy Ellery	Director of Knowledge, Governance and Communication, UHL
Oliver Lake	Director of Engagement, PCT
Yvette London	Deputy Director of Engagement, PCT
Salena Whatford	Scrutiny Manager, LBL
Dr Danny Ruta	Director of Public Health, LBL and PCT
Martin Wilkinson	Head of Commissioning, PCT
David Norman	Service Director, Mental Health of Older Adults, SLAM
Lydia Costello	Associate Director/Joint Commissioner, PCT/LBL

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- 1.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2009 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 Cllr Flood declared that he works for the National Patient Safety Agency

3. SLAM Older Adults Service Variation

- 3.1 The Chair invited David Norman and Lydia Costello to make their presentation to the Committee. The main points to note were:
- SLAM are proposing a public consultation on closing a specialist continuing care home with 12 beds and reducing the number of places in another specialist care home by 4 beds reduce the total SLAM managed Mental Health Older Adults (MHOA) NHS Continuing Healthcare beds from 44 beds to 28 beds. numbers of places currently available in the borough are more than is needed

- The decline in demand is due to closure of large mental health institutions, national policy changes and improved developments in community mental health treatment
- Because of the election period, SLaM propose to formally consult the Committee after the public consultation has been concluded, at the first meeting of the next municipal year
- SLaM would then make a formal decision on the proposal and report this to the second meeting of the HCSC next municipal year.
- SLaM also asked for the Committees view on the proposed consultation papers

3.2 Councillor Maines asked how those people that would need to be moved as result of this decision were being consulted, and how SLaM would support them with this change to their circumstances if this went ahead. David Norman advised that these clients are the most vulnerable group of people with severe dementia and often physical issues too. SLaM have a lots of experience and lots of specialist clinical knowledge in supporting these clients. SLaM would work closely with the individuals and their families orientate them in a new environment. David Norman further advised that SLaM were looking to retain the staff so

3.3 Alan Bailey advised that he was slightly alarmed at 9.4 which talks about public consultation being only with a narrow stakeholder group, as while he could see the relevance of targeting those immediately impacted, he would encourage to consult as wide s possible rather than narrow the consultation so much. Alan Bailey further remarked that Churchdown closed in 2007, which was a similar exercise in managing reduction and demand and asked SLaM if they got the numbers right then. David Norman advised that they did and that only 5 individuals had to be relocated, 4 of those went to these homes being considered today, and that SLaM would ensure that those 4 clients did not have to move again as a result of any changes agreed.

3.4 RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.

4. Improving care for patients with long term conditions

4.1 Martin Wilkinson introduced the report. The Chair advised the PCT that the Committee expected a further update report in the future on polysystems to ensure the Committee were kept abreast of developments.

4.2 Martin Wilkinson advised that the PCT were still planning for 4 around the clusters as part of their strategy, but thinking that these would be served by 3 hubs, the Waldron in the north, Downham in the south in UHL in the centre, and that there are issues on those sites that the PCT are currently continuing to work with partners to make that happen.

4.3 Councillor Scott reminded the PCT that the Committee felt very strongly that practical access to services was a key consideration when planning service provision. Martin Wilkinson further advised that the PCT were currently doing some mapping work and developing transport plans and that they would come back to the Committee with more detailed work.

4.4 Councillor Maines asked if the PCT would be developing a parallel strategy to the one for patients with long term conditions to monitor the needs of carers and involve family and carers in planning long term care. Martin Wilkinson advised that there was a separate stream of work looking at supporting carers but agreed that it was important to link the two. Yvette London advised that she was currently developing an “expert patient” programme for carers as well as patients.

4.5 RESOLVED: That the Committee note the report.

5. Womens Health Review

- 5.1 Dr Danny Ruta introduced the report.
- 5.2 Councillor Phoenix thanked all those that took part in supporting the review.
- 5.3 Councillor Phoenix advised the Committee that poverty was at the root of many health problems, which of course couldn't be addressed by the health deliver sector alone so continued partnership working was vital to ensure that housing, childcare and education services all worked together to support people.
- 5.4 Councillor Maines asked Councillor Hall, as chair of the Men's Health review 3 years ago, if all of the recommendations from that review had been followed up. Councillor Hall advised that the Committee had previously received updates on the progress of implementing the recommendations but suggested that officers integrate the men's and women's health plans as there are common themes that need to be picked up across the service providers.
- 5.5 Councillor Scott agreed that there should be an integrated men's and women's health inequalities action plan produced so that progress on both can be monitored together and links across the two made, and further requested that officers provide an updated joint action plan for the Committee to consider in the next municipal year.
- 5.6 Councillor Milton asked if the women's health review would be fed into the total place pilots in terms of health. Aileen Buckton advised that Lewisham's total place has been focused on joint commissioned services, so hasn't looked in detail at health inequalities.
- 5.7 **RESOLVED:** That the action plans from the mens and women's health reviews be linked and monitored jointly across the partnership and a further update on progress on delivering the joint action plan be provided to the Committee in the next municipal year.

6. Work Programme

- 6.1 Salena Whatford introduced the work programme and advised the Committee that the Overview and Scrutiny team would be developing draft work programmes for consideration by the Select Committees after the elections.
- 6.2 The Chair asked all members and officers to outline what they felt where the priorities for health scrutiny to address going forward after election which they would therefore expect to see proposed for the work programme in 2010/2011:
- 6.2 Councillor Flood stated that he felt mental health provision needs to be scrutinised as a priority.
- 6.3 Councillor Hall advised that he felt health inequalities should remain a priority for scrutiny
- 6.4 Councillor Maines commented that high teenage pregnancy rates in Lewisham should be scrutinised.
- 6.5 Councillor Ibitson advised that she agreed with the other members before her.
- 6.6 Aileen Buckton advised that personalisation in adult social care was a priority topic, and the need to change the arrangements in relation to the national stroke pathway development. She further advised that there would be changes in the way that social care assessments

were offered, so officers would need to look at how intermediate care was delivered and that that would need to be covered by the Committee relatively early in the cycle.

- 6.7 Dee Carlin advised that the SLaM proposal considered as item 3 on the agenda led to a commitment to re-invest the proposed savings into developing the dementia pathway, and that she would be keen to consult the committee on what that pathway might look like. Dee further advised that the Committee had previously been advised about the recommissioning of the supported living services for people with learning disabilities and that officers are half way through that process and that it would be good to inform the Committee of the outcome of that work.
- 6.8 Councillor Phoenix advised that she would like to scrutinise supporting older people to remain mentally well and also look at teenage pregnancy locally, nationally and globally to understand the issues and how to tackle it.
- 6.9 Councillor Milton also advised that mental health was an area that should be scrutinised in more detail. He also advised that the Committee should get out more and meet outside of the Committee rooms in the civic suite and visit more services.
- 6.10 Alan Bailey agreed that older peoples mental health should be further scrutinised, including how to enhance preventative measures physically and mentally
- 6.11 Councillor Clutten agreed with the priorities of teenage pregnancy, mental health and health inequalities.
- 6.12 Joy Ellery advised the Committee that the Hospitals Chief Executive Tim Higginson had previously outlined the hospitals strategy to the Committee and their plans to integrate the Community Health Services, which is planned to go ahead on the 1st of April, so she would suggest that a 60 day report comes back to the Committee in June to advised on progress and how the care pathways are being mapped and starting to work both in and outside of the hospital for patients at that time. Joy Ellery further advised that the Committee may like to visit the new birth centre that is currently being built.
- 6.13 Martin Wilkinson advised that he felt the Committee should continue to scrutinise polysystems, which links with what Joy advised about care pathways, and that the Committee should consider how they will hold the PCT to account against the strategy plan pathways and commissioning decision they make.
- 6.13 Yvette London advised that she felt the Committee could consider how it could get involved in and respond to national consultations, in addition to the local and regional consultations that it responded to as part of its formal role.
- 6.14 Oliver Lake advised that last year the Committee picked out what they felt were the key areas from the PCT strategy plan and then took progress reports throughout the year. A Picture of Health (APOH) is still being implemented, the birth centre Joy referred to is part of that, and Oliver felt that it would be good for the Committee to receive an update next year about how the implementation is going. As part of implementation a Stakeholder Reference Group (SRG) has been set up (Cllrs Maines and Flood agreed to represent the Committee on this group) and the Lewisham LINK also attend, and the SRG has done a lot of good work, so Oliver recommended that the update report should also include information about how the SRG had been going.
- 6.15 Dr Ruta advised that Sir Michael Marmot's Strategic review of Health Inequalities in England had been published today and that it was something that the Committee would find interesting.

6.16 **RESOLVED:** That the suggestions made be considered for inclusion in the work programme planning report to be prepared by the scrutiny manager for the Committee to consider at the first meeting of the next municipal year.

6.17 The Chair thanked all members who had taken part in the Committee. Councillor Maines added a vote of thanks to the Chair, noting that the Chair had carried out a large amount of excellent work on behalf of the Committee over the last 4 years. Councillor Flood noted the thanks of the Committee for the work of the Scrutiny Manager in providing excellent support.

7. Response to HCSC Referral to Mayor and Cabinet

7.1 Aileen Buckton provided the Committee with a verbal update on the referral to Mayor and Cabinet in relation to a London wide agreement about hostel placement notifications across borough boundaries.

Aileen Buckton advised the Committee that at Mayor and Cabinet last night, the Mayor agreed that he will put his weight behind the recommendations of the Committee.

8 Items referred to Mayor and Cabinet

8.1 There were none.

The following is a summary of the items considered in the closed part of the meeting:

9. A case review.

9.1 Resolved: The Committee noted the report.

The meeting ended at 8.45 pm.

Chair:

Date: