

SHOPSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022

10.00 - 11.45 am in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

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Present

Councillor Steve Charmley (Chairman)

Councillors Nicholas Bardsley, Gerald Dakin, Geoff Elner, Kate Halliday, Chris Schofield and Dan Thomas (Vice Chairman)

35 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors David Minnery (substituted by Edward Towers), Heather Kidd (substituted by Ruth Houghton) and Hilary Luff.

36 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

Members were reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting.

Councillor Ruth Houghton declared an interest in Agenda Item 5, Winter Plan.

37 **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

38 **Public Question Time**

Public questions were received from Darren Childs in relation to West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS).

The full questions and responses provided to them are available on the web page for the meeting: [Agenda for Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 28th March, 2022, 10.00 am — Shropshire Council](#)

Members requested an update on the information previously requested from WMAS.

39 **Members Question Time**

No Members Questions were received.

40 Winter Plan

Members received a presentation from Kate Garner, Local Commissioning Manager and Laura Tyler, Assistant Director Joint Commissioning on the Adult Social Care Winter Plan 2021/2022.

Members' attention was drawn to how the lessons learned from previous winter periods have been implemented in the 2021/2022 Winter Plan and how activity has been adapted to take account of Covid and workforce pressures - particularly around transfers of care and hospital admission avoidance.

Some examples of what had worked well were highlighted as follows:

- 16 new winter beds were put in place across different locations to increase capacity
- The commissioning of 5 local designated covid beds
- Recruitment campaigns would be taking place throughout the year, with a new recruitment website in development. Talks would also be held with local colleges
- A focus on reablement to maximise independence

Thanks were given to the voluntary and community sector as well as unpaid carers for their resilience across a particularly challenging winter.

It was noted that the team would be looking at how to have a joint Winter Plan, taking into account the need for flexibility and adaptability to meet challenges.

Members were keen to promote career opportunities and suggested that family carers should be paid. It was felt that the priority should be getting patients home with suitable care packages.

It was questioned whether West Midlands Ambulance Service could be contacted to discuss an offer from the fire service to use first responders to support the ambulance service. The Director of Public Health stated that this would be taken back to Joint HOSC to seek clarification on the offer.

Members felt that the public perception of the discharging process was slow and that this should be scrutinised using data. Members were advised that the team would be looking at the journey to discharge, which was complex. There was a lot of work taking place surrounding this and it would be presented in the future to give the community some assurance.

Members noted that there was a joint approach across multiple service areas such as housing and transport to ensure people's wellbeing. They are looking into preventative measures as well as reviewing current services to agree the support that is needed on discharge. Demands and capacity were reviewed on a regular basis.

41 Joint Commissioning

Laura Tyler, Assistant Director Joint Commissioning, gave a presentation on Joint Commissioning, which advised Members that many councils have moved to an all ages integrated approach recognising a whole family approach to services at place-based level. This has been aligned with national strategy emphasising the need for integration. Joint Commissioning looks to deliver a personalised service by involving people in their own care and care decisions.

Members were advised that the team were working with health colleagues to streamline the service provision and an emphasis put on early intervention.

Members noted that following the migration of the CCG to the Independent Care System, the team would be looking at governance and structures as the Council has a statutory duty to manage the care market.

Members raised concern that partnerships cannot be successfully formed when data is not being shared. Members were advised that joint dashboards had been set up and protocols would be developed. This would enable scrutiny and to hold decisions to account. It was noted that local decisions would be considered by a local Board before being implemented and that the Council had a strong voice when it came to decision making.

The Joint Commissioning team were working closely with the CCG to develop a stronger Commissioning team.

Members noted that briefings would be held on how the ICS and Shropshire Integrated Place Partnership are working and how the community can keep track of progress.

42 Work Programme

The contents of the work programme were noted.

It was agreed that an informal meeting would be arranged prior to the next meeting to discuss additions to the work programme. Further details would be circulated outside of the meeting.

43 Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be held at 10am on Monday 16th May 2022.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: