

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

At a Special Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 22 March 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Gail Casey (Chair), Jonathan McColl and Martin Rooney, West Dunbartonshire Council; and Heather Cameron, Allan Macleod and Rona Sweeney, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.

Non-Voting Members: Keith Redpath, Chief Officer; Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth Ferguson, Clinical Director for the Health & Social Care Partnership; Wilma Hepburn, Professional Nurse Advisor; Jackie Irvine, Chief Social Work Officer; John Kerr, Professional Advisor – Housing; Diane McCrone, NHS Staff Side Co-Chair; Anne McDougall, Chair of Local Engagement Network – Clydebank; Janice Miller, Lead Allied Health Professional and Selina Ross, Chief Officer of West Dunbartonshire Council for Voluntary Services.

Attending: Julie Lusk, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disability & Addictions; Chris McNeill, Head of Community Health & Care; Soumen Sengupta, Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement; Serena Barnett, Head of People and Change; Colin McDougall, Chief Internal Auditor, Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer.

Also attending: Fiona Mitchell-Knight, Assistant Director and Karen Cotterell, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Barbara Barnes, Chair of the Local Engagement Network – Alexandria & Dumbarton; Neil McKay, Chair of Locality Group – Alexandria & Dumbarton; Kim McNabb, Representative of Carers of West Dunbartonshire; Peter O'Neill, WDC Staff Side Co-Chair of Joint Staff Forum and Dr Martin Perry, Acute Consultant.

Councillor Gail Casey in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Councillor Casey, Chair, welcomed everyone present to the meeting of the Partnership Board. Before commencing with the business on the agenda, the Chair drew the Partnership Board's attention to the Care at Home Team's award success at the recent Scottish Association of Social Work Awards. The Partnership Board congratulated Lynne McKnight, Integrated Operations Manager and her team on their success in the category for best example of working in an integrated setting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

UNSCHEDULED CARE – COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 2017 – 2020

A report was submitted by the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement seeking approval of the proposed commissioning intentions for unscheduled care.

A short presentation on Unscheduled Care Commissioning was provided by the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement and thereafter both the Chief Officer and the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement were heard in answer to Members' questions.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer and other officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership Board agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposed commissioning intentions for unscheduled care;
- (2) to direct the Chief Officer to communicate the initial commissioning directions for acute services to the Chief Operating Officer of NHSGGC;
- (3) that a report on tackling health inequalities in the context of national reviews for the wider realms of health would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership Board for consideration; and
- (4) that officers would provide a report to a future meeting on planned actions being taken to improve communication and education to our communities on shifting the balance of care including educating the public on the alternatives to presenting at an Accident & Emergency Department for unplanned treatment or care.

2017/18 ANNUAL REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Chief Financial Officer providing an update on the progress made with regard to the indicative funding allocation for 2017/18 from the Board's funding partner, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer and the Chief Financial Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the letter from the Chief Officer to the Chief Executive of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde communicating the decision of the Health & Social Care Partnership Board in respect of the Partnership Board's position on the allocation of historical savings;
- (2) to approve an anticipated budget allocation from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde for 2017/18 of £80.676 million, based on the recurring budget as at 31 December 2016 (Period 9) as being compliant with the Scottish Government's direction to maintain funding at least at 2016/17 cash levels; and
- (3) that a report on the comparative and relative use of prescription drugs in the Partnership Board area would be submitted to the next meeting of the Partnership Board to ensure a realistic budget allocation from NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde reflected the population needs.

NHS GREATER GLASGOW & CLYDE-WIDE REVIEW OF OUT OF HOURS GP SERVICES – UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement providing an update on the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde-wide Review of Out of Hours GP Services.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer, the Head of Community Health & Care and the Head of Strategy, Planning & Health Improvement in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to approve the undernoted recommendations in the report:-

- (1) to note the appended update report by the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde GP Out of Hours Review Group;
- (2) that a further report would be brought back to the Partnership Board as the Review progresses; and
- (3) that the Clinical Director and the Head of Community Health and Care Services would liaise with care homes and nursing homes in the Partnership Board area to ensure robust arrangements are in place for pronouncing life extinct.

The Partnership Board also agreed the undernoted motion by Councillor McColl:-

The IJB agrees the recommendations and adds the following comments, to be taken into consideration during the review:

The IJB notes that the current preferred option would see a serious reduction in out of hours GP services based at the Vale of Leven and Inverclyde Royal Hospitals.

Given the geographical locations of these two facilities, the large numbers of service users (particularly at the Vale of Leven Hospital), and the wish of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde to reduce inappropriate presentations to A&E Services, we do not believe that the reduction of operating hours of these locality services would be appropriate.

We are concerned about the reduced access to services that this decision would cause and are not convinced of the capacity of the patient transport service to be able to deal with the increased number of patient journeys to and from distant services. The impact of increasing health inequality across the NHSGGC is also a serious concern and we also believe that it would be a false economy, given the risk of increased footfall at A&E facilities.

The IJB believes that out of hours GP services based at the Vale of Leven need to be planned and delivered in a better way, not cut, and we would add that the locations listed at 7.3 of the appendix cannot reasonably be described as 'accessible', especially out of hours, for those living in our communities or for those in Helensburgh who also rely on this service.

RECRUITMENT OF CHIEF OFFICER

A report was submitted by the Head of People and Change seeking approval of the process to recruit a new Chief Officer.

After discussion and having heard the Head of People and Change in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership Board agreed to approve the process set out in the report to recruit a new Chief Officer.

ADJOURNMENT

Having heard Councillor Casey, Chair, the Partnership Board agreed to adjourn for a short period.

The meeting resumed at 12 noon with all Members listed on the sederunt in attendance with the exception of John Kerr and Selina Ross.

AUDIT PLAN 2016/2017 PROGRESS REPORT AND AUDIT PLAN 2017/18

A report was submitted by the Chief Internal Auditor providing:-

- (a) an update on the planned programme of audit work for the year 2016/17 in terms of the internal audit work undertaken at West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde that may have an impact upon the West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership;
- (b) details of the planned programme of work for 2017/18; and
- (c) findings of the completed audit of the Partnership Board's Governance, Performance and Financial Management Arrangements.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Internal Auditor in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made in relation to the Audit Plan for 2016/17;
- (2) to approve the Audit Plan for 2017/18; and
- (3) to approve the action plan within the completed Audit of the Partnership Board's Governance, Performance and Financial Management report.

AUDIT SCOTLAND: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE INTEGRATED JOINT BOARD ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2016/17

A report was submitted by the Chief Financial Officer presenting the Audit Scotland Annual Audit Plan for the audit of the financial year 2016/17.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Financial Officer and both the Assistant Director and the Senior Auditor in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership Board agreed to note Audit Scotland's 2016/17 Audit Plan.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Partnership Board agreed that the next meeting of the Health & Social Care Partnership Board Audit Committee would be held on Thursday, 22 June 2017 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU.

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

Councillor Casey, Chair, referred to it being the final meeting of the Partnership Board prior to the local government elections on 4 May 2017 and took the opportunity to extend her thanks to all members of the Partnership Board and the Senior Management Team, for the many collective achievements during this time. Specifically, Councillor Casey recognised the contributions of both Councillors McColl and Rooney, who like the Chair had been part of the Partnership Board from the start and prior to that, the Community Health & Care Partnership.

Mr Macleod, Vice Chair, endorsed Councillor Casey's comments and thanked her for her own contributions, adding that he was proud of the Partnership Board's strong focus on a 'person centred' approach to its decision making and wished all Members well for the future.

The meeting closed at 12.25 p.m.