

## Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Wednesday 27 January 2021**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Mrs Aspinall, in the Chair.

Councillor James, Vice Chair.

Councillors Sam Davey, Deacon, McDonald, Nicholson, Parker-Delaz-Ajete, Tuffin and Tuohy.

Also in attendance: Craig McArdle (Strategic Director for People); Anna Coles (Service Director for Integrated Commissioning); Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health); Sarah Gooding (Policy and Intelligence Officer); Rob Sowden (Senior Performance Officer); Dr Shelagh McCormick (NHS Devon CCG), Ross Jago (NHS Devon CCG); John Finn (NHS Devon CCG); Darryn Allcorn (Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Devon CCG and Senior Vaccination Officer) and Amelia Boulter (Democratic Advisor).

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.08 pm.

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68. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members in accordance with the code of conduct.

69. **Minutes**

Agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2020.

70. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

71. **COVID-19 Update from the Director of Public Health**

Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health) provided an update on Covid-19. It was reported that:

- the current position for Plymouth was 241.5 per 100,000 compared 382 per 100,000 in England. The rate was continuing to fall in Plymouth and there was enough data to see this drop as a proper trend;
- they were now seeing the new variant in Plymouth and the control measures were the same for this new variant;
- it takes 3 weeks for body to build up immunity after the vaccination.

Questions from Members related to:

- what more advice can you give to residential homes to help residents and staff to protect them from Covid?
- what were the timescales on the changing of ppe?
- what psychological support were staff receiving within the care home setting?

The Committee noted the Covid-19 update and gave their thanks to Ruth Harrell and the team for their work.

72. **Winter Flu Vaccination Programme Update from the Director of Public Health**

Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health) provided an update on the winter flu vaccination programme. It was reported that:

- there was a challenge delivering vaccinations within schools and were undertaking targeted communications to ensure these vaccination were taking place;
- the uptake for the over 65s was over 80%;
- in summary they had seen an increase in Plymouth and was likely to be the best year for the uptake of the flu vaccination.

Questions from Members related to:

- have more vaccines been procured and when does this period of vaccination end?
- was there any data on people killed by flu and/or killed by Covid?

The Committee noted the update on the winter flu vaccination.

73. **Policy Brief**

Sarah Gooding (Policy and Intelligence Officer) was present for this item and referred to the report in the agenda pack.

Questions from Members related to:

- the Department of Health's announcement on the vaccination programme and what was the perspective of the policy officer on working with local councils?
- priority groups for vaccinations and were teachers included within these priority groups?
- 600 million to upgrade and refurbish NHS Hospitals and whether any of the Plymouth facilities were within that programme?

The Committee noted the Policy Brief update.

74. **Integrated Performance Report**

Rob Sowden (Senior Performance Officer) was present for this item and referred to the report in the agenda pack. It was reported that:

- there was a strong system approach to dealing with outbreaks;

- positive performance on outcomes for people using services over the last 12 months which includes people that had receive reablement support/services;
- adult safeguarding inquiries continued to be above the benchmark in comparison to other local authorities.

Questions from Members related to:

- adult safeguarding and not being asked about preferred outcome had increased to 28%? Was this the patient or the family?
- covid outbreaks within the domiciliary care setting?
- how many people employ their own personal assistants?
- whether packages of care were sufficient?
- what was the impact of people not choosing to go into a care home because of Covid-19?

The Committee noted the Integrated Performance Report and requested a briefing paper on care home settings and ensuring people feel safe within their own when receiving care.

#### 75. **COVID Vaccination Programme**

Darryn Allcorn (Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Devon CCG and Senior Vaccination Officer) was present for this item and referred to the report in the agenda pack. It was reported that:

- the vaccination programme had moved at pace with 86,000 vaccinations taken place across Devon since December;
- in Plymouth all sites were up and running across the city with the hospital as a well-established hub. Home Park opened on Monday to care staff and opened to the public yesterday;
- they were working with NHS England for access to pharmacists;
- all care homes across the city to be completed by 24 January 2021;
- the ambition to complete priority areas 1 to 4 by the 14 February and based on supply and capacity they were well on track.

Questions from Members related to:

- the recruitment of volunteers and how successful this had been?
- were more volunteers needed?
- had there been any dialogue with the council to ensure that the best sites were being used?
- the fear of needles and supporting this cohort and was there an alternative to needles?
- the process of follow ups on failed appointments?
- carers and timescales for vaccinations for this cohort?
- how do you ensure people receive the right messages with regard to the vaccination programme on the protection between the vaccination and immunisation coverage?
- how do people unable to get out have their vaccination?
- vaccinations for nursery workers and teachers?

The Committee noted the Covid Vaccination Programme report. It was agreed:

1. To look at the priority list to include carers for vaccinations and to manage this at a local level;
2. To seek the views and local knowledge from Ward Councillor on facilities that key stakeholders could consider for the vaccination programme.

(This agenda item was moved to facilitate good meeting management.)

#### 76. **Restoration and Recovery of Services**

John Finn (NHS Devon CCG) was present for this item and referred to the report within the agenda pack. It was reported that:

- the elective system for Devon was above plan. Diagnostics Devon system below plan but has now been corrected;
- outpatients was above trajectory but non face to face was below and needed to undertake further work to increase this;
- this position would deteriorate over the next 4 weeks with increased numbers in Covid patients and staff being moved from elective work to Covid work.

Questions from Members related to:

- what was meant by the lessening of PPE in theatres?
- orthopaedic procedures and having to wait 52 weeks and how often were the waiting lists reassessed?

The Committee noted the Restoration and Recovery of Services report and requested a further update at the March meeting.

#### 77. **Work Programme**

The Committee discussed the work programme and items for inclusion on the work programme:

- Scrutiny Management Board to discuss when best to undertake scrutiny on mental health and CAMHS.
- Dental health would be on the Health and Wellbeing Board agenda on 4 March 2021. The Oral Health Needs Assessment when completed by NHS England to be circulated to all Councillors for comments/questions.
- Invite Dr Paul Johnson, NHS Devon CCG to the March meeting to provide a response to the letter regarding GP practices.
- Briefing paper on the Alliance Contract to be circulated to the committee.
- Implementation of health and wellbeing hubs to be discussed in the next municipal year.
- Completion of the vaccination programme and how the hubs could support this programme.