

**HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Tracking Decisions Log 2023 - 24



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<b>On Hold</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Awaiting Action</b>	<b>0</b>
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Rec No.	Meeting Date	Resolution	Officer Responsible	Status
1.	26/10/2023	The Committee requested that future ASC Performance Reports contain statistical waiting times/lists, as well as performance trajectories.	Rob Sowden	Complete
<b>Response:</b> Future reports will contain this information				

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2.	26/10/2023	The Committee requested: 1. To be provided with further information regarding the financial implications of compensation awards, following LGO complaint recommendations. 2. To recommend that the Cabinet Member for H&ASC review the template and process for complaint responses, to ensure they are clear, readable and personal. 3. To recommend that the Cabinet Member for H&ASC has oversight of all LGO reports and recommendations relating to their portfolio.	Helen Slater	Part-Complete
<b>Response:</b> A report is being compiled regarding financial implications and this data will be shared with the Committee. The Cabinet member has agreed to review the process for complaint responses, and an update will be brought to the Committee when complete. The Cabinet member will be given oversight of LGO complaint responses during PFH meetings.				

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3.	26/10/2023	The Committee agreed to review the methodology for Domiciliary Care Procurement at a future date, as well as the New Commissioning Plan, following its review at Cabinet.	Elliot Wearne-Gould	Part-Complete

**Response:** Item added to the work programme for future consideration.

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4.	26/10/2023	The Committee agreed to request further information regarding Sex Worker's incorporation in the Seasonal Immunisation Programme'.	Alex Degan (NHS Devon)	Complete

**Response:** I can confirm that we have engaged with sex workers in our Outreach Programme in Devon over the past few years. We have given COMF funding to two community groups that included sex workers in their targeted cohorts for their vaccine projects. However, these projects were not specifically focused on sex workers, so we do not have any specific data or reports for this group. The two groups are Wellbeing in Action (Newton Abbot area) and One Ilfracombe. Wellbeing in Action informed us that they had worked with 12 women last year who are categorised as sex workers. The Plymouth Outreach Team have previously worked with this cohort, targeting them on the Soup Runs and Shekinah clinics in Plymouth. We are intending to target them again in mid-November, December and January working with other charity agencies that work with this cohort of clients.

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5.	26/10/2023	The Committee recommended that Councillors promote and share the 'Choose Well Campaign', as well as NHS Devon's Communications Strategy within their wards and communities to assist preparations for winter demand.	Livewell SW	Part-Complete

**Response:** The Choose Well Campaign is available here: <https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/choose-well>. Individual media posts and promotions will be shared with members for circulation as and when appropriate.

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6.	27/06/2023	The Committee recommended that the Cabinet Member for H&ASC install defibrillators at the 5 locations identified within the report, and that the methodology was re-examined to include additional locations such as the Council House, and appropriate city libraries. The Committee welcomed the Cabinet member's amendment of recommendation 7: 'That PCC work with partners to provide defibrillators at St Budeaux library and Southway library' to include "and other appropriate locations".	Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care), Ruth Harrell, and Ann Thorp	Part-Complete
<p><b>Response:</b> (Ann Thorpe) Installation of defibrillators across the city:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Guildhall. There is a unit at The Guildhall with standard availability being 8.00 to 16.30, with additional availability when there is an event onsite. We will be making this available 24/7 by locating it externally subject to Historic England advice.</li> <li>2. Chelson Meadow. There are 2 units at Chelson Meadow, one at The Ride available 09:00 – 18:00 and one in the recycling centre available 24/7.</li> <li>3. St Budeaux library and Southway library. A bid has been made to DHSC Community Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Fund and we are exploring community group support.</li> <li>4. Raglan Court, The Reatch Centre and Colwell Lodge. These have not progressed, and I will expedite this matter. An additional defibrillator has been located at Southway Youth Centre with support from the local community group. The defibrillators in situ as shown above are also registered on The Circuit and with Facilities Management for ongoing maintenance.</li> </ol>				

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7.	Mental Health Select Committee 07/03/2023	Based on evidence submitted by the Plymouth Youth Parliament, the Committee recommends to the Plymouth Education Board, that a 'place-based' teaching approach of the physical health and mental wellbeing section of the statutory relationships, sex and health education curriculum be developed in the city, which must address social media, exams, drugs, alcohol and vaping.	Annie Gammon (Interim Service Director Education, Participation and Skills)	Part-Complete

**Response:** This item has been covered at the Plymouth Education Board in May 2023 – particularly the focus on mental and emotional health. Further communications to schools about vaping have been jointly produced by Public Health and EPS. A further discussion will take place at the next PEB in February 2024.

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8.	Mental Health Select Committee 07/03/2023	The Committee recommends that the Plymouth Education Board strongly encourages schools to participate in Plymouth's Youth Parliament and ensures that links between Youth Services and schools are developed and strengthened.	Annie Gammon (Interim Service Director Education, Participation and Skills)	Part-Complete

**Response:** Further communications about participation in Youth Parliament, and about Youth Services, will go out in an Autumn bulletin to schools as well as being further promoted in the Headteachers' online briefing in December 2023.

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9.	Mental Health Select Committee 07/03/2023	The committee believes that social prescribing, which connects people to activities, nature, groups, and services in their community, can have significant positive impacts on physical health and mental wellbeing. The committee recommends to the LCP that work is undertaken to ensure existing provision is coordinated and fully understood, and any gaps in provision are shared so that financial support, if available, can be profiled for these initiatives.	Local Care Partnership	Complete

**Response:** The Local Care Partnership (LCP) is working together with system partners, Social Prescribers and Wellbeing Hubs to ensure that this provision is co-ordinated across the city and any gaps identified through a process of regular review and feedback. The LCP has prioritised a portion of the fair shares monies allocated to Plymouth by NHS Devon ICB to invest in community builders working in a number of areas across the city. A key component of their work has been mapping the opportunities available in local

communities and identifying gaps that can further support this work. We are always very happy to discuss this in more detail with Elected Members, if helpful.

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10.	Mental Health Select Committee 07/03/2023	<p>The Committee is not adequately assured that the mental health support for veterans in Plymouth is sufficiently coordinated or communicated. The Committee therefore recommends that at a future Armed Forces Covenant meeting, the support for veteran's mental health and wellbeing is evaluated, and findings fed back to this Committee. The Committee also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pledges its support and gratitude to all Veterans across the City;</li> <li>b. Recommends that NHS England engages with the Defence Medical Services to ensure a suitable plan is arranged for service personnel when leaving the military, and that this is followed up on post discharge.</li> <li>c. Recommends that the Plymouth online directory is more widely communicated to ensure that all residents and elected members have a centralised point to access support.</li> <li>d. The role of veterans mental health champions and improved support be considered within the City</li> <li>e. Healthcare Services within the City seek to achieve Veteran Aware Status.</li> <li>f. The Chair writes to Johnny Mercer MP advising that the Armed Forces Covenant will be undertaking a review of existing health and wellbeing support for veterans across the city, and urges him to continue to work cooperatively to boost communication and signposting for veterans.</li> </ul>	Armed forces Covenant , NHS England, PCC, MH Provider Collaborative, NHS Devon ICB, Livewell SW	Part-Complete

**Response, NHS Devon ICB:** We would be happy to engage with the recommendation to collectively review support for veteran's mental health and wellbeing as part of a future Armed Forces Covenant meeting.

**Response, Councillor Chris Penberthy, AFC:** I would like to thank the Select Committee for their time and their valuable insights.

The Armed Forces Community Covenant as a whole was also scrutinised last year by a Select Committee convened by the Performance, Finance and Customer Experience Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Issues of mental health not only for veterans but also for the children, young people and partners of serving personnel as well as that for those serving were identified as needing improvement. That Select Committee also identified concerns about housing, transition, broader educational support, spousal employment and partnerships. Issues of armed forces family member's mental health, especially that of children, was also raised by the Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

This administration welcomes the input from all of this Scrutiny activity; it highlights that we need to do better. We will be working on including the recommendations as we now take responsibility for our Armed Forces Community Covenant

This administration believes that we need to build on our previous covenant commitments, learn from the Scrutiny Select Committees that were undertaken and other feedback that I have been hearing in order to do better than we have done before. In order to do this we will be reviewing our Armed Forces Community Covenant, developing a work programme, revisiting the city-wide support structures and revitalising our approach to partnership. Once the detailed timetable for this work has been agreed I will be requesting that the new approach to our Armed Forces Community Covenant and how the broader Covenant is supported in Plymouth is scrutinised by the Performance, Finance and Customer Experience Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

I am pleased that Cllr Pauline Murphy has been appointed as our Armed Forces Community and Veterans' Champion and in this role will be Chairing the Plymouth Armed Forces Covenant. I look forward to working with Cllr Murphy as we undertake the activity described and deliver the work programmes that arise.

**Response, Livewell SW:** We would be happy to engage with the recommendation to collectively review support for veteran's mental health and wellbeing as part of a future Armed Forces Covenant meeting.

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11.	10/03/2023	The Committee recommends that NHS Devon respond within 15 working days, detailing a fully-costed plan to ensure the sustainability and viability of the 3 effected GP practises who were due to take up residence in the West End Hub. The Committee recommends that the ICB report to a	Jo Turl & Alex Cameron (NHS Devon ICB)	Part-Complete

		future scrutiny meeting on the work being undertaken to support local GP practices and ensure health outcomes are maintained/ improved across the city.		
<p><b>Response:</b> As previously advised, this is a complex and ongoing project. Work continued and various options are being considered as part of this. Once we are in a position to share further information with the committee, we would be happy to do so, mindful that some of the considerations in this matter are commercial in confidence.</p>				

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12.	08/02/2023	Access to abortions in a safe and timely manner is a critical healthcare service, so: 1) are we noticing an increased demand for early-stage and surgical abortions in Plymouth and; 2) if so, what measures are we putting in place to ensure those that need access to these services can do so in a swift, safe and compassionate way?	(NHS Devon ICB)	Complete
<p><b>Response:</b> Response circulated to members</p>				