

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

6 June 2016

Present: Councillor S Graham (Chair)
Councillors J Allan, A Austin, B Burdis, S Cox,
N Craven, P Earley, Janet Hunter, C Johnson,
T Mulvenna, J O'Shea and J Wallace

School Governor Representatives
Mrs J Little

Church Representatives
Rev M Vine

Others in attendance
Councillor P Brooks

OV01/06/16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A McMullen and
Mrs M Ord - Parent Governor Representative

OV02/06/16 Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

OV03/06/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest reported.

OV04/06/16 Minutes

Resolved that the minute of the meetings held on 4 April 2016 be confirmed.

OV05/06/16 Carer's Support and Respite Provision Report

The Committee received a report from that detailed the work carried out by the Carers' Support and Respite Provision Sub-group.

As part of the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee work programme 2015/16, it was agreed that a sub-group be established to carry out a study into carers' support and respite provision in North Tyneside.

The main focus of the study was to assess support and respite provision for adult carers and parents of disabled children; to ensure that there was access to good quality support, advice, information and respite care.

It was noted the importance that awareness and information was available with in primary care services and GPs (General Practitioners) to increase the number of identified carers.

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A Member of the Committee made an observation that there were some parent carers serving on other scrutiny committees not approached to be involved in the sub-group.

In response it was stated that the sub-group had invited and met a wider selection of adult carers/parent carers of children with learning disabilities who had volunteered and provided their first hand experiences and views.

It was noted that consideration would be given to involve members from other sub-committee's to be involved in studies that they may have first hand experience in the future, although it was also noted that was the wish to involve a broader range of participants on scrutiny studies.

The sub-group made 19 recommendations that it wished to be considered by Cabinet.

Agreed that (1) the Carers' Support and Respite Provision Sub-group and recommendations (listed) be referred to Cabinet:-

Recommendation 1: That North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council's Adult Social Care continue to work with primary care services and GPs to increase the number of carers identified, receiving an assessment and timely advice and information.

Recommendation 2: That North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group encourages all GP practices to appoint a designated Carers' Champion.

Recommendation 3: That North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group and the Council's Adult Social Care, explore opportunities to produce signposting information, similar to the laminated key, for distribution by GP practices.

Recommendation 4: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding and the Head of Commissioning and Investment, to review the key points where signposting and information for adult and parent carers is available, to ensure that information is effectively co-ordinated.

Recommendation 5: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to explore how carers with identified training needs, in particular parent carers, are informed and invited to attend relevant training courses, such as those offered by the Carer's Centre.

Recommendation 6: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to review the current training commitment to parent carers of children with ADHD, and to consider the submission of business case to the Carers' Centre, to provide additional training to help carers deal with the challenging behaviour associated with ADHD.

Recommendation 7: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to explore how the adult carers' assessment can be strengthened, to ensure that carers understand the emergency procedures.

Recommendation 8: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to re-launch the Carers' Champion and the Carers' Charter.

Recommendation 9: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to explore how alternative and more creative ways of using a direct payment for respite care can be promoted and encouraged in both children and adult social care.

Recommendation 10: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding to work in conjunction with Flexible Support Options, to produce an emergency care protocol, and distribute to service users.

Recommendation 11: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding and the Head of Commissioning and Investment, to explore the potential and benefits of a different model care, such as the hub and spoke model, for Heatherfield Mews.

Recommendation 12: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding, to explore the issues in relation to access to equipment and to gain an understanding of the current financial model and make changes where appropriate.

Recommendation 13: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding and the Head of Commissioning and Investment to gain a better understanding of the demand for family based care in relation to the needs of disabled children, evaluate the range of resources available to meet the needs, and to consider the effectiveness of recharging to the Children's Disability Team.

Recommendation 14: That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care ensures that North Tyneside Commitment to Carers' is overseen and reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Board on an annual basis.

Recommendation 15: That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care ensures that each Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board which sits under the Health and Wellbeing Board, is aware of and regularly monitors the Commitment to Carers' actions within their remit, to ensure they are implemented in a timely manner.

Recommendation 16: That the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee, receives regular progress reports on the actions and outcomes outlined in the North Tyneside Commitment to Carers' action plan.

Recommendation 17: That Cabinet ask the Head of Health, Education, Care and Safeguarding to develop a set of local performance indicators to monitor the success of the Carers' Charter.

Recommendation 18: That the Council and North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, as part of contract monitoring, request evidence from social and health care service providers on how they are supporting and engaging with carers.

Recommendation 19: That North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group presents the self-assessment for carers and any action plan/s to address areas of concern to the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee.

OV06/06/16 Scrutiny Work Programme

A report was considered that detailed the work that was undertaken to seek topics thought suitable for the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee to consider in 2016/17.

The Committee was reminded that it was currently involved in the work with regards to the Future Construction Options sub-group which was looking into options available post 2019 when the contract with Kier was due to conclude.

Two topics had been identified to be undertaken at the completion of the ongoing work, these were:

- Capita Partnership
- ICT Delivery in the Authority

The Chair encouraged all members to participate in future studies undertaken during the new municipal year and hoped that some good cross party scrutiny would be accomplished.

Members raised that further topics that should be considered should be:

- i. Bereavement Services – to review the facilities and the advice available to verify they were appropriate and fit for purpose.
- ii. The operation and accessibility to information and decision making of Outside Bodies where Members of North Tyneside Council have been appointed.

The Chair informed the Committee that the further topic suggestions would be considered for future study at the next Scrutiny Chair & Deputy Chair meeting where they would then be allocated to the most appropriate sub-committee to carry out.

Agreed that (1) the topics on the Capita Partnership and ICT delivery be undertaken at the completion of ongoing work; and (2) the topics of Bereavement Service and Outside Bodies to be considered at the next Scrutiny Chair & Deputy Chair meeting.

OV07/06/16 Time of Future Meetings

The timetable of committee meetings for 2016/17 was received at the Annual Council meeting, where it was agreed that each committee, at its first meeting in the new municipal year, would determine its own commencement time and confirm its meeting dates for the year ahead.

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