Wiltshire Council
Health Select Committee
19 April 2016

Task Group update

Purpose
To provide an update on recent task group activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Better Care Plan Task Group

The task group has not met since the last meeting of the Health Select Committee and its next meeting is scheduled for 25 April 2016. The task group is currently focusing on gathering external evidence on the delivery of the Better Care Plan.

2. Obesity and Child Poverty Task Group (joint with Children’s Select Committee)

The final report of this joint task group was endorsed by Health Select Committee on 8 March 2016 and Children’s Select Committee on 22 March 2016.

Responses to the report from the relevant cabinet members and Wiltshire CCG are expected at Children’s Select and Health Select Committee on 21 June 2016.

3. Joint Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) Scrutiny Task Group

The joint working group was established to look at AWP’s response to the CQC inspection report and the health scrutiny committees of the following authorities took part: Bristol, B&NES, North Somerset and Wiltshire.

The working group adopted the following terms of reference:

a) To consider the CQC report of AWP mental health facilities (September 2014) and the strengths and weaknesses identified.
b) To consider AWP’s past, current and planned responses to the concerns identified in the CQC report, focusing on agreed areas of most significant concern.

c) To identify (as appropriate) where AWP’s response has been robust, and where it could be strengthened further.

d) To agree (as appropriate) recommendations regarding areas for improvement or for further scrutiny monitoring of the improvement programme. (These would be taken for endorsement by individual Health Scrutiny Committees).

The final report of the working group was endorsed by the Committee in November 2015 and responses from the Cabinet Member and CCG received in January 2016.

In March 2016 the Committee resolved that consideration of any further joint scrutiny of Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust to await the results of the CQC inspection of the Trust scheduled to begin on 23rd May 2016.

4. Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) Task Group

Following an update from Wiltshire CCG on the development of the B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire STP, this task group was established on 8 March 2016. The precise terms of reference were not defined, but it was agreed that they could potentially focus on:

- governance, engagement and consultation
- analysis and plans for addressing gaps in health and wellbeing, quality and funding
- delivering Wiltshire’s health and wellbeing aims.

Authority was delegated to the Chairman and Vice-chairman to take this work forward.

Since then interested non-executive members have been invited to participate and Wiltshire CCG has been approached regarding the task group review. A first meeting is now being arranged and a verbal update will be provided.

Proposal

To note the update on task group activity provided.

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