

# TEES VALLEY JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## MINUTES

19 March 2021

The meeting commenced at 10:00 am via Microsoft Teams.

### **Present:**

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Councillors Sandra Smith (Chair) and B Clarke;  
Darlington Borough Council: Councillor I Bell and B Donaghue;  
Hartlepool Borough Council: Councillor G Hall;  
Middlesbrough Borough Council: Councillors A Hellaoui and B Hubbard; and,  
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council: Councillors E Cunningham, C Gamble and L Hall.

Also Present: A Armstrong, Hartlepool Borough Council  
C Breheny, Middlesbrough Borough Council  
G Woods, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council  
M Crutwell, D Gardner, B Kilmurray, C Lanigan, A Lowery, S Mayo  
and Dr R Shah , Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

Officers: S Fenwick RCBC Principal Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer  
A Pearson RCBC Governance Manager

### **24. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Rees (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council), B Harrison and B Loynes (Hartlepool Borough Council) and, E Polano (Middlesbrough Borough Council).

### **25. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **26. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2021 were approved as a correct record.

## 27. Community Mental Health Service Framework - Update

Representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) gave a presentation on the Community Mental Health Framework and Developments in Mental Health Urgent Care Services.

The presentation highlighted the vision and outcomes for the Community Mental Health Framework which would be sustainable and joined up high quality mental health and care services that maximised the health and well being of the local population. It also set out the current structure of the Trust, key developments to date, the community model principles, and the next steps for 2021-22.

As part of the ensuing discussions the following points/questions were raised:

- Members felt that although the presentation was excellent it should have been circulated earlier as it contained a lot of information.
- The £600,000 awarded to Communities – was there any criteria and does it have to be applied for or was it awarded? Members were advised that a generic standard proposal form will be produced, there will be a general criterion in terms of aims and objectives and there will be an application process. Each area had a set amount as it was population base awarded. The aim of the funding was grassroots interventions at the VCS;
- A Member commented on the Marmot report on poverty and asked how the findings of that report would be incorporated into this framework, was there any capacity to spend in a preventative way and would greater awards be given to areas where the hot spots were in deprived areas. Members were advised that this will present opportunities to link to the population health management work that was taking place and will identify local needs, target those needs and invest in those areas;
- Members welcomed working together with clients and patients, but with regards to having named workers for each client a Member asked if there was a timescale. Members were advised that the arrangements for a named worker were currently being designed, the challenge would be the governance arrangements.
- A Member commented on 10 work streams and suggested it would be a benefit to have further information on the Local Authority work streams.
- A Member commented that the Trust did not do a very good job in dealing with armed forces veterans, it did not know how many veterans were in our areas annually as it was not included on the census. He asked whether consideration could be given to how they get assistance from Community Health. Members were advised that the Community Health Framework was at the start of its journey which would help to gain an understanding of what the local population needs were in each area. As part of this TEWV would also be working with groups like the British Legion, and this would be an opportunity for this to be included.

- A Member commented on support workers who were working with the Police and on an evening and asked if they also work with local voluntary agencies i.e. Stockton Pastors to help people who are in distress on an evening. Members were advised that the Trust were currently looking at this and welcomed any thoughts on how to shape this service for the future.

**RESOLVED** that the information in the presentation be noted and information on TEWVs work with veterans be circulated

**28. Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust: Our Big Conversation – Draft Strategic Framework**

The Chief Executive of the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) reminded Members that at the last meeting Members were presented with the Draft Strategic Framework, which set out the 3 goals the TEWV were committed to over the next five years. Members were advised that following consultation and work that had been carried out over the last six months the Strategic Framework had now been agreed.

**RESOLVED** that the information in the presentation be noted.

**29. Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account Update**

Representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) presented the Quality Accounts for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

The presentation looked back at progress made on the priorities this year, the Quality Accounts improvement metrics and the action taken in response to those metrics in Teesside.

Members were advised that detailed plans were currently being drafted for 3 proposed quality improvements priorities for 2021/22 namely: -

- Care Planning;
- Feeling Safe, and;
- Compassionate Care.

As part of the ensuing discussions the following points/questions were raised:

- Even though all targets have not been met it was encouraging to see there was an increase in the percentages towards the targeted figures.

- A Member expressed concern that the number of incidents of restraint had remained high and was similar to last year's figures. Last year Members were advised it was because of the eating disorder clinic, this year it was learning disabilities and people suffering from autism.
- Members commented that this is not just about individuals it was about staff, as the impact can also be traumatic for them too. Members were advised that a positive and safe program ran across the whole Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust which was focussed on supporting staff to provide interventions. The Burdett program was also being introduced.
- Too much restraining was being used and it should one of the priorities for next year. Members were advised that the numbers had reduced in Teesside but the figure were high with children with eating disorders as a lot of nasogastric feeding was taking place under restraint. It was suggested that this be discussed in detail at a future meeting.
- A Member commented that it was pleasing to hear the push on respect, compassion and dignity but asked in terms of data and statistics, how many people were behind the percentages and how many interviews have taken place in the categories to get the percentage responses. She commented that analysis of the data was important to know what sector of the population was affected and their particular challenges.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The information in the presentation be noted.
2. That Representatives from the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) be invited to a future meeting to discuss in detail the target around physical intervention/restraint.

### **30. Work Programme and Future Meetings**

The Governance Manager presented a report which advised of the annual handover arrangements for the Chair and administrative support for the Joint Committee and the work-programme items to be carried over into 2021-22.

Members were reminded that the terms of reference provided for the Chairing and administrative support of the committee to be rotated between all five Tees Valley Local Authorities on an annual basis. For the 2021/22 municipal year Middlesbrough Borough Council would take on this role.

The report also advised that at the first meeting of the Committee in the new municipal year the Chair and Vice Chair will be appointed and the remaining items on the work programme will be carried forward.

**RESOLVED** that the information in the report be noted.

#### **Any other business**

The Chair agreed that the following item could be discussed as any other business.

#### **Care Quality Commission (CQC) Report**

The Chief Executive from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) gave an update on a recent report from the Care Quality Commission (CQC). Members were advised that the report was currently embargoed but further information will be circulated to members in due course. - **NOTED**