

MINUTES of a meeting of **the IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – PEOPLE** held at County Hall, Matlock on 23 May 2018.

PRESENT

Councillor J Twigg (in the Chair)

Councillors N Barker, Mrs L Chilton, J Coyle, R Flatley, A Fox, J Frudd, R Iliffe and D Taylor.

07/18 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 February 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

08/18 **REVIEW OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CARE HOMES**

Robert Moore, Adult Care Services presented an update report on the progress made in respect of the actions identified following the review by the Improvement & Scrutiny – People into Council-run care homes for older people. A summary of the rationale of the 3-shift rota system to staffing arrangements in homes for older people was also presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED (1) to note the progress which had been made in respect of the actions identified whilst doing the review of Council-run care homes for older people.

(2) to note that the 3-shift rota system be reviewed and a report on the findings be presented to the Cabinet Member for Adult Care in due course and this committee in February 2019.

09/18 **DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS** Roger Miller and Carl O’Riordon, Adult Care Services presented a brief on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS) and the difficulties the Council faced when trying to meet its statutory responsibilities.

A draft Bill to replace DOLS, the Liberty Protection Safeguards, had been published. It was unlikely to be in place for another four years and until DOLS was replaced in common with other local authorities, the Council would not be able to meet its obligations without massive investment.

DOLS was on the corporate risk register and performance was reported regularly to the Adults’ Safeguarding Board. The Council was aware of the risk of litigation and was working to minimise it. It was noted by the Committee that it was difficult to quantify cost and to mitigate against any legal action.

RESOLVED that the Improvement and Scrutiny – People committee re-visit this issue following the enactment of the Liberty Protection Safeguards.

10/18 **EXPERIENCES OF USING CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CAMHS) IN DERBYSHIRE** Helen Henderson-Spoors, Healthwatch Derbyshire presented an update on the findings of a survey on the experiences of children, young people and their carers using the CAMHS within the last year.

There were two clear themes that came out of the review: one was that users experienced better results when talking to staff at school, with variable support received from GPs and the second was the support from the parent/carer and the relationship with their counsellor/support worker. They were also aware of the impact their problems were having on their parents/carers.

The next step was to monitor and regularly check improvements. It was clear that schools had improved and that ethic needed to be incorporated into primary care.

RESOLVED that the findings of the report be noted.

11/18 **EFFECTIVENESS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES – REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SELECT COMMITTEE** Roz Savage, Improvement & Scrutiny Officer gave a resume of the Government's response to the Parliamentary Select Committee's report. Revised Government guidelines on Scrutiny Committees would be issued in due course.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

12/18 **REVIEW OF PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS** A progress report of the review was presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED that a report on the findings of the Working Group was imminent.

13/18 **WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19** The work programme for the period to February 2019 was presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14/18 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT** The Adult Care Portfolio – Period 9 was submitted to the Committee for information.