



Minutes

Name of meeting	<u>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</u>
Date and time	MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.00PM
Venue	MICROSOFT TEAMS LIVE EVENT
Present	Cllrs John Nicholson (Chair), George Cameron, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Michael Lilley
Co opted	Chris Orchin (Healthwatch)
Cabinet Member	Cllr Clare Mosdell
Also Present	Simon Bryant, Mark Howe, John Metcalfe, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell (IW Council), Michele Legg, James Seward, Alison Smith (IW CCG), Chris Ainsworth, Darren Cattell, Claire Gowland, Kirk Millis-Ward, Maggie Oldham, Nikki Turner, Alice Webster (IW NHS Trust), Mike Bulpitt (Community Action IW), Cllr Gill Kennett (IW Volunteer Centre), Joanna Smith (Healthwatch)

6. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2020 be confirmed.

7. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in Minute item 8, as the chairman of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum.

Cllr Andrew Garratt declared an interest in Minute item 9(b) as a family member was in Local Authority care.

8. Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Voluntary Sector

Members received the report which outlined the role played by the voluntary and community sector in helping to meet the needs of the Islands community during the pandemic.

The Chief Executive of Community Action IW outlined the challenges faced by the voluntary sector throughout the pandemic, including uncertainty around future funding, volunteer resource and capacity, and loss of income (as a result of reduced fundraising opportunities, trade, and charged-for services). Cllr Gill Kennett of the Volunteer Centre highlighted the work of the Community Hubs that provided support

across the Island, and had been responsible for delivering prescriptions, shopping, food parcels and meals, and had offered telephone support.

Discussion took place regarding monitoring quality and safety of the support being delivered, and the new wave of volunteers that had emerged. Members considered what could be done to broaden the community's understanding and widen the scope of what it meant to volunteer such as offering specific skills and expertise.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report from the voluntary sector be accepted, and the Committee formally thank all involved in the voluntary sector for their commitment, enthusiasm, courage and skill, in supporting the community and working in collaboration with other health and social care partners.

9. Update on Key Issues in Health and Social Care

a) Public Health

The Director of Public Health provided members with a briefing note on key public health issues ([Appendix 1](#)). Members were advised on the progress with the Public Health Strategy which set out how the Council would deliver its public health responsibilities and shift towards a preventative model. With regards to service delivery, members were advised that the sexual health, substance misuse, and the 0-19 healthy child programme continued to recover their delivery models with a focus on face-to-face support for vulnerable service users. The models for the stop smoking and weight management services were being developed.

Discussion took place regarding the ongoing response to Covid-19 and it was reported that the Isle of Wight was in a good position in terms of the number and rate of cases. Concerns were raised with regards to access to testing. The chair of the IW CCG reported that the testing site had not had internet access to book tests, there had not been availability to get postal deliveries, and people were being advised to not drop in. Members agreed that this issue needed to be escalated.

The Director of Public Health advised that this was a national issue as lab capacity could not meet the demand. Work with colleagues in the Department for Health and Social Care was underway to increase testing capacity. The Chief Executive added that he (along with the 22 Chief Executives of upper-tier local authorities across the South) had written to the Secretary of State requesting more access to testing in order to make the local programmes work. It was suggested that the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to make representations to the relevant Government agencies on concerns around testing capacity.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to make representations to the relevant Government agencies on concerns about the difficulties being experienced with the lack of sufficient and timely testing capacity.

b) Adult Social Care

The chairman advised that the Committee raised a number of questions prior to the meeting and written responses had been received ([Appendix 2](#)).

The Assistant Director of Adult Social Care delivered a presentation ([Appendix 3](#)) which outlined the context of adult social care prior to the pandemic, the Government's response and its impact on the sector, and the focus on care providers and available support. Data was provided with regards to CQC-registered social care provisions, the allocation of the infection control fund, and the council's emergency PPE Service. Members were advised on vacancies in care homes, the support staff who has been unable to work, and those people supported in care homes and in the community who had been diagnosed with Covid-19. Questions were raised with regards to the availability of PPE stock, and it was reassured that care homes were able to access what they require.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the Committee formally thank the staff in Adult Social Care, and all those working in the home care, residential care, and nursing home sectors, for their outstanding work throughout the Covid-19 crisis.
- ii) THAT representatives of home care, residential care and nursing home providers, be invited to the next meeting of the Committee (due to be held on 7 December 2020) as part of the Committee's consideration of the response to dealing with Covid-19 on the Island.

c) IW NHS Trust

Representatives of the IW NHS Trust were in attendance to deliver a presentation ([Appendix 4](#)). An update was provided with regards to performance which included all areas of operational performance, emergency activity, diagnostics, and the ambulance service. It was advised that the introduction of social-distancing, infection prevention and control measures, as well as changes in demand, had impacted performance.

The Director of Nursing provided an update with regards to quality, including the improvements made during August 2020, and the next steps, for the community, ambulance, acute, and mental health and learning disability services. The Director of Acute Transformation presented an overview of partnership work for these services. Discussion took place regarding an emerging integrated model of care across all mental health and learning disability services, based upon a hub and locality model to ensure that people with moderate-low complexity needs are able to access services in their local communities. Members suggested that town, parish and community councils be involved in the development of this. It was agreed that an informal briefing should be arranged on the development of service provision for mental health and learning disabilities.

The Director of Finance provided an update on the £48m programme of capital investment which was intended to ensure the continued development of safe and sustainable health services for the population. Members were advised on the plans for the funding, and the next steps for 2020-21 to work towards this.

Members received an overview of Covid-19 recovery plans for outpatients, inpatients, and diagnostics; and the associated impact on capacity and its mitigations. It was advised that plans were in place to improve access to all services and to reduce waiting times. Some plans had been approved and were being implemented, but a number of plans required financial approval and were being considered. Questions were raised regarding contingency plans should financial support not be secured. It was agreed that the Chairman would liaise with the Trust's Director of Finance to help secure support from its regulators to ensure that projects aimed at improving service delivery could be progressed.

The Chief Executive of the IW NHS Trust advised that NHS E&I had confirmed the appointment of Melloney Poole OBE as the Trust's new chair following the departure of chair Vaughan Thomas who had stepped down at the end of his three-year tenure with the Trust. The Committee wished to formally thank Vaughan Thomas, and all staff at the IW NHS Trust for their dedication and hard work during the Covid-19 crisis. Hovertravel were commended for developing close working arrangements with the Trust with regards to patient transport.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT an informal briefing be arranged with the IW NHS Trust and IW CCG on the development of service provision for mental health and learning disabilities.
- ii) THAT the Chairman liaise with the IW NHS Trust's Director of Finance and Deputy Chief Executive with regards to securing support from its regulators to ensure that projects aimed at improving service delivery are progressed.
- iii) THAT the Committee formally thank all staff at the IW NHS Trust for their dedication and hard work during the Covid-19 crisis, and the Committee's appreciation of the work undertaken by Vaughan Thomas as chairman of the IW NHS Trust be formally noted.

d) IW CCG

The Managing Director and Locality Director of the IW CCG provided an update on the progress with the Mental Health Recovery Pathway business case and referred to a presentation ([Appendix 5](#)). Members were advised that the draft business case was almost complete, and the intention was to present this to the Committee for sign-off at an informal briefing on 30 September 2020. The next formal meeting of the Committee was due to be held on 7 December 2020, and a delay would have a significant impact on delivery timeframes.

This was because the Committee's approval was essential to commence the process of de-registration in order to meet NHSE Assurance requirements. It was explained that, once agreed, the de-registration implementation process would take approximately 6 months, and the intention was to implement the new service model from April 2021. Subsequent phased changes (reconfiguring the acute services and moving to an integrated locality community service by 1 September 2021) were contingent on this.

Members noted the Hampshire and Isle of Wight CCG Reform and supported the proposals. With regards to the IW CCG Recovery Plan, it was advised that many aspects of the had been covered during the presentation by the IW NHS Trust.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the proposed Hampshire and Isle of Wight CCG reform be supported.
- ii) THAT the Mental Health Recovery Pathway business case be considered at an informal briefing on 30 September 2020.

10. Workplan

The chairman invited all partners to forward items for possible inclusion in the workplan.

RESOLVED:

THAT the workplan be noted.

CHAIRMAN