

Time Commenced – 6.01pm

Time finished – 7.23pm

Adults and Health Scrutiny Review Board
3 October 2023

Present: Councillor Roulstone (Chair)
Councillors Kus, Ashby, Nawaz and Repton

In Attendance: Robyn Dewis – Director of Public Health
Donna Dowse - Trading Standards Service Manager
Beth Fletcher – Involvement Manager - NHS Derby and Derbyshire
Integrated Care Board
Dan Webster - Programme Director Urgent, Emergency and Critical
Care
Andy Harrison - SRO for the Making Room for Dignity Programme
Ade Odunlade - Chief Operating Officer
Dr Chris Weiner - Chief Medical Officer

07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received for Councillor Pearce.

08/23 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

09/23 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

10/23 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2023 were agreed as an accurate record.

11/23 Derby City Council's Approach to Disposable Vapes

The Board received a presentation on Derby City Council's Approach to Disposable Vapes. This was presented by the Director of Public Health and the Trading Standards Service Manager.

It was noted that all Nicotine Inhaling Products (NIP's) including disposable "vapes", must be notified to the MHRA and could not be sold in the UK until it was published on their website. It was reported that there must be a UK responsible person for the import/distribution of vapes and this must be on a leaflet or label with the product being sold.

It was noted that device capacity containing Nicotine liquid must not exceed 2ml, this equated to approximately 600 “puffs”. It was also noted that nicotine containing E-cigarette liquid could not exceed a strength of 20mg/ml, often expressed as 2% or 0.2g (in 10ml). Any products labelled as 5% were illegal.

It was noted that it was illegal to sell e-cigarettes to anyone under the age of 18 and that various organisations were looking to get the laws changed in respect of NIP’s.

It was reported that the Council was working with Trading Standards and Derby University on the Health Impacts of Counterfeit Vapes. It was noted that the Council was also in partnership with its Smoking Cessation Team and Trading Standards who were looking to correctly and legally supply vapes to Service Users as an aid to quit smoking.

It was noted that public health were including vapes as an issue to be looked at and reviewed as part of the Tobacco Control Needs Assessment. It was reported that the Council was working in partnership with schools to support and address the problem of youth vaping in and around schools.

The Board noted that it was illegal to sell e-cigarettes to persons under the age of 18 but it was currently not illegal to give them away as, for example, “free samples”, the Government was looking to close this loophole. It was noted that Derby City Council’s Trading Standards Service had received 36 complaints relating to the underage sale of “vapes”. It was reported that all shops visited would be advised of the visit and given guidance on their legal responsibilities in respect of age restricted products, except two where further action was required.

It was noted that Derby City Council actively encouraged the use of the Challenge 25 policy and that Derby City Council’s Trading Standards Service had responded to the Government’s “Youth Vaping call for Evidence” questionnaire.

It was reported that the Council’s Enforcement of Counterfeit and Non-Compliant Disposable Vapes included:

- 1 Funded Disruption Officer
- 34 shops visited where vapes were seized from
- 3 Warning Letters Issued
- 3 Ongoing Investigations
- 5 Shops Closed Including One via the use of a Closure Order
- 6 Warrants Executed so Far, 3 of those resulted in non-compliant/counterfeit vapes being found
- £6,241 of POCA money has been seized, however difficult to separate this from investigations where illegal tobacco was also found and POCA amounts are much higher

- Additional purchase of a storage container to securely store seized products

A councillor asked what percentage of the POCA money the Council kept hold of. It was noted that this money went to the home office and that approximately 1/3 of the funds seized were returned to the Council. It was noted that these funds had to go back into enforcement activities. A councillor suggested that a higher percentage of the POCA money should be returned to the Council.

A councillor asked whether vape shops were licensed. It was noted that there was currently no requirement for vape shops to be licensed and that the controls and restrictions were not as strict as they were for tobacco products.

The Board resolved to note the update.

12/23 Accident and Emergency waiting times and winter plan

The Board received a presentation on the NHS' Accident and Emergency waiting times and winter plan. This was presented by the Programme Director Urgent, Emergency and Critical Care.

It was noted that on A&E performance the system continued to see overall improvement in performance within its acute trust settings. It was noted that the Urgent and Emergency care recovery programme led by the UEC board continued to monitor performance and ensured that transformation programmes continued to support improvement for patients. It was reported that UHDB continued to meet their A&E 4hr target this financial year and was delivering 69% vs. a target of 63% for August.

It was noted that the winter plan built on the extensive engagement and co-development undertaken as part of the NHS's UEC Recovery Plan, including with the NHSE Board, but also with clinical and operational experts, and partners in government, social care, and the public.

The Board noted that the high-priority interventions for this winter would be aligned to the UEC recovery plan. These were the evidence-based and clinically supported actions that had already been highlighted as part of the universal improvement offer for systems.

It was reported that the NHS Executive Team for Derby and Derbyshire agreed that a time-limited 'Winter Planning Co-ordination Group' be stood up, to structure the works and hold the ring on key planning activities that were necessary to produce the Winter Plan – with the ICS Delivery Board structures responsible for developing their aspects of the plan.

It was noted that all systems had been set a deadline by NHSE to submit an initial draft winter plan by 11 September 2023, this was earlier in the year than previous years to ensure that operational resilience continued to be monitored and balanced against the operational plan.

It was reported that through the 'Winter Planning Co-ordination Group' the system would continue to meet weekly to monitor its position against the plan along with planning for reasonable worst-case scenarios based on intelligence.

A councillor asked whether staff vaccines were part of the winter plan. It was noted that flu and covid vaccines for NHS staff were part of the winter plan. A councillor asked whether the Council was working with the ICB vaccine inequalities group to promote vaccines in deprived areas of the city. It was noted that the vaccine inequalities group were working on this in the city and in the county.

The Board resolved to note the update.

13/23 Making Room for Dignity Programme

The Board received a report on the NHS' Making Room for Dignity Programme. This was presented by the SRO for the Making Room for Dignity Programme and the Chief Operating Officer.

It was reported that the Making Room for Dignity Programme had three aims for Derbyshire:

- to eradicate the use of dormitory-style accommodation across all adult mental health inpatient facilities, replacing with single room, en-suite accommodation;
- to end out of area Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) placements for Derbyshire service users by developing local specialist services; and
- to ensure specialist facilities are provided - providing focussed care for older adults who have specific environmental needs and safety requirements.

It was noted that these three aims would be delivered through six projects:

Northern Derbyshire:

- Derwent Unit – a 54-bed new build adult acute unit on the site of Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Bluebell Ward – a 12-bed older adult service ward refurbishment at Walton Hospital

Southern Derbyshire:

- Carsington Unit – a 54-bed new build adult acute unit at Kingsway Hospital

- Radbourne Unit – a 34-bed adult acute unit refurbishment on the site of the Royal Derby Hospital.

Derbyshire-wide:

- Kingfisher House – a 14-bed new build male Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit, based at Kingsway Hospital
- Audrey House - an eight-bed female Enhanced Care Unit at Kingsway Hospital.

A councillor asked why it was taking 16 months to refurbish the Radbourne Unit. It was noted that the female specialist beds were being brought forwards by 4 months. It was noted that all downstairs walls were load bearing which made refurbishment a very slow process. A councillor asked whether any staff members from the Radbourne Unit had left during the refurbishment. It was noted that personal development was being offered to staff members during the refurbishment.

A councillor commented that the number of total beds across the city seemed small and asked whether the number of beds was expected to increase in the future. It was noted that as a result of an expansion of the Community Mental Health Service, the number of in-patients was not expected to rise. A councillor commented that whilst this aspiration was admirable, funding of staff levels needed to increase for the Community Mental Health Service. It was noted that the Community Mental Health Service had been successful in recruitment over the previous 9-months but there were still areas where recruitment was an issue.

A councillor asked for a report on mental health services in Derby to be brought to a future Board meeting.

The Board resolved to note the information provided within the report.

14/23 Post (long) covid Service review

The Board received a report on the NHS' Post (long) covid Service review. This was presented by the SRO for the Making Room for Dignity Programme and the Chief Medical Officer.

The Board noted that the Derbyshire Post COVID Syndrome Assessment Clinic was launched in December 2020 to provide physical, cognitive, and psychological assessments to patients experiencing complex post COVID syndrome (Long COVID) symptoms. It was reported that in April 2022, the service was expanded to include rehabilitation hubs in the north and south of the county to manage patient symptoms. The rehabilitation offer included support for Breathlessness, Chronic Fatigue, Occupational Health, Vocational and Health Psychology.

The Board noted that the Post (Long) Covid Service was provided by:

- Derbyshire Community Health Services (DCHS): lead on the assessment clinic and provide psychology and co-ordinator staffing within the rehabilitation hubs.
- University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB): lead on the south rehabilitation hub. Staffing includes occupational, physio, pulmonary rehabilitation, and chronic fatigue therapists.
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CRH): lead on the north rehabilitation hub. Staffing includes occupational, physio, pulmonary rehabilitation, and chronic fatigue therapists.

It was noted that since 2020/21 NHS England (NHSE) had provided annual non-recurrent funding to all Integrated Care Boards (ICB) to implement Post (Long) Covid Services. It was also noted that from January 2022 to February 2023 referrals into the service had averaged at 20 referrals per week and peaked at 60 referrals per week in June 2022. However, from December 2022 onwards there had been a downward trend in referrals to approximately 12 referrals per week. It was noted that this fall in referrals was in line with national trends.

The Board resolved to note the update.

15/23 Work Programme 2023/24

The Board considered a report setting out the Terms of Reference and Remit of the Board.

The report provided Members of the Board with the opportunity to consider its terms of reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year, its work programme for 2023/24 and any topic reviews.

The Board resolved:

- 1. to note the information provided within the report.**
- 2. to add an update on mental health services to the work programme.**

Minutes End.