
Meeting of the Cabinet – 11th September, 2019

Report of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee

The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust - Care Quality Commission Report

Purpose

1. To consider the recommendations of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee following a detailed scrutiny of the Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust - Care Quality Commission Report.

Recommendations

2. That the Cabinet endorse the following recommendations of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee:
 - To welcome the assurances given by the Dudley Group National Health Service (NHS) Foundation Trust on the changes being implemented to respond to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections and support the continuous improvement of the services provided in Dudley Borough Hospitals.
 - To place on record its appreciation of the hard work and dedication of all staff involved.
 - To support the proactive and collaborative approach to partnership working between the NHS, the Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and all partners to continue the improvement journey following the CQC report.
 - To endorse the further development of a joint, co-ordinated strategy to reduce the numbers of people who attend the Emergency Department unnecessarily.
 - To note that a detailed action plan has been submitted to the CQC and that arrangements are in place to ensure the ongoing monitoring of progress.

Background

3. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) reported in July, following an inspection undertaken in January to February, 2019. Given the concerns raised in the CQC report, an additional meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee was convened. A range of senior managers, staff and others attended the four-hour Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28th August, 2019.

4. The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust worked through the CQC report in detail and provided a presentation to the Committee setting out progress made to date and outstanding risks. This topic will be of interest to all Members of the Council and the report, presentation and supporting papers are available on the [Committee Management Information System](#)
5. The Scrutiny Committee made comments, asked detailed questions and identified areas for further consideration. Members can be assured that the scrutiny process was robustly exercised. The Trust were both transparent and forthcoming in engaging with the scrutiny process.
6. The Scrutiny Committee made the recommendations set out in paragraph 2 to build on good practice, improve the existing proactive and collaborative approach and ensure the best possible services can be achieved and maintained in Dudley Borough Hospitals.

Finance

7. Financial issues are dealt with in the [Use of Resources Assessment Report](#). Work will continue to improve and build on the proactive and collaborative approach to the improvement journey following the CQC report.

Law

8. The Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee has responsibility for overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to the improvement of local health and associated services. This is as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role in accordance with relevant legislation, statutory instruments, regulations and associated guidance. This includes the Health and Social Care Acts 2001 and 2012, the National Health Service Act 2006, the Local Government Act 2000 and the Localism Act 2011.
9. The Trust must comply with its regulators of the Care Quality Commission and any recommendations or notices applied to it.

Equality Impact

10. The services provided impact on all sections of the local community. All partner organisations are committed to ensuring that equality and diversity is reflected in all areas of service provision.

Organisational Development/Transformation

11. The Trust has provided an action plan to the CQC to address a range of organisational and transformation issues as part of the overall improvement journey.

Commercial/Procurement

12. Relevant issues are dealt with in the Use of Resources Assessment Report

Health, Wellbeing and Safety

13. The Dudley Borough Vision refers to building stronger, safer and more resilient communities and protecting our residents' physical, and emotional health for the future. This includes monitoring and scrutinising the impact of local services on the health, wellbeing and safety of the Borough's citizens. All partners are committed to working to continue the improvement journey following the CQC report.

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List of Background Documents

[Report of the Care Quality Commission \(CQC\)](#)
[Use of Resources Assessment Report](#)
[Reports to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 28th August, 2019](#)