



CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 2 June 2020. Minute of Meeting of the CLINICAL AND CARE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Lesley Dunbar Chairperson; and Kim Cruttenden, Councillor Sarah Duncan and Alan Gray.

In attendance: Martin Allan, Councillor Al-Samarai, Claire Duncan, Howard Gemmell, Graham Gauld,, Luan Grugeon, Maggie Hepburn, Caroline Howarth, Chris Littlejohn, Laura McDonald, Shona McFarlane, Sandra McLeod, Malcolm Metcalfe, Lynn Morrison, Kundai Sinclair, Alex Stephen, John Tomlinson and Emma Virasami.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. There were no declarations of interest intimated.

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 4 FEBRUARY 2020

2. The Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 4 February 2020, for approval.

The Committee resolved:-
to approve the minute.

COVID-19 - ACHSCP MONITORING REPORT - HSCP20003

3. The Committee had before it a report Alison MacLeod, Lead Strategy and Performance Manager which sought to provide assurance to the Clinical and Care Governance Committee of the operational adjustments that have been put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report recommended:-
that the Committee note the contents of the report.

The Committee heard Alison McLeod advise (a) that the response to the Covid-19 pandemic covered a range of services across the partnership; (b) that the Dashboard was still in development and due to health colleagues undertaking COVID related activities, the data may not be entirely accurate or up to date; (c) that sections 3.4 and 3.5 of the report provided an overview of the wider public protection arrangements; and (d) that Appendix B (Datex) information gathered from NHS Grampian required to be updated and a review of this would be undertaken by the Clinical Care Group and include operational risk across all partners with any risks being escalated to this Committee to consider as and when required.

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In response to questions from the Committee, the following was noted:-

- That an emergency meeting was called by staff in relation to staff absences in the Specialised Older Adult & Rehabilitation Services (SOARS) due to COVID and other underlying health issues, however absences were now reducing gradually and officers were constantly in discussion with colleagues in the Acute sector in relation to patient safety and the transferring of patients;
- That a review of Rehabilitation Services which commenced pre-COVID had been postponed to later in the year although Operation Homefirst was presently being undertaken and pathways were being developed;
- In relation to unmet need in adult social work in April, there was anecdotal evidence which showed that there was a reduction in care packages due to family members being furloughed and therefore able to care for their relatives; and
- In relation to post diagnostic support for dementia, the previous commissioned service did not allow staff to record and reflect national statistics, however a review had been undertaken and a new in-house care provision system would be implemented in due course to increase support.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) to request that a COVID-19 monitoring report be submitted to the next meeting, noting that the Datex appendix information was an operational document and should not be included.

COVID 19 - RESPONSE IN CARE HOMES - HSCP20005

4. The Committee had before it a report by Emma Virasami, Service Manager, Older People and Physical Disability Care Management which provided an update on activities undertaken to support care homes during the response to Covid-19 and provided assurance as to the monitoring, scrutiny and support arrangements.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee note the contents of the report.

The Committee heard Emma Virasami provide an overview of the report (a) advising that clear regular contact with care home providers to manage the response to COVID and to manage the flow of information from the guidance and advice received from the Scottish Government was essential and had been undertaken; (b) made reference to the creation of the daily reporting form to identify any issues, following these up with phone calls to providers to escalate where appropriate, the information and advice contained within the providers webpage and the provider's huddles; (c) indicating that Adult Social Care Services had moved to a seven day work pattern ten weeks ago to support the Out of Hours Teams in anticipation of the increase in demand; (d) made reference to daily meetings with Public Health and the Care Inspectorate, along with Nursing Service

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Management colleagues to agree mitigations to take forward; (e) outlining information relating to the three key areas of response, namely staffing, personal protective equipment and testing; and (f) intimating that feedback from providers revealed that the responsive measures put in place to support care homes had been well received.

In response to questions from members, the following was noted:-

- That a huge amount of operational work had been undertaken and there was a need to bed-in the relationships that have been developed along with the strategic planning around localities;
- That the 'parity of esteem' multi-agency model would continue to be used to support care homes within locality huddles;
- That officers having been reporting to the Scottish Government on a weekly basis regarding the status of care homes;
- That operational managers have the data information they need to take appropriate action as they see fit, the Scottish Government had sought details in terms of the processes undertaken including the lessons that have been learned to ensure that care homes were as safe as they could be, particularly as we were still in response phase; and
- That there was a downward trend in COVID-19 cases for staff within care homes.

Chris Littlejohn, Public Health provided a detail response in terms of the control measures that had been put in place, including cleaning, personal protective equipment usage, distancing and isolation measures. He also provided comprehensive information of the testing within care homes.

Emma Virasami provided an update in relation to the large-scale investigation within a care home, advising that various actions had been put in place and that all concerns were being addressed.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve the recommendation; and
- (ii) that an update report be submitted to the next meeting containing useful information and data in terms of the impact that testing would have, changes that have been made and the lessons learned in relation to the local care homes situation.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

5. The Committee considered a date for its next meeting.

The Committee resolved:-

that the Clerk in liaison with the members, would identify a suitable meeting date for the end of July 2020, and that an appointment would be issued thereafter.

- **COUNCILLOR LESLEY DUNBAR, Chairperson**