

**Minutes of: HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Date of Meeting:** 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Present:** Councillor S Kerrison (in the Chair)  
Councillors P Adams, M D'Albert, J Grimshaw, K Hussain and R Walker

**Also in attendance:** Marcus Connor, Head of Corporate Policy  
Shenna Paynter, Public Health Programme Lead (Population healthcare and Sexual Health)  
Julie Gallagher, Principal Democratic Services Officer

**Public Attendance:** 1 member of the public was present at the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors N Bayley, A McKay O Kersh, J Mallon, Susan Southworth

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**HSC. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

**HSC. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions from members of the public present at the meeting.

**HSC. MINUTES**

**It was agreed:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

**HSC. SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES UPDATE**

Shenna Paynter, Public Health Programme Lead (Population Healthcare and Sexual Health), attended the meeting to provide an overview of the sexual health service. The presentation contained information on the current situation, challenges, and plans in sexual health services in Bury; the key sexual health outcomes and performance indicators. As well as an overview of the Local Authority commissioned integrated Sexual Health Service which was tendered in partnership with Oldham and Rochdale councils. There are also updates on other sexual health services including:

- RU Clear
- GM STI testing service
- Locally Commissioned Services in primary care
- STI/HIV prevention and support services.

Those present were invited to ask questions and the following issues were raised.

In response to a Member's question the Public Health Programme Lead reported that information is held on under 18 conception. With regards to the high rates of teenage pregnancy amongst Looked After Children, the Public Health Programme Lead reported that specialist support and monitoring would be provided across a range of agencies, including the family nurse practitioner and a specialist teenage pregnancy midwife.

Members discussed the decision to award the integrated sexual health service to Virgin Care. The Public Health Programme Lead reported that as part of the assurance process there are a number of high level performance indicators. These KPIs will be used to monitor Virgin Care and any work sub contracted. Work is underway to develop a Greater Manchester response/offer to coincide with the expiry of the virgin care contract (March 2019). Going forward some aspects of sexual health services may be provided across the GM footprint.

With regards to the morning after pill, this can be prescribed at certain pharmacies within the Borough as well as by the GP. It can and is prescribed to girls under 16, there will be safeguarding checks carried out to ensure that the child in question is not vulnerable/at risk of child sexual exploitation. Virgin Care is commissioned to provide a telephone helpline, the helpline will provide advice and support in respect of accredited pharmacies, opening times etc.

The Public Health Programme Lead reported that work is underway to develop a sexual health needs assessment that will look at specific needs in the Borough. The assessment will include the needs of the Jewish population, the new and emerging communities.

**It was agreed:**

Shenna Paynter, Public Health Programme Lead (Population healthcare and Sexual Health) be thanked for her attendance.

**HSC. PENNINE ACUTE NHS TRUST UPDATE**

**It was agreed:**

This item will be deferred for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled to take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

**HSC. AUTISM UPDATE**

Members of the Board considered a letter received from the Senior Commissioning Manager, Bury CCG.

**It was agreed:**

At the next meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee scheduled to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 members will receive a presentation in respect of the following issues:

- A summary of service performance including wait times from referral to first assessment and assessment outcome.
- A trajectory of performance improvement where required.
- A full improvement action plan, to include the recommendations of an external review into ASD services at PAHT, which concluded in November 2017.

**HSC. VOTE OF THANKS**

Councillor Walker on behalf of Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee thanked Councillor Kerrison for her support in her role as Chair of the Committee and passed on the Committee's best wishes for the future.

**Councillor S Kerrison  
In the Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 7pm and ended at 7.45pm)**