



SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday 17 December 2020

UPDATE FROM THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S TASK AND FINISH GROUP ON INTEGRATED CARE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the first written update provided by the members of the Scrutiny Committee's Task and Finish Group looking at Integrated Care.

A remit for this Task and Finish Group was agreed by the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 16 November 2020.

The Task and Finish Group was established in accordance with the Council's Constitution and the Protocol for Task and Finish Groups.

The recommendations to Scrutiny Committee from the Task and Finish Group will be received at its meeting in February 2020.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All
Report of the members of the Task and Finish Group	Councillor Back, Councillor Beavan, Councillor Green and Councillor Robinson

1. The first meeting of the Task and Finish Group on Integrated Care (inter-agency co-ordination of social care) was held remotely on Monday 30 November 2020.
2. The Council's Communities Manager attended and talked about the Family Intervention Officers, two part-timers, in the south of the district, who added value to the SCCs work on the most vulnerable families. These felt isolated especially when working with the one child, one plan policy. They accessed SCCs liquid logic via the housing team. There was a good relationship between housing and communities. Nicole Ricard, the Council's Head of Communities was the link with the Clinical Commissioning Groups.
3. After the meeting, the Communities Manager reported progress with help for her Officers' feelings of isolation.
4. Councillor Green spoke of the need to explore the referral of safeguarding issues to SCC from this Council's housing and communities' teams and suggested a "meet the MASH" for ESC teams. Communities should have access to liquid logic through housing. Councillor Green to make a recommendation for the next meeting.
5. Councillor Robinson questioned whether the Family Intervention Officers would be funded in the future. He said it was working well in the north of the District without them. He raised problems with primary care and their methods of communication. He would explore possible solutions to barriers to communication with the medical profession.
6. Councillor Back referred to problems with communication between ESC and the NSPCCs Childline. Councillor Green said the early help teams had someone who could assist with this but the problem was the NSPCC was reliant on volunteers. It was agreed that issues with volunteers was beyond the Task and Finish Group's remit.
7. All members of the Task and Finish Group were asked to submit their reviews of its remit for consideration.
8. The next meeting of the Task and Finish Group would be held remotely on Wednesday 9 December and a further written update would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee in January.