

# Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

3 November 2022

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Terminated:** 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillors N Sharif (Chair), Owen (Deputy Chair), Bowden, Drennan, Newton, Patrick

**Apologies:** Councillors Affleck, Cooper, Warrington

## 16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by members of the Scrutiny Panel.

## 17. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on 22 September 2022 were approved as a correct record.

## 18. TAMESIDE & GLOSSOP INTEGRATED CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The Panel welcomed Karen James OBE, Chief Executive, Tameside & Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, to receive an update on health system recovery, pressures and locality plans, including the planning and delivery of neighbourhood and community health care.

Members received a comprehensive update and overview of the delivery plan for tackling the Covid-19 backlog of elective care. The targets include:

1. Eliminating one year waits by March 2025.
2. Reducing diagnostic waiting times – 95% of patients to receive tests within 6 weeks by March 2025.
3. Delivering the cancer faster-diagnosis-standard, with at least 75% of urgent cancer referrals receiving a faster diagnosis within 28 days by March 2024.
4. Reducing outpatient waiting times by transforming the model of care and use of technology.

Data on recovery performance detailed the local position regarding the elective backlog, diagnostics, cancer and outpatients. Discussion focused on waiting lists, cancer treatment pathways and the improved use of technology in supporting telephone and virtual outpatient appointments and follow-up.

It was reported that the Trust had met performance targets prior to the pandemic and it remains important to keep patient and staff safe, with the need to treat patients according to priority. Tameside is starting in a good position with regard to integration and partnerships, with next steps to review areas in order to meet national requirements

A summary of pressures included the significant challenges faced in urgent care and attendances to A&E, resulting in reduced performance and increased waiting times for patients.

Ms James updated members on admission avoidance and discharge models, with examples and data provided on the follow services:

- Virtual wards
- Community falls response service
- Digital Health service hubs

- Tameside Living Well
- Prevention and early identification

Tameside Living Well+ will identify and proactively work with people who have attended A&E more than 5 times in the previous 3 months. Despite the breadth of health care access points and support, over 2400 people have attended A&E five or more times within the past 12 months, resulting in over 15,000 separate attendances.

Tameside and Glossop was nominated for the Phase 1 roll out of a national targeted lung health check programme. This is offered to people throughout Tameside aged 55 to 74 who smoke or have previously smoked. Launched in July 2021, over 9500 lung health checks have been completed, with evidence of the success in early identification of cancer.

Tameside Provider Partnership will seek to represent a single view of providers. This will provide leadership across providers on collaboration to deliver improved outcomes and to reduce health inequalities. The partnership will develop its work programme in line with population health improvement and respond to specific health and wellbeing priorities of the borough

Neighbourhoods are the building blocks for the system and Tameside will only achieve its intended objectives with strong connections to people and communities.

Ms James responded to a number of questions on:

- Current backlogs and impact of long waiting lists - elective backlog of over 1000 patients waiting 52 weeks
- Demand on emergency care and presentations – prevalence of mental health conditions
- Improvements in the use of technology for outpatients
- Workforce pressures – absence, health and wellbeing support, vacancies and recruitment challenges
- Wider pressures within the health and social care system
- Future inspection timetable for the Trust

Ms James thanked for attending the meeting.

## **19. RESPONSE TO MID-YEAR BUDGET UPDATE**

The Panel received for information, a letter of the Scrutiny Chairs to Councillor Jacqueline North, First Deputy (Finance, Resources and Transformation), in response to the mid-year budget update sessions held on 3 October 2022.

## **20. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

The Chair updated members on next steps to progress activity on Learning Disability Health Checks. A meeting of the working group to take place at 5pm on 9 November 2022. The Chair and Deputy Chair to join the group along with Councillors Affleck, Bowden, Drennan and Patrick.

The Panel to receive an update and overview of Primary Care access at the next panel meeting on 12 January 2023.

## **21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel will take place on Thursday 12 January 2022.

## **22. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

**CHAIR**