

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

14 January 2021

Commenced: 6.00pm

Terminated: 7.15pm

Present: Councillors T Smith (Chair), Affleck, Alam, Boyle, Gosling, Jackson, Martin, Mills, Owen, Patrick, Welsh, Wild.

Apologies for absence: Councillors S Homer, Cooper.

30. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 5 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

31. DOMESTIC ABUSE

The Panel welcomed Councillor Eleanor Wills (Executive Member for Health, Social Care and Population Health), James Mallion (Consultant Public Health) and Samantha Jury-Dada (Strategic Domestic Abuse Manager) to receive an overview of Domestic Abuse in Tameside.

The Panel were given a presentation which informed on current performance, a background on the core service provision, key activity around domestic abuse work in 2020 and the outputs from the peer review in 2019.

Domestic abuse governance has been refreshed to routinely monitor and address acute problems regarding domestic abuse, for example information sharing. There is now a Domestic Abuse Steering Group with multi-agency representation.

The presentation covered background on core services – Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences; MASH (safeguarding hub); Operation Encompass; Bridges (commissioned service); Independent Domestic Violence Associates, the Strive Programme.

Recent data shows a 40% increase in referrals (including for males). For children there is increased aggression and behavioural responses. In light of Covid-19 there has been an increase in high risk cases and additional capacity is required to meet demand which is challenging in the current financial landscape.

The Panel members asked about definitions of risk, best contacts or support routes for victims of domestic abuse and the best way elected members can support reporting. There were also discussions on operational issues, and how members can support work on domestic abuse in the community.

Current challenges discussed included data flows and access; workloads of those supporting victims; complexity of delivering services virtually and waiting list for child specialist is high.

The Panel heard key priorities for 2021 are addressing the cost of domestic abuse in Tameside, needs assessment of domestic abuse; a victim-survivor consultation, a new domestic abuse strategy and getting ready for the new Domestic Abuse Bill.

Councillor Wills, Mr Mallion and Ms Jury-Dada responded to a number of questions from the Panel on:

- How the courts are managing during the pandemic.
- High CHIDVA waiting list (child specialists).
- Timeliness of information and data flows from GMP

Resolved: That Cllr Wills, Mr Mallion and Ms Jury-Dada be thanked for attending the meeting.

32. GREATER MANCHESTER SCRUTINY

The Chair provided a verbal update on Greater Manchester Scrutiny. The Panel heard that there were no updates pertinent to Tameside

33. CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair informed members that the next meeting of the Children's Working Group will take place on 11 February 2021. The group will meet with Tim Bowerman, Assistant Director Education and Jane Sowerby, Head of Education Improvement and Partnerships, to discuss the impact of Covid-19 and school closures on young people in the borough.

The Chair informed the Panel that the Scrutiny Annual Budget meetings are to take place on Monday 18 January 2021 at 1pm and 6pm.

The Panel heard that the Census is taking place on 21 March 2021. The Chair requested that the Panel encourage residents to engage during difficult times.

34. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel will take place on 11 March 2021.

35. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR