

## **Report to O and S from HOSC Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2021**

Full recordings of this meeting, and previous ones, are available and can be found in the “Online meetings” section of the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) website. The link for this meeting is <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/online-meetings-archive/november-2021-online-meetings/health-overview-scrutiny-committee-tuesday-30-november-2021-1100-am/>

Minutes of the meeting and the public information pack which includes the power point presentations can also be found on the GCC website. Do look at these for more detailed information.

### **There was one Scrutiny Item: Mental Health Service Briefing**

Councillors were told that the demand for mental health services has been increasing and is far outstripping the ability to deliver these services. There has been a particular increase in the requests for children’s services. It has been necessary for the Trust to adapt by finding new ways of working. These include remote access diagnosis and treatment as well as some face to face appointments. The national limited allocation of resources has resulted in increased financial stress as well as stress on the workforce.

Covid related absences are an issue. New roles are being trialled and there is huge emphasis on recruitment, retention, staff health and well-being, flexible working and support. In the longer term the Trust is aiming to develop new community models. The GCC “Your Circle” website is a useful tool which provides information about adult social care, advice and support, along with information about local groups and societies. The link is [yourcircle@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:yourcircle@gloucestershire.gov.uk) Councillors were urged to listen to those who need help.

(There will be a remote access briefing on Children’s Mental Health services on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.)

### **There were three information items: NHS Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report (GCCG)**

An update was given on ambulance response times. This is a national issue and is a “system failure” rather than being the failure of just one part of the system. Officers and councillors are working to strengthen communication channels between HOSC and the South West Ambulance Services Trust (SWAST) Key matters about the report can be found in the HOSC minutes.

### **One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Report (ICS)**

There are changes planned in the ICS. Following Guidance released in August 2021 an Integrated Care Board is to be established. The Board will work towards bringing together healthcare, social care, public Health and wider partners. The government has a target date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 for the statutory arrangements for the ICB to take effect.

### **NHS GCCG Clinical Chair and Accountable Officers Report**

See the information in the HOSC minutes.