

2020-2021

Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee Highlights



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Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee – Chairman’s statement from 2020-21



“I was elected as Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) in June 2020 at one of the most challenging times for our health and social care colleagues. Understandably, the Covid-19 pandemic has dominated our work programme over the last few months but we have, as a Committee, also been involved in challenging the proposed closure of a local GP surgery, responding to a number of consultations and working towards a joint health scrutiny committee for the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.

On behalf of the Committee Members, I would like to thank the Cabinet Members, officers and health partners who have attended the Select Committee over the past year.”

***Jane MacBean, Chairman of the HASC Select Committee
2020-21***

Members of the HASC Committee between May 2020- March 2021



Khalil Ahmed



Zia Ahmed



Alan Bacon



Patricia Birchley



Malcolm Bradford



Michael Collins



Guy Hollis



Sandra Jenkins



Gary Powell



Brian Roberts



Alan Turner



Liz Walsh



Julia Wassell



Lawrence Wood

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Ms Z McIntosh, Healthwatch Bucks

Committee Support

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The Role of the HASC

The Council's Health and Adult Social Care (HASC) Select Committee holds decision-makers to account for improving outcomes and services for the residents of Buckinghamshire. The Committee works cross party and for the good of all Buckinghamshire residents.

Committee meetings

The Select Committee has held 5 formal Committee meetings this year (June to March) and has reviewed and challenged a number of key issues as outlined below.

Key issues looked at during 2020-21

The Committee has reviewed and challenged a number of key areas including:

- Mental Health services;
- Pharmacists;
- Winter Planning – system resilience;
- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System;
- Buckinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership – response to Covid-19 and recovery plans, including the vaccination programme;
- Adult Social Care, including support to care home providers;
- Development of Primary Care Networks;
- Proposed closure of New Chapel Surgery, Long Crendon;
- Dental services;
- Maternity services in light of the Ockenden Report (published December 2020).

Key Achievements between June 2020-March 2021

- A group of HASC Members prepared a statement for inclusion in the Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust's annual quality account (September 2020);
- Committee Members responded to the consultation around the proposed closure of New Chapel Surgery, Long Crendon;
- Buckinghamshire organised an informal meeting with key health scrutiny colleagues from BOB ICS to discuss the arrangements for setting up a joint health scrutiny committee;
- Committee Members prepared a response to the NHS Integrated Care – next steps consultation which could see Integrated Care System's given more of a legal footing.

Possible future agenda items

- Primary Care Networks – progress with developing these;
- Primary Care healthcare planning;
- Tackling Health inequalities;
- Obesity – build on the 2018 Child Obesity HASC Inquiry;
- Review Diabetes patient pathway;
- Ongoing review and challenge of the decisions coming out of the recent County-wide engagement project;
- Development of Community hubs – progress on moving care closer to home for elderly patients – linked to the above;
- Impact of drugs and alcohol on the health system;
- Adult Social Care – delivery of Better Lives Strategy;
- Maternity services – ongoing review in conjunction with the Ockenden report;
- Support for Carers;
- Care Homes – market position and plans for future;
- Director for Public Health Annual report;
- Commissioning intentions – pre-decision scrutiny;
- Workforce wellbeing;
- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System;
- Covid-19 – lessons learnt;
- Performance of BHT and the CCGs – review their performance against national indicators;
- SCAS performance.

Possible topics for in-depth reviews

- Oxford Health – mental health services – joint piece of work with the Children's Select Committee;
- Dementia Services – following on from the Dementia Inquiry report in 2013;
- Future plans for GP surgeries – with the inception of Primary Care Networks in June 2019, what has the impact been on patients on this new way of working and what are the plans for renovating existing GP surgeries and building new surgeries to meet future demand.