

Children, Adults, Health and Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday 19th October 2022

RUH – Ambulance Service/Winter Planning/Treatment Waiting Times

At its last meeting on 19th October the CAHW PDS Panel received an update on the current challenges faced by the RUH, particularly in respect of admissions and discharge.

Members were told that the situation is extremely complex, with no obvious single solution. The importance of social care was emphasised by health partners, with effective domiciliary and reablement services key to enabling throughput from the hospital. The Panel welcomed the partnership work taking place between the council and the RUH in developing its own home care provision however, members noted that retention within social care is particularly challenging, with staff leaving to work in other sectors such as retail.

With this in mind the Panel resolved to write to the Integrated Care Partnership to emphasise the importance of remuneration across the sector, particularly when considering the impact retention has on our acute hospital.

Cabinet is asked to support initiatives that lead to the retention of B&NES social care professionals across the district and to look to ensure that this commitment is reflected in the developing Integrated Care Partnership Strategy.