

Commenced –6.00 pm
Concluded – 7.47 pm

Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Board

26 January 2015

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)
Councillors Hillier, Jennings, J Khan, Skelton and Webb

25/14 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

26/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

27/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

28/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2014 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

29/14 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The board considered the Forward Plan published on 23 December 2014.

Resolved to note the Forward Plan.

30/14 East Midlands Ambulance Service

The Board received a presentation from Mike Casey, General Manager of East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS), on key strategies and long-term business plans it was developing. Members were advised that EMAS was consulting on five key strategies, namely:

- Clinical and Quality Strategy;
- Workforce Strategy;
- Fleet Strategy;
- Information Management and Technology Strategy; and
- Estates Strategy.

Members asked a range of questions and received responses. These included explanation of systems used to dictate level of response and reduce the risk of

resource being wasted on hoax calls, details of arrangements with health partners to reduce numbers of standing ambulances and details of:

- EMAS's recruitment processes;
- Data integrity processes; and
- Future plans to integrate IT systems with partner bodies.

Members stated previous concerns that EMAS's previously reported ambitions had not necessarily resulted in improved outcomes. However, there was consensus among the board that the update was among the most encouraging it had received over recent years and that there was reason to be hopeful for the future.

Resolved to note the update.

31/14 Implementation and implications of the Care Act 2014

A report from the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing detailed how the council would be impacted by the implementation of the Care Act 2014. It was reported that the Act consolidated previous legislation relating to social care and support for adults and carers, safeguarding, care standards.

It was reported that most of the new duties and responsibilities were planned to take effect from April 2015. The first requirements related to duties on information and advice (including advice on paying for care), duty on market shaping, assessments (including carers' assessments), national minimum threshold for eligibility, personal budgets, care and support plans, safeguarding and universal deferred payment agreements.

Further reforms to the way care is funded and paid for were planned to come into effect from April 2016. It was reported that these would introduce a cap on the costs that people will have to pay for care, an increase to the means testing level and care accounts.

Members were informed that the most significant changes being introduced in 2015/16 were the improved legal rights and increased support for carers. Other potential impacts related to increased demand for information services, the right for self-funders to request the council to arrange care on their behalf, the number of self-funders who would come forward to have their care needs assessed and reviewed and a care account started and loss of income as a result to changes to service user capital thresholds (2016/17).

The board was told that modelling had taken place to anticipate the potential financial impact. Among these models was the Lincolnshire Model v3, which anticipated costs of £995,776 in 2015/16, £5,326,318 in 2016/17, £3,989,809 in 2017/18, £3,101,869 in 2018/19, £2,783,752 in 2019/20 and £2,609,267 in 2020/21.

Resolved to note the report.

32/14 Your Life Your Choice – Building Care and Support

The board was asked to consider and comment on a consultation with service users over the future delivery of adult social care, through the Your Life Your Choice consultation programme.

Members were informed that the vision was to ensure people in Derby could lead happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. Challenges in achieving this vision included supporting older people, numbers of profoundly deaf children becoming adults, fewer working aged adults being able to pay for their support, higher expectations of choice and control and cuts to public spending.

Research into concerns that had been fed back from local people were reported. These included a difficulty in getting advice and information, or in understanding, delays in care and support being arranged and users being passed around between services.

How the council planned to respond to the challenges and concerns was detailed in the consultation. Commitments included:

- More people receiving support locally;
- Everyone aged over 85 being offered a Winter Plan;
- More disabled people being supported into work;
- Those with serious mental illnesses having a Wellness Recovery Action Plan;
- More carers being supported through an Emergency Plan; and
- More support to help people recover from physical ill health and mental illness, including a focus away from hospital stays.

Following member questions, it was reported that the intake of personal budgets among minority groups was on a par with other groups. Members also highlighted areas where they had seen many of the actions already in place working well, while the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in bringing providers together was also highlighted.

Resolved to note the report.

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