



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 15 March 2010

Report of Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Services

### Healthcare Services for People with Learning Disabilities

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider the response of NHS Derby City on the County Council's OSC review of Healthcare Services for People with Learning Disabilities.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Mencap, the UK based charity supporting people with learning disabilities, published a report in March 2008 'Death by Indifference'. This report highlighted six cases of people with learning disabilities who died, in their view, unnecessarily as a result of institutional discrimination by the National Health Service (NHS).
- 2.2 In response to the issues raised by Mencap, the Government established a national inquiry, led by Sir Jonathan Michael. The final report of this inquiry, 'Healthcare for All', was published in July 2008.
- 2.3 In January 2009 the ASH Commission received a presentation from Jackie Fleeman of Derbyshire County PCT covering the main issues identified by the two reports. Ms Fleeman also informed the Commission that Derbyshire County Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee was due to conduct a review which would be looking into the experience of people with learning disabilities using healthcare services in the County. The Commission felt that the issues affecting the city residents would be similar to those experienced by the County residents and therefore resolved to receive the County's final report rather than repeat the review in the city.
- 2.4 The County Council OSC's completed their review over summer and their final report was considered by the Commission at the October 2009 meeting. This report was submitted to Derby City PCT and asked that issues relevant to Derby are identified and an action plan is prepared which is to be presented to the Commission at a future meeting.
- 2.5 Angus Maitland, Director of Strategy has been invited to give Derby City PCT's response to the report.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Report of Derbyshire County Council's OSC on the review of Access to Healthcare Services for People with Learning Disability

## Appendix 1

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

1. None arising from this report.

#### Legal

2. The Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 gives health scrutiny committees powers to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services.

#### Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

#### Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

#### Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority of helping us all to be healthy, active and independent