ITEM 4

Time started 6.00pm
Time convened 7.30pm
Time re-convened 7.35pm
Time finished 8.27pm

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 17 NOVEMBER 2008

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair)

Councillors Baxter, Keane, Nath, Tuplin, Turner and Winter

In attendance: Councillor Skelton

46/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Marshall.

47/08 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

48/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2008 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

50/08 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

51/08 Pre-Budget Briefing

The Commission considered a report from Director of Resources on the Pre-Budget Briefing. The 2008/09 to 2010/11 Budget report was approved by Council on the 3 March 2008, which presented a balanced financial position for 2008/09 and 2009/10, and highlighted a financial revenue shortfall of approximately £3million in 2010/11. The briefing contained key highlights from Revenue Strategy report reviewed by Cabinet on 30 September 2008. It was stated that due to efficiency measures and other actions taken the Adult Social Care was projected to have an underspend of approximately £0.5m at the end of the year.

It was noted by the Commission that they were invited to identify any savings that could be made within the Commission's portfolio. There was the potential for dialogue with the relevant officers to discuss any effincies that could be gained.

The Commission resolved to note the emerging budget pressures and forecasts for the 2009/10 - 2011/12 budget as highlighted in the Revenue Strategy report to Cabinet on 30 September 2008.

52/08 Specialised Commissioning

The Commission received a presentation from Kate Caston, Director of the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Services Group. It was noted that the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Group (EMSCG) was established in April 2007 to ensure that people living in the East Midlands received access to the highest quality specialised services possible within available resources. The East Midlands SCG works on behalf of all 9 Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in the region and formal mechanisms were in place to allow the SCG to:

- Plan, assess needs, procure and performance monitor specialised services, based upon the national specialised service definition set.
- Develop, negotiate, agree, maintain and monitor contracts with providers of specialised services.
- Undertake reviews of specialised services and manage the introduction of drugs and new technologies.
- Co-ordinate a common approach to the commissioning of specialised services outside the Strategic Health Authority (SHA) boundary.
- Manage the pooled budget (from PCT allocations) for commissioning specialised services and put financial risk sharing arrangements in place.
- Put in place clear processes for the designation of specialised service providers and ensure ongoing clinical quality through a rolling programme of service review.
- Ensure that a formal process of public and patient involvement underpins the work of the team.

Members thanked Kate Caston for detailed presentation and asked that the Commission received updates twice a year.

The Commission resolved to note the presentation from the Director of the East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Services Group.

53/08 World Class Commissioning

The Commission received a presentation from Jonathan Rycroft, Acting Director for Service Development and Market Management from Derby City Primary Care Trust. It was noted that the World Class Commission was launched in December 2007, the programme aimed to drive up the commissioning capability of local NHS commissioners. The World Class Programme seeked to provide a more strategic and long-term approach to commissioning services, with a clear focus on delivering improved health outcomes.

The Commission resolved to noted the presentation from the Acting Director for Service Development and Market Management from Derby City Primary Care Trust.

54/08 Maternity Consultation

The Commission received an oral presentation from Jackie Costello from the Primary Care Trust on the Maternity Consultation. The maternity services strategy had been developed jointly between Derbyshire County and Derby City PCT's in response to national guidance. The strategy seeked to place women and their partners at the centre of their local maternity service provision and ensure that maternity services were developed equitably across the county.

Members noted that a key area of the strategy was breastfeeding and to ensure that information, education and continuing support was available for mothers to initiate and continue to exclusively breastfeed for a least six months.

Concern was raised over the number of midwifes within the City and it was noted that an injection of capital was needed to increase the numbers. It was reported that the PCT were looking into developing a skills mix of midwifes and support workers as there was currently a difficulty in recruitment.

The Commission noted the oral presentation on the Maternity Services Strategy for Derby and Derbyshire.

55/08 Unit Cost of In-House Residential Care

The Commission agreed to defer to above item until the next scheduled meeting of the Commission and invited the relevant Cabinet member and Director to come along to the meeting.

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56/08 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Performance Eye. There were 14 quarterly performance indicators within the remit of the Commission as listed on Performance Eye at the start of this year. Of these 7 were green, 2 were amber and 3 were red indicators.

The Commission resolved to note the 2nd quarter 2008-09 performance indicators.

57/08 Mental Health Day Services Final Specification

The Commission noted the Mental Health Day Services Final Specification that was provided to the Commission for information.

Retrospective Scrutiny

58/08 Identify Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

Council Cabinet Forward Plan

59/08 To Identify Items in the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for Consideration at Future Meetings of the Commission

There were no items identified.

60/08 Responses of the Council Cabinet / Health Bodies to reports of the Commission

There were no items.

61/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END