

Commenced – 6.00 pm
Concluded – 7.33 pm

Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Board

12 August 2013

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (Chair)
Councillors Harwood, J Khan, Pegg, Turner, and Webb.

In attendance: Councillor Tittley

08/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Skelton and L Winter.

09/13 Late Items

The Chair reported that a report on Housing Related Support Procurement had been circulated to members on 7 August 2013 and that the item related to a matter which was due to be considered by Council Cabinet on 14 August 2013. It was agreed that the matter would be considered by the board in order that members would have an opportunity to review the report in advance of the Council Cabinet meeting.

10/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2013

The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

12/13 Call-in

There were no items.

13/13 Tier 4 Psychological Therapies

A report of Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group, prepared on behalf of the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group, was considered by the board. The report detailed changes and reorganisation of the NHS since the board had responded to a consultation exercise on plans to reduce the provision of long-term dynamic psychotherapy and to increase overtime available of evidence-based therapies.

It was reported that the changes meant the proposals originally presented in the consultation would not be progressed. However, members were informed that both the clinical commissioning groups and the Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust remained concerned about the need to deliver tier 4 services to an acceptable standard. Presentations on the matter were made by the Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning Manager and the Chief Executive of Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

Members discussed the changes and felt that the board's original findings remained relevant and should be taken into account in any future commissioning strategies.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the changes that had taken place resulting in the original proposals no longer being pursued;**
- 2) Reiterate the board's aspiration that Derby residents do not receive a depletion in service; and**
- 3) Request that the board's concerns detailed in the original consultation response be taken into account in any future commissioning strategy.**

14/13 Housing Related Support Procurement

A report of the Strategic Director of Resources was presented to the board, detailing the procurement process that had been undertaken in relation to the provision of housing related support services. The Council Cabinet member for Adults and Health provided background to the item, including that the expenditure was discretionary but considered as important, the process that had been undertaken, the current position including the 'standstill process' which had been observed prior to a report being prepared for Council Cabinet, and the implications of not making a decision at the Council Cabinet meeting on 14 August 2013.

The Head of Integrated Commissioning for Younger Adults and the Head of Procurement provided more detail on the precise process that had been followed in reaching proposals for the contract award.

In response to questions from members, the Strategic Director explained how members had previously raised concern with aspects relating to the matter, and how these had been presented in the form of questions to Council Cabinet members at the previous Council meeting.

Resolved that the process used in the procurement of housing related support services had been conducted in a fair, open and transparent manner, was proportionate to meet desired outcomes, had taken into account due consultation including advice from officers, was clear in terms of the aims and desired outcomes, and demonstrated that all options had been considered.

14/13 Adults Social Care Support Planning

A report of the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was presented by the Director of Business Intelligence and Sector Development. It was reported that good support planning was vital to the transformation of social care, ensuring that current and future customers had as much choice and control as possible over how their needs would be met.

Following questions, members were informed that the intention was to treat social care customers as active citizens rather than passive recipients of services, and that this was considered crucial in maximising the independence and self-confidence of older and disabled people. The report detailed the definition, vision and progress in relation to support planning in Derby, as well as responding to questions which had previously been put by the board.

Resolved to:

- 1) Note and welcome the doubling of providers;**
- 2) Recommend the continuation of efforts to find more local providers;**
- 3) Note that outcomes would not be possible without the contribution of family members caring for their relatives;**
- 4) Note that such carers as referred to in point 3 may also be in need of care or support; and**
- 5) Request that the board be kept updated on challenges to the support planning process.**

15/13 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Scrutiny and Civic Services Manager updated the board on changes to the Forward Plan following its publication on 16 July 2013. It was reported that Item 98/12 'Approval of Supplied for New Adults, Health and Housing ICT Systems' and Item 06/13 'Grant Aid Funding Levels for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations' would be considered at the Council Cabinet meeting on October 16 rather than September 11.

Members requested that Item 06/13 'Grant Aid Funding Levels for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations' be presented to the board in advance of consideration by Council Cabinet. The Council Cabinet member for Adults and Health advised that officers would try to respond to this but highlighted that as the Council Cabinet meeting was not until several weeks after this, it was probably that a final report would not be drafted in time for the board meeting. This was accepted by the board.

Resolved to:

- 1) Consider Item 05/13 'Funding for Carers' Service' retrospectively;**
- 2) Not consider Item 98/12 'Approval of Supplied for New Adults, Health and Housing ICT Systems' but request that any system procured be integrated to work alongside existing IT systems;**
- 3) Request that a report on Item 06/13 'Grant Aid Funding Levels for Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations' be prepared for the board meeting be prepared for the board meeting on 23 September 2013;**
- 4) In the event that resolution 3, above, prove not feasible, to consider the matter retrospectively.**

15/13 LINKs Final Annual Report

The final annual report of Derby LINKs prior to its dissolution, and the subsequent creation of HealthWatch, was presented to the board.

Resolved to note the report.

MINUTES END