

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 7.50pm

**ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD
26 FEBRUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor Jennings (Chair)
Councillors Harwood, Martin, Skelton, Turner, Webb

57/12 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hillier and Whitby.

58/12 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

59/12 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60/12 Minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2012

The minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2012 were agreed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

61/12 Call-in

There were no items.

62/12 Public Health Budget Proposals

The Board received a presentation on Public Health Revenue Budget Proposals from the Joint Director of Public Health. It was reported that the majority of the Public Health functions were transferring from the NHS to local authorities from April 2013 and would bring an associated ring fenced grant. The presentation outlined the estimated grant allocation for 2013/14, the process of determining the allocation, the conditions of the grant and existing commitments.

Members raised concerns about the numbers of people with drug and alcohol problems in the East Midlands. Members were worried by the numbers of people who were prescribed methadone and asked what was being done to reduce those numbers. It was reported that there was a new model based on recovery which aimed to move people from illegal drugs to prescribed drugs and finally to withdrawal of the prescribed drugs.

It was reported that Derby had a large registered (with a city GP) population

and non-resident visitors. Members noted that non-resident populations had not been adjusted for in the proposals and asked what was being done about them. It was reported that work would be done with the Clinical Commissioning Group and GP practices to ensure that those people who should be registered are registered.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the presentation; and**
- 2. to request that a report be brought to a future meeting on the numbers of people in Derby suffering from substance misuse and alcohol abuse.**

63/12 Update on Younger Adult Residential Care

The Board received an update presentation on Younger Adult Residential Care from the Director of Younger Adults and Housing. It was noted that the Board had requested more information on younger adults residential care during their consideration of the revenue budget process at the meeting held on 17 December 2012. The presentation provided information on providers and the costs of placing clients in community settings and alternative homes.

Members noted that some younger adults were placed outside of the city and recognised that some could be brought back if their care needs could be met. Members were concerned that some younger adults would react very badly to being moved. It was reported that some younger adults would find change difficult but some would like to be living somewhere else. It was further reported that individual assessments would need to be carried out to establish care needs.

Members asked who decides what appropriate care is and recognised that carers may have a different opinion to the Council. It was reported that the Council had got to demonstrate that individual needs were being met.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the presentation; and**
- 2. to request that a report be brought to a future meeting on progress towards meeting targets.**

64/12 Update From East Midlands Ambulance Service

The Board received a presentation from the Director of Corporate Affairs for East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and the EMAS Director of Operations on proposals to improve the service. It was reported that a three month consultation had been carried out between September and December 2012.

It was reported that the current proposal was to have 11 ambulance station hubs, 17 ambulance stations and 108 community ambulance stations.

Members noted that the EMAS Board's final decision was due to be made on 25 March 2013.

Members asked when the proposed changes would take place. It was reported that the proposals were part of the 'Being the Best' programme and would be introduced in stages and was a five year programme.

Members asked where the community ambulance station would be positioned in Derby City centre. It was reported that the decision had not been made. Members asked whether the site on Willow Road was big enough. It was confirmed that it was big enough but was in poor condition and there were problems with egress and access. It was further reported that there could also be community ambulance stations in Chaddesden and Pear Tree.

Members discussed EMAS responses to emergency and non-emergency calls in Derby and asked how the calls were measured. It was confirmed that the time was measure from the point that the call was transferred to ambulance control.

Members noted that there were currently three ambulance stations in Derby; Mickleover, Raynesway and Willow Row. It was reported that the proposed ambulance station would probably go into the Raynesway site.

Members asked whether the use of bicycle and motorcycle dispatch had been considered. It was confirmed that EMAS had been looking into the possibility of this type of dispatch.

Members noted that the service had a history of underperforming, with regard to response times, but was going in the right direction and that targets in Derby were being exceeded.

Members asked that the Board be informed in writing when the EMAS Board had made its final decision in March. The Board also resolved to agree that a report be brought to a future meeting when the five year plan had been finalised.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the presentation;**
- 2. to request that the Board be informed in writing of the EMAS Boards decision due to made on 25 March 2013; and**
- 3. to request that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Board on the EMAS five year plan.**

65/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

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