

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 7.50 pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
11 SEPTEMBER 2006**

Present: Councillor Marshall (in the Chair)
Councillors Dhindsa, Harbon, Richards, Skelton and Webb

Co-opted Members: Pat Hill, Philip Johnson and
Elaine Jackson

15/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dhamrait, Gerrard, Leeming and Mitchell,

16/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit a briefing paper on the Change in Service Delivery at Normanton Medical Centre.

Resolved to note the report

17/06 Declarations of Interest

Philip Johnson declared that he had a personal interest in Item 14 as he had been on the Interview Panel for the Triage Tender Contract.

18/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Social Care and Health Commission meeting held on 17 July 2006 were received and noted.

19/06 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

20/06 Ambulance Trust Presentation

The Commission received a presentation from the East Midlands Ambulance Trust Director of Operations, Dave Whiting on the Trust's new role and responsibilities.

The Commission discussed with the Trust's representatives procedures for 999 calls, air ambulance provision, their work with the fire and police services, the influence of traffic calming measures on the ambulance service's response times and the policy for treating people with mental health issues.

Resolved to note the presentation with thanks and to ask that the East Midlands Ambulance Trust update the Commission on their work on a regular basis.

21/06 Review of Home Care Services and Charges

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services which outlined the work that had been done on the Council's Home Care Services for Older People as part of a Best Value Review.

The Commission was asked by the Full Council to consider carrying out a review into Home Care Services and Charges.

It was noted that 29 September 2006 had been set aside to receive evidence to the review and asked members for suggestion on who needed to give evidence.

Councillor Skelton suggested that the Derby Homes Consultation Group, Southern Derbyshire Pensions Association, Disabled Peoples Advisory Committee be invited to contribute to the review. Councillor Skelton also suggested to members to read LGA's publication Fair Care publication on Home care issue.

Councillor Webb suggested that Independent Providers and Disability Direct should also be invited to contribute to the review.

Councillor Dhindsa said that the Commission needed to be cautious that they did not simply replicate the Best Value Review.

The Director Corporate and Adult Social Services advised the Commission that they needed to be aware that the number of households receiving Home Care had been reduced and yet the number hours of Home Care provision had increased.

Resolved to

- 1) carry out a review into Home Care Services and Charges**
- 2) and to ask Mahroof Hussain to set up a draft programme in consultation with the Chair/Vice Chair.**

22/06 Learning Disabilities Integration

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services. The Commission was informed that although Derby is good at partnership working the Project Management Board had decided to move away from transfer of staff and pooling budgets due to financial uncertainties.

Councillor Webb expressed disappointment that the budgets had not been able to be integrated. The Senior Assistant Director – Adult Services informed the Commission that there would be some level of integration.

Resolved to

- 1) note the report**
- 2) and state that the Commission would like to see improved outcomes for people with Learning Difficulties even though pooling of budgets and full integration is not proceeding.**

23/06 Modernising Day and Residential Services for People with Learning Disabilities

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Services on the Consultation on Modernisation of Day and Residential Services for People with Learning Difficulties.

The Commission noted that suggestions to extend the current building provision as suggested in the consultation were being explored.

Pat Hill queried whether any action was being taken regarding the double payments for people who received 24 hour care and attended a day centre. It was noted that nothing was being done immediately as it was often the case that the care providers in this situation often charged the least and therefore there needed to be further investigation into these cases.

Councillor Webb asked whether the buildings would be sold if provision changed. The director Corporate and Adult Services stated that the site was unlikely to achieve any significant capital receipt however he recognised that funding would need to be secured in order for services to be improved.

Resolved to

- 1) note the report**
- 2) request that any capital receipts be ring fenced for this service provision**

24/06 Substantial Development/Reconfiguration of Services

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Services regarding the local definition of substantial variation or the development in NHS Health Services.

The Commission considered the draft consultation form presented to them in the report.

Councillor Webb stressed that he wished to see a forward plan from health authorities that could show any substantial change.

Resolved to note the report and approve the Consultation form.

**25/06 Adult Social Services Annual Complaints Report to
CSCI**

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services.

Resolved to note the report.

26/06 Identify Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

No items were identified for retrospective scrutiny.

27/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

**28/06 Out of Hours Call Handling and Triage Tender
Contract**

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director, corporate and Adult Social Services.

Resolved to note the report.

**29/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members**

There were no items.

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