

Time started - 6.04pm
Time finished - 8.24pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
7 DECEMBER 2009**

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Keane, Nath, Tuplin, Turner, Williams and Winter

45/09 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

46/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

47/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item no. 51/09, 52/09 and 53/09 as she was a Non Executive Director of the PCT.

48/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 October 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

49/09 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

50/09 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

51/09 Infant Mortality at Neighbourhood Level

The Commission received a presentation from John Topham on a Review of Childhood Obesity. It was reported that infant mortality was defined as the number of deaths under the age of one year per 100 live births. The PSA inequalities target 2001 was to reduce inequalities in health outcomes by 10% by

2010. It was noted that the PSA highlighted Derby as one of the 43 local authority areas with the highest burden of deaths in the routine and manual group.

The Commission were provided with infant mortality data and what would work in reducing infant mortality.

Members were informed of activities that were currently working towards the Government recommendations such as the Family Nurse Partnership, breastfeeding advisor, childhood obesity and welfare advice at the Children's Centres.

It was reported that the Family Nurse Partnership had made a difference with many clients reporting changes in their understanding of pregnancy, labour, delivery and their infant. It was noted that there had been a 17% relative reduction in smoking during pregnancy and that the breast feeding initiation rate was higher than the national rate for the same age group.

Resolved to note the presentation.

52/09 Review of Childhood Obesity

The Commission received a presentation from John Topham on a Review of Childhood Obesity. It was reported that the Government PSA target is to halt the year on year rise in obesity among children aged under 11 by 2020. PCT's were now required to measure the height and weight of all children attending maintained schools within their area in Reception year and Year 6.

The Commission were provided with data from 2005 to the current year on the percentage of children overweight or obese. It was noted that this showed a fluctuating trend. Members were informed that from 3 years data 11% of reception children and 18% of year 6 children were obese, an estimate of about 8000 school age, resident in Derby were likely to be obese. It was thought that a quarter of reception children and a third of year 6 children were either overweight or obese. The national picture suggested that child obesity increases were levelling out but the local picture suggested a slight decrease in reception and a slight increase in year 6.

Members noted that the causes were a complex with 4 determinants identified in the Foresight Report, that were appetite control, dietary habit, level of physical activity and psychological ambivalence to change.

It was reported that there was evidence for behaviour change interventions aimed at people willing to change with the main theme being Healthy Weight, Healthy Life.

The Commission were informed that locally Derby was strong on preventative and school based interventions but were weak on family based and individual interventions.

Members noted that there was a need for cross party political support on child obesity in the City and there could be a need for a champion for obesity.

The key issues for development were a health hub to include a service for obese children, to build on existing strong partnership working and develop the wider partnership work.

Resolved to note the presentation.

53/09 Review of Patient Transport Service

The Commission considered a report on the Review of Patient Transport Service. The Patient Transport Service (PTS) was the non urgent transportation of patients with medical needs to and from NHS premises and between healthcare providers using a range of vehicles. It was currently commissioned by the Royal Derby Hospitals Trust from the East Midlands Ambulance Services however this responsibility will be transferred to NHS Derby City (PCT) when the current contract expires next year.

This was reviewed by this Commission at the last meeting and a report with recommendations has been produced for consideration and approval by the Commission.

Members suggested that further detail to be added to the report on specific recommendations for the PCT to consider and for the Chair to finalise the report on behalf of the Commission.

Resolved to note the report and to authorise the Chair to finalise the report on behalf of the Commission.

54/09 Personalisation – the next areas of development

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Putting People First – Update on the Transforming Social Care Programme. Putting People First is a major national change programme which affects all aspects of adult social care services. It was reported that Derby was progressing relatively slowly but expected to achieve national progress/performance milestones.

The Commission were informed that Derby has elected to develop one Resource Allocation System (RAS) which would be applicable for any individual who was eligible for adult social care support. This would promote an equitable approach across age groups by giving the same value to service provision across client.

There were however challenges in so doing, particularly developing the market so that the support required is affordable for younger adults in particular as unit costs have traditionally been higher for their care services compared to those for older adults.

It was noted that the programme would be a whole system change and that implementation would need to progress early on 2010 to meet the October 2010 and March 2011 milestones.

It was reported that so far the progress had been the assessment, support planning and the introduction of personal budgets. The RAS had been approved for Phase 1 implementation, which meant that it was now being applied to new people entering the service. This was developed by assigning points to all the domains within an assessment and establishing the average number of points likely to be allocated. This would then be factored up to match the total number of people using the service. The community care budget was then divided by the total number of points giving a value to each point.

Members were informed that the community services budget had been top sliced by 15% to allow for the protection of those whose personal budget may not allow current service levels to be maintained.

It was noted by the Commission that there would only be the development of one RAS for all user groups.

The Commission noted that due to the staged implementation only a small group of staff had so far been trained, but voluntary organisations were invited to submit nominations to help provide with support planning.

Members questioned whether officers had visited other local authorities to look at good practices. It was reported that as this scheme was a national programme, officers had been in contact with other authorities and a visit was planned to Lincoln, who were further advanced into the implementation of the programme.

The Commission members commented that the personalisation programme was an exciting time for the Council and it was agreed that it seemed there had been an enormous effort to allocate budgets as fairly as possible.

Members asked whether there were plans to reduce the demand for in-house services. It was reported that officers were looking into reducing costs and increasing flexibility of the services provided. It was likely that in the future building based services will ultimately have less people wanting to use them.

Resolved

- 1. To note the progress made and endorse the approach to date;**

2. To receive a further progress in March 2010.

55/09 Future Arrangements for Safeguarding Adults in Derby

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Future Arrangements for Safeguarding Adults in Derby. The 'No Secrets' guidance was published by the Department of Health in 2000. It outlined the local authorities' lead responsibility to safeguard vulnerable adults, to determine policy and practice, co-ordinate activity between agencies, facilitate joint training and monitor and review progress. It recommended that a multi-agency board or committee be established to achieve this.

The 'No Secrets' guidance led to the establishment of the Derby and Derbyshire joint Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board. The Board was led by Derbyshire County Council on behalf of both authorities.

It was reported that in the years since 2000 adult safeguarding work had increased and both the numbers of referrals and the range of responsibilities had led to adult safeguarding work being afforded a higher priority locally and nationally.

It was noted that as a result there was a proposal to establish a distinct adults safeguarding board for Derby.

Resolved:

- 1. To note developments in local Safeguarding Activity and practice; and**
- 2. To endorse the recommendation that Council Cabinet establish a Derby City Safeguarding Board.**

56/09 CQC response to Commission's comments

At its March 2009 meeting the ASH Commission considered and submitted its comments as part of the core standards declaration on the local health bodies to the CQC's predecessor, the Healthcare Commission. These comments were used by the Commission as part of its assessment and rating of the Trusts.

Resolved to note the Care Quality Commission's feedback to the Commission's statements on Local Health Trusts.

Retrospective Scrutiny

57/09 Identify Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

58/09 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items identified.

59/09 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to reports of the Commission

There were no items.

60/09 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END