

Time commenced 5.30 pm
Time finished 7.35 pm

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

Present: Councillor Marshall (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Dhindsa, Dhamrait, Gerrard, Harbon,
Leeming, Richards, Skelton, Turner and Webb

Co-opted Members: Philip Johnson and
Elaine Jackson

42/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mitchell.

43/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Adult Services and Health Commission meeting held on 30 October 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/06 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

**47/06 Derbyshire Mental Health Trust Consultation on
Proposals for Foundation Trust**

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the proposal by the Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust to apply to become a Foundation Trust. David Pitt – Executive Director, Strategic and Organisational Development – attended and addressed the Commission to explain the role and responsibilities of Foundation Trusts. He reported that the Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust had begun a public consultation exercise with the patients, public and carers. It was hoped that approval would be agreed by July 2007.

David Pitt reported that if Foundation Trust status was achieved public, service users and staff would have a greater say in how the Trust worked and the speed of decision making would be improved.

Councillor Dhindsa considered that it was important that, if Foundation Trust status was achieved, they would still be accountable to the Commission.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to stress the importance that the relationship between the Trust and the Council remain the same in terms of accountability.**

48/06 Proposed Changes to the Adult Drug Services Model for Derby

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the new Adult Drug Treatment Services Model proposed for Derby. Mike Murray, the Drug Strategy Manager of the Derby Community Safety Partnership presented the strategy and reported that the consultation on the proposed model for Derby City would run from 6 November 2006 to 29 January 2007. It was hoped that the new service provision would be in place by July 2007.

It was reported that there were 2355 adults in Derby with considered problematic level of drug use. Mr Murray reported that there were four themes to the national Drug Strategy that was launched in 1998:

- Adult Drug Treatment
- Young People Substance misuse
- Drugs and Crime
- Reducing Supply

The Government had set a target of 1540 adult drug users to enter structured drug treatment during 2007/08. In 2006/07 it was 1049. It was reported that in 2006, 85% of individuals beginning drug treatment had been retained for a minimum of the 12 recommended weeks.

Resolved

- 1. to note the presentation**
- 2. to receive regular updates of the progress of the targets**

49/06 Corporate Assessment/Joint Area Review 2007

The Commission considered a report from the Corporate Director of Resources and Housing that set out the timescales and requirements for the combined Corporate

Assessment/Joint Area Review. Gordon Stirling – Head of Change Management and Performance – reported that the assessment would be completed in October 2007.

Resolved

- 1. to note the timescales for the combined Corporate Assessment/Joint Area Review**
- 2. to note the requirement for preparation of two self-assessment documents and the timescales for preparation and submission**
- 3. to note the proposed changes to CPA outlined in the White Paper.**

50/06 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the performance indicators that fell within the remit of the Commission.

Resolved to note the report.

51/06 Self Assessment for Home Care Services

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the request by Council to review self assessment for home care services.

Margaret Moran – Head of Disability and Sensory Services – reported that there was no self assessment for home care services. The self assessment process only applies to limited number of technical aids and minor adaptations. This has been running since April 2006 as a pilot scheme and had provided 80 people with minor adaptations.

As self assessment did not apply to home care services, Councillor Dhindsa suggested that the Commission agree not to proceed any further with the review.

Resolved

- 1. to not proceed further with the review as the self assessment process did not apply to home care**
- 2. to report to Council Cabinet that the request from Council had been investigated.**

52/06 Identify Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

No items were identified for retrospective scrutiny.

53/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

54/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

The Commission considered a minute extract from Council Cabinet on 28 November 2006 on the review of home care services and charges. A response from John Hutchison from Derby PCT on the out of hours call handling and triage tender was also considered.

Resolved to note the response.

55/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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