

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 7.35 pm

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 16 APRIL 2007

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Harbon, Leeming and Webb

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

81/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Marshall, Mitchell, Richards, Skelton and Turner.

82/06 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 late item relating to Gold Cards in light of the recent changes to concessionary travel.

Gold Card – Concessionary Travel for Elderly and Disabled People

The Commission received a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the change to the concessionary travel fare scheme.

The Commission were advised that on 1 April 2007 the travel scheme was reviewed and it was agreed that people with the Orange Striped Gold Card would no longer be able to travel at concessionary half fare before 9.30am and would have to pay full fare. Following the change a number of people have complained that they would have to pay the full bus fare for attending hospital appointments before 9.30am.

Resolved to request that the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust consider booking hospital appointments for patients aged 60 and over and those with minor disabilities after 10.30am, to enable them to take advantage of free bus travel that is available after 9.30am.

83/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

84/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Adult Services and Health Commission meeting held on 12 March 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

85/06 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

86/06 Alcohol Strategy

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that provided details on the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

Robert Hill – Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy Manager – gave the Commission a presentation on the Strategy. He advised the Commission that 24% of people in the East Midlands were hazardous or harmful drinkers. It was noted that there were very few resources nationally from the Government so funding was relied on from the Primary Care Trust and that the drugs service received 10 times more resources than alcohol services.

Councillor Webb raised concerns that, as an Authority, we were responsible for licensing the premises that are serving alcohol to intoxicated people and therefore some of the changes needed to reduce alcohol abuse were within the Council's powers.

Resolved

- 1. to support the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy and the action plan**
- 2. to develop better co-ordination between Derby City PCT and Derby City Council on activities regarding licensed premises**
- 3. Carry out more work with major employers to raise their awareness and encourage them to develop policies and practices to address potential problems of alcohol abuse**
- 4. to support the proposal to extend the Pub Watch Scheme outside the city centre as it can make a useful contribution to the alcohol harm reduction strategy**
- 5. To develop a public awareness campaign particularly targeted at parents of young people to educate them about the problems associated with underage drinking.**

87/06 Joint Commissioning Framework for the Third Sector

The Commission received a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that set out a draft document 'A Joint Commissioning Framework for the Third Sector'. The document was guidance on processes to be adopted by Derby City Council and Derby City Primary Care Trust for ensuring effective Voluntary and

Community Sector involvement in the planning, commissioning and delivery of Health and Social Care services.

Katy Wing – Voluntary and Community Partnerships Manager - reported that the document was out for consultation until the end of May 2007, then the final document would be presented to the Compact Forum and the relevant Cabinet Member.

Resolved:

Members made the following comments and resolved to send them to Katy Wing before the end of the consultation period

1. Members recognise that the document is targeted at a particular audience within the health and social care sector and many of the recipients are likely to be familiar with the terms and expressions used in the guidance. However the Commission considered the document to contain many complex and technical terms that are not easily understood by an average reader and suggested it should still be written in Plain English and made easier to read as far as possible.
2. Members were asked for their views on the term to be used to describe the sector and recommended the use of 'community and voluntary sector' rather than the 'third sector' as the latter can be confusing.
3. Members supported the proposal to further seek the views of the voluntary groups on the proposed document even though the voluntary sector has been involved in developing the draft guidance. Members suggested that every attempt be made to seek the views of the Black and Minority Ethnic communities as they are often under represented in consultation processes.
4. There seemed to be some confusion about the term full cost recovery and how it would be use. The Commission therefore recommends that the document is absolutely clear on what is meant by the term 'full cost recovery' and suggested establishing criteria on how this would be used in practice.
5. The use of the term 'Service Level Agreement' is interpreted differently by Derby City Council and the Derbyshire County Council and can lead to confusion for organisations that are jointly funded by the two authorities. The Commission therefore suggested that the term Service Level Agreement is not used.

88/06 Local Involvement Networks

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that provided details of the proposed Local Involvement Networks – LINKs. It was reported that LINKs primary function would be to gather the views and experiences of people using health and social care services and influence local service provision.

It was reported that the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill currently going through Parliament would abolish the Patient and Public Involvement

Forums – PPI – and replace them with LINKs. LINKs would need to be in place by 1 April 2008, although no firm timetable had yet been set.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill for local authorities with Social Services to procure LINKs**
- 2. to ask the Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Social Services to write to the Government and express their concerns of the potential duplication of the role of LINKs with Overview and Scrutiny**
- 3. to request regular updates on the developments of LINKs in the City from the Council Cabinet Member for Adult Services**
- 4. to request that the relevant Officer influence consultation and to receive an update on progress in three months.**

89/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

90/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

91/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to any Reports of the Commission

The Commission considered a response from the Derby Foundation Trust following a letter sent after the Commission meeting on 12 March 2007 when the NHS Annual Health Check was considered.

Resolved to note the response.

92/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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