

Commenced – 6.02 pm
Concluded – 8.16 pm

Adults and Public Health Overview and Scrutiny Board

14 July 2014

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)
Councillors Jennings, J Khan, Skelton and Webb

01/14 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hillier.

02/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

03/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2014 were noted.

05/14 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Board considered the Forward Plan published on 17 June 2014. Members wanted an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following items:

- Item – 60/13 – Managing Demand for Second Carers
- Item – 62/13 – Derby's Joint Dementia Strategy – only if there were any significant changes made to the strategy.

Resolved:

- 1. to recommend that Forward Plan Item 60/13 - Managing Demand for Second Carers be brought to a future meeting of the Board for consideration and comment; and**
- 2. to recommend that Forward Plan Item 62/13 – Derby's Joint Dementia Strategy be brought to a future meeting of the Board for consideration and comment, only if there are significant changes made to the strategy.**

06/14 Remit and Work Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on remit and work programme of the Adults and Public Health Board.

It was reported that the Board were expected to identify items and set a realistic work programme that fell within its remit, early within the municipal year.

The Board received a presentation from the Director of Public health on Public Health: overview, priorities and budgets.

Members discussed vaccinations and the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group's tier 3 obesity programme.

The Board received a presentation from the Service Director - Home First and Direct Services on Adult Social Care: key issues for the year ahead.

Members discussed specialist dementia care in care homes, electronic patient records, the delivery of preventative services and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Members suggested items and topics for possible inclusion in the Adults and Public Health work programme.

Members agreed that future meetings should be limited to a maximum of two items, where speakers are invited.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the presentation from senior officers on service areas falling within the remit of the Board;**
- 2. to suggest items and topics for possible inclusion in the Adults and Public Health work programme; and**
- 3. to request that future meetings be limited to a maximum of two items, where speakers are invited.**

07/14Quality Assurance in Care Homes

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Quality Assurance in Commissioned Care Services. The report was presented by the Service Director - Home First and Direct Services.

It was reported that the City of Derby had 129 care providers that were registered with the Care Quality Commission and of these, 78 were registered residential and nursing homes. It was further reported that, as at April 2014, the Council held contracts with 71 of these, with the remaining 7 being those that the Council directly provided itself. Members noted that all registered social care providers were regulated by the Care Quality Commission who monitor, inspect and regulate services to make sure they meet fundamental standards of quality and safety.

It was reported that recent national media coverage had raised interest in the performance of care organisations due to incidents of poor practice and safeguarding concerns.

It was further reported that the Council and the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group were currently working together to align as far as possible their quality assurance approaches for shared providers, particularly for residential and nursing care homes.

Members discussed the regional comparator figures contained within the report and agreed that it would be useful to see how Derby compared to Coventry, in future reports on Quality Assurance in Commissioned Care Services. Members also agreed that they should also be provided with the numbers of beds available within residential and nursing homes for comparator authorities.

Members discussed occupancy rates within care homes. It was reported that every effort was made to ensure that the Council run care homes were as full as possible but increasingly the focus was on supporting more dependent people rather than filling vacancies.

Members asked whether whistle blowing was encouraged. It was reported that any whistle blowing would probably relate to safeguarding issues and that whistle blowing was actively encouraged.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the current quality assurance arrangements for commissioned services;**
- 2. to request that, in any future reports to the Board on Quality Assurance in Commissioned Care Services, Coventry be included within the comparator group; and**
- 3. to request that, in any future reports to the Board on Quality Assurance in Commissioned Care Services, Members be provided with the numbers of beds available within residential and nursing homes for comparator authorities.**

08/14 Supporting Timely Hospital Discharge

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Supporting timely hospital discharge and good quality recovery for frail old people. The report was presented by the Service Director - Home First and Direct Services.

Members noted that the report set out the progress that the Council was making in partnership with local NHS organisations to improve opportunities for Derby's frail older people to make the fullest possible recovery when they had suffered an illness or an injury that had required hospital treatment. It was reported that this had involved a challenging of traditional assumptions about the type of assessment that was needed to help older people leave hospital safely, using an approach called 'Transfer to Assess'.

Members noted that the report explained the 'Transfer to Assess' approach and set out the complementary initiatives on which the Council was working with the NHS and other local partners, to give Derby's most vulnerable older people the best

opportunities possible to live safely in their own homes in accordance with their wishes.

Members discussed public information on the 'Transfer to Assess' approach, how practitioners communicate the approach and the importance of involving the voluntary and community sectors.

Members asked when the 'Transfer to Assess' approach would be introduced. It was reported that the project was at an early stage but that a clear plan should be in place by September 2014.

Resolved

- 1. to note and support the Council's joint work with local NHS organisations in relation to 'Transfer to Assess' and the complimentary initiatives in support of frail older people as set out in paragraph 8.3 of the report; and**
- 2. to request that an update report be brought to a future meeting of the Board after September 2014.**

MINUTES END