

ITEM 4

Time commenced : 6.00pm
Time finished : 7.50pm

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION 18 APRIL 2005

Present: Councillor Hussain (in the Chair)
Councillors Dhindsa, Jones, Leeming, Nath, Webb and Winter

Co-opted members – Elaine Jackson, Philip Johnson and Pat Hill

72/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Liversedge and Sir Michael Raymond.

73/04 Late items

There were no late items.

74/04 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Winter declared a personal interest in minute number 80/04 – Response of the Trust to the Car Parking Review report as she works for the PCT.

75/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment:

To include Pat Hill's name as an attendance.

76/04 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

77/04 Progress on the Childrens Act

The Commission received a presentation on Every Child Matters from Rachel Dickinson, Assistant Director – Integrating Childrens Services. Rachel gave background information on Victoria Climbié and an explanation of the events surrounding her death. She said that the report of Lord Laming's inquiry into the death of Victoria Climbié influenced the Government's Green Paper, 'Every Child Matters' which was published in September 2003. Following consultation this led to the Children's Act 2004.

Rachel advised the Commission that the Children Act 2004 required a shift from intervention to prevention services, and demanded a step change and a whole system reform so that services were organised around children and families. The Act encouraged local leaders to work in partnership with local communities and deliver the change for children agenda. The Act had five key outcomes, these were:

- To be Healthy
- Staying Safe
- Enjoying and Achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic wellbeing

The Children Act required the five outcomes for children and young people to be delivered through Children's Trust working arrangements. There were four key elements of Children's Trust arrangements:

- Integrated Front Line Delivery
- Integrated Processes
- Integrated Strategy
- Inter Agency Governance

The integrated strategy would have local leadership with the Director of Children's Services and the lead member. The integrated strategy required a needs analysis and planning to be undertaken in partnership with the development of joint commissioning and budget pooling in order to improve outcomes for children. The aim of Inter Agency Governance was to ensure effective leadership by the local authority and the engagement of all the key partners involved. All agencies needed clear accountabilities for the delivery of services to children currently and as partnership arrangements developed.

In Derby, the Children's Strategic Partnership Executive had produced a framework and direction, which had been approved by the Council Cabinet. The delivery team had been recently established and now included the Common Assessment Project Team. Derby had made good progress in developing and rolling out the common assessment. The work to develop the children's centres in Derby was also a key element of the integration agenda.

78/04 Briefing Paper – GP Retirement Notification

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services detailing the action taken by the Central and Greater Derby Primary Care Trust on the change of service resulting from a planned GP Retirement.

The Chellaston Medical Centre, a single partner practice, was to close on the 1 April 2005 due to the planned retirement of its GP, Dr Chowdhury and all his patients were to be registered with other appropriate practices. Patients living in the Chellaston area would be transferred to one of the two practices who currently served Chellaston. These were allocated on home address and proximity to the new practice. Patients who did not live in the Chellaston area had been sent a letter which detailed how to register with a new practice.

The Commission was re-assured that no-one would be left without a GP.

Councillor Winter raised concern for the two practices that were going to receive the majority of these patients as there would probably be increased work loads coming from this. Mahroof Hussain stated that the new contracts for GPs allowed them to have as large or as small a list as they wanted and that the inner and outer city managed their practices differently.

Pat Hill also pointed out that many inner city GPs would be coming up to retirement in the next few years. She also commented that with the new medical school coming to Derby she hoped that when the first graduates came out they would all want to work in Derby.

Resolved to write to the PCTs asking them give their assurance that the quality of service to existing and new patients would not be affected by surgeries having an increase in patients resulting from GP retirement.

79/04 Review of Children Looked After – Terms of Reference

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services detailing the terms of reference for the Review of Children Looked After services. Mahroof Hussain suggested that members look at these services, processes and the delivery to help focus the review.

Members were asked to consider and comment on the draft terms of reference and the proposed lists of witnesses and areas of information for this review.

Mahroof Hussain added that although Members were keen to engage children in this review but were not sure how to proceed. One suggestion would be to make use of the Young Achievers Award ceremony. Children would be given postcards with questions on where they lived. Each child who completed a postcard would be given a treat. He also added that there was a regular meeting of the Kids in Care in Kontrol Group for children aged 12 to 21. The next meeting scheduled for 25 May 2005 would be held on the 17 May 2005 and the Commission could use this to talk with the children. It was suggested that this meeting could be at the Council House. Councillor Webb added that this was a very positive and lucid group.

Mahroof advised that comparable authorities would be used to specifically compare results and statistics but also all authorities would be looked at for best practice.

Resolved:

- 1 To compile a list of questions for the postcards to be distributed at the Young Achievers Award, to be agreed by the Chair.**
- 2 To arrange a meeting with the Kids in Care in Control Group and ask that members forward any questions to Mahroof Hussain. The**

following members agreed to attend the meeting: Dhindsa, Jones, Hussain and Elaine Jackson.

80/04 Response of Trust to the Car Parking Review Report

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services detailing the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's response to the recommendations contained in the hospital car parking charges review report. Mahroof Hussain advised members that generally the trust had supported the commission's recommendations; however, they had different views on the first recommendation. The Trust did not wish to utilise patient care monies to subsidise the cost of providing car parking and believed in making a change to invest in new and enhanced facilities. The Commission on the other hand recommended that the parking charges should not be used to support other NHS services and that these should be kept to a minimum and only cover costs associated with car parking issues.

Recommendation two asked the trust to establish electronic displays at the entrances to the DRI car parks giving information on vacant spaces. The Trust had investigated installing electronic displays and found them to be too expensive. However, it had improved signage around the car parks which it stated had reduced queuing and unnecessary delays.

Councillor Webb commented on recommendation 6C – 'examine the width of the existing disabled parking bays and to ensure they are sufficiently wide for wheel chair users to transfer to and from the car'. The Trust's response was that they considered that not all disabled people required wide spaces; therefore the recommendation was not supported. Councillor Webb asked that the Trust ensure that they were compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.

Resolved:

- 1 To note the response of the Trust.**
- 2 To write to the Trust asking for a timetable for the implementation of the recommendations and to ensure that responses to recommendations 6 were compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act.**

81/04 Update from the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Forum Members

The Commission considered a summary of the Derby City Patient and Public Involvement Forum Activities. Philip Johnson advised in addition to the report that the Greater Derby PPI Forum Members were looking at electronic patient records and that the Accident and Emergency Network had been to the first meeting and work was developing with them. The Derby Mental Health Services were facilitating a conference in October regarding mental health of the homeless. Elaine Jackson added that the Mental Health Forum had visited

Kingsway on the 28 March 2005 for an unannounced visit. They visited two wards and wrote to the Derby Evening Telegraph in response to a previous article.

Philip Johnson advised that there was a problem in respect of funding for educating autistic children. The Derby Autistic Support Group (DASG) had applied for a community grants budget for 2005-2008 and had been refused. They had not yet applied for Social Services funding. Currently Derby families were getting no extra help. Councillor Jones commented that she had been discussing this issue with Hazel Lymbery from Social Services. Mahroof Hussain added in the current situation Derby families were supported by the Derbyshire Childrens Fund and Lottery Funding. The DASG got into financial difficulties due to the end of the lottery funding. The Community Grants Budget pool was only relatively small and Social Services had only found out about the request for funding when they got into difficulties and it was too late for Social Services to offer funding. The DASG were working with the PCT for the small amounts of funding and were working with Social Services to identify other funding streams. Councillor Hussain commented that if the council had not already agreed funding then it was too late for this financial year for the council to pick up. Councillor Webb asked if the DASG were turned down for a Community Grant Budget why were they not directed elsewhere. Councillor Hussain asked that the Commission write to Margaret McGlade to find out how the gaps left by this organisation were being filled by the Council and also write to the Director of Policy to establish why the Community Grant was refused.

Agreed to write to Margaret McGlade asking how gaps left by this organisation were being filled by the Council and how this situation could be prevented in future.

82/04 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission identified the following items on the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for consideration at future meeting,

Reference	Decision
132/04	Increase in Derby fostering allowances to fostering networks recommended level
114/04	Establishing an integrated mental health partnership in Derby

MINUTES END