

Time commenced : 6.00pm
Time finished : 7.15pm

**SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION
28 NOVEMBER 2005**

Present: Councillor Turner (in the Chair)
Councillors Gerrard, Leeming, Khan, Skelton and Willitts,

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

In attendance: Councillor Hussain

45/05 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E. Berry and Chera.

46/05 Late items

There were no late items.

47/05 Declarations of Interest

Ms Hill declared that she was Chair of the City Council Fostering Panel.

48/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the following amendments

- Pat Hill's declaration of interest be amended to read 'Chair of the City Council Fostering Panel'.
- Minute Number 36/05 the resolution 'To establish the ratio of staff to children under 16' be amended to read 'To establish the ratio of staff to children.'

49/05 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

50/05 Reconfiguration of Mental Health Services

The Commission considered the report and recommendations which were based on a special meeting held on 17 October with evidence from the Chief Executive of Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust and other key stakeholders.

Michael Walsh, Vice Chair of Derbyshire Voice was invited by the Chair to address the Commission. He stated that the structure for consultation was there but stated that they had not been consulted at all on the reconfiguration of Mental Health Services. A letter from Councillor Alan Jones, Chair of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee at Derbyshire County Council confirmed that they had not been consulted at any stage and were notified after the decision had been taken by the Trust Board.

Resolved to:

- 1. recommend that the Derbyshire Mental Health NHS Trust:**
 - **establishes an effective patient and public involvement strategy and presents it to the Commission for consideration**
 - **discusses any proposal for service change with the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Commission at an early stage in order to agree whether or not the proposal is considered to be substantial**
 - **consults the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Commission on significant developments or variations in mental health services**
- 2. ask the Chair or Vice Chair and appropriate officers to present the report in person to the trust.**

51/05 Further Integration of specialist Mental Health Services in Derbyshire – Response from Consultation

The Commission received a report of the Director of Social Services asking the Commission to consider and comment on the further integration of Specialist Mental Health Services in Derbyshire.

Mike Connell informed the Commission that Cabinet had now given their approval for consultation to begin with regard to the transfer of Social Services staff working in Specialist mental health services to Derbyshire Mental Health Services NHS Trust. He reported that work had begun with staff and their representatives to resolve any problems. The Commission noted that the most complicated area was the transfer of the staff's pensions between the Council and NHS.

It was noted that budgetary risks needed to be shared between the NHS and Council and that a final report would be delivered to Council on this issue.

Pat Hill raised concerns that the integration would not prove successful if a 'whole person' approach to Social Care was not maintained. Officers agreed that Social Care values needed to be safeguarded. Mike Connell reported that the combination of NHS and Council values would be achieved through a partnership agreement.

Pat Hill also expressed her concerns that Approved Social Workers would have a conflict of interest as they may have to take decisions which went against their colleague's professional judgements. The Commission noted that this structure had worked successfully in Lincolnshire for three years. Mike Connell accepted that there was a need to ensure that Approved Social Workers were protected from pressure from colleagues when taking their decisions about patient care and to ensure that appropriate support is offered. He felt that Approved Social Workers currently worked in a multi-disciplinary environment and would be accustomed to making decisions of this nature. Councillor Hussain suggested that if the figures for Compulsory Admissions could be monitored to ensure that decisions were not changing dramatically in number following the integration process.

Resolved to:

- 1. Request that the numbers of Compulsory Admissions be monitored.**
- 2. Request a further report in a years time on the Integration of Mental Health services.**

52/05 Second Quarter Performance Monitoring

The commission received a report detailing the second quarter performance monitoring information. It was noted that there was little change in the figures.

The Commission queried whether there was a trainee scheme for Social Workers. It was noted that a scheme was being rolled out over the next few years.

Resolved to note the report.

53/05 Resignation of Sir Michael Raymond from the Commission

The Commission received notification of the resignation of Sir Michael Raymond. They discussed possible replacements to his position on the Commission including placing an advert in the Local Paper but came to no final decision.

Resolved to:

- 1. request that a letter of thanks and a get well card be sent to Sir Michael for his contribution to the Commission's work.**

54/05 Agreement of a date for the meeting with Social Services on the Review of Children Looked After Services.

The Commission discussed possible dates to meet regarding their Review of Children Looked After Services.

Resolved to arrange a meeting for the 5 December 2005 at 6pm.

55/05 Matters referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

There were none.

56/05 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

There were none.

57/05 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Members considered the current forward plan to establish which reports they wished to consider at future meetings

Resolved to examine the following reports at future meetings:

- 1. Learning Disabilities Integration – results of Consultation.**
- 2. Best Value Review of Homecare**

MINUTES END