

Time started	6.00pm
Time finished	7.54pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
7 JULY 2008**

Present: Councillor Hussain (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Marshall, Nath, Richards, Tuplin and Winter

In attendance: Councillor Skelton

15/08 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

16/08 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

17/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

18/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2008 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19/08 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

20/08 Our NHS Our Future – Derbyshire Vision

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on our NHS Our Future – Derbyshire Vision. The Government had appointed Lord Ara Darzi to carryout a wide ranging review of the NHS across the country last year to ensure the health care was fit for the future. The review focused on eight themes spanning birth to end of life and identifies the forward for the NHS for the next decade and beyond. The summary report was developed through discussions with clinicians, staff and members of the public.

A formal public consultation process was to be held on the vision for Derbyshire following the presentation to the Commission.

Resolved to note the report.

21/08 EMAS – Patient Transport Service

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on EMAS – Patient Transport Service. EMAS was keen to communicate with all Overview and Scrutiny Commissions about their services and the challenges they face in providing the patient transport service. Whilst the A&E service had been fairly proactive and well received by committees they were trying to raise the profile of the patient transport service and foster understanding of this element of our Trust.

This service which was vital to those who depend on it, is commissioned by a variety of health care providers including Acute Trusts, PCTs and Mental Health Trusts. Their main challenge remains the commissioning of the service and they believe the cost pressures facing hospital trusts and PCTs has a significant impact on this service. There was the potential always for these services to be contracted out of the NHS to private providers and the danger of fragmentation of services as a result. The Department of Health has suggested that in the future PCTs may wish to lead commissioning of PTS alongside the A&E service but at present this is not a priority locally.

Resolved to note the report.

22/08 Mental Health Day Services

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services on Mental Health Day Services. The delivery and provision of day services for people with a mental health problem in Derby has been subject to continual change over the past decade. Currently day services were provided separately by Derbyshire Mind and Derbyshire Mental Health Trust (DMHT) via its Social Inclusion, Rehab and Recovery Team (SIRRT) part funded by DCC social care. The Derbyshire Mind service was based at Cavendish in an old Co-op building and the DMHT service operates from 63 Duffield road.

The review of mental health day services and Department of Health (DH) guidance on the same "From Segregation to Integration" identified the need for significant developments in mental health day services in order to:

- Promote Recovery
- Focus on community participation
- Reduce social isolation
- Provide opportunities for people with mental health problems to provide each other with support and run their own service

- Maximise choice and self determination
- Meet the needs of diverse groups
- Ensure that services are accessible to people who are more seriously disabled by their mental health problems
- Involve users and carers
- Increase diversity of provision
- Improve cross sector working

Members noted that there would be a public consultation and requested that a further report be brought to the next meeting of the Commission and a representative from the PCT attend.

Resolved;

- 1. to request the PCT to attend the meeting on 1 September 2008 with a further report;**
- 2. to note the report.**

23/08 Commissioning of Strategic Review of Residential Care

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Residential Care – Future Options. The report proposed to commission a strategic review of residential care and recommended filling vacancies in all council run residential homes with short stay or respite care and to only offer long term placements on the basis that the new residents would understand the risk that they could be required to move to an alternative placement subject to the outcome of the review. The report also proposed to suspend the closure of Bramblebrook for at least 18 months to allow further consideration following the outcome of the strategic review.

Members felt that the proposal to offer short stay or respite care at all homes could deter people from taking up permanent placements and could place all council run homes at risk. There was considerable stress involved in moving homes at the best of times and people were unlikely to place their elderly relatives in a home if there was a risk that it may close within the next 18 months.

Concern was raised that the Council provided one third of residential placements whilst two thirds were offered in the independent private sector. Removing the bulk of council's provision from this equation would therefore place significant pressure on the independent sector and could result in either longer waiting times, increased costs or both in the short term.

It was noted that the decision would place the Adult Social Services budget under pressure, as additional resources would need to be found to cover the cost of placements to the independent sector whilst maintaining the in-house provision. There were already high numbers of vacancies in the council run

homes and this decision would only exacerbate the problems and create further vacancies in council run homes.

Resolved;

- 1. To request Council Cabinet to reconsider its proposal to predominantly fill vacancies at all homes with short stay or respite care as this could deter prospective users from taking up a placement and therefore put all council homes at risk;**
- 2. To request Council Cabinet to carefully consider the financial and personnel implications of the proposal of offering short stay and respite care in all homes before taking the final decision as these could have a significant affect on the Council;**
- 3. To request Council Cabinet to make a decision on Bramblebrook to either keep it open permanently or to close it within six months since keeping it open for 18 months was reducing the number of placements which would increase unit costs to unacceptably high levels.**

24/08 Work Programme

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Annual Work Programme of the Adult Services and Health Commission.

The Commission selected the following items to scrutinise this year:

- Mental Health Services Budget Overspend
- Handy Persons Scheme

Resolved to note the report.

25/08 Performance Eye

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Performance Indicators for the 4th quarter 2007-08.

Resolved to note the report.

26/08 Health Services Briefing by Health Chief
Executives – 18 July

The Adult Services and Health Commission noted the briefing to be held on 18 July 2008.

Retrospective Scrutiny

26/08 Identify Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

The Adult Services and Health Commissioned identified no items.

Council Cabinet Forward Plan

27/08 To Identify Items in the Council Cabinet Forward
Plan for Consideration at Future Meetings of the
Commission

The Adult Commission examined the items on the Forward Plan which were relevant to the Commissions remit.

The Commission agreed that the Commissioning Review should be brought to the Commission.

28/08 Responses of the Council Cabinet / Health Bodies
to Reports of the Commission

The Commission considered the response to the Adult Social Care Income Generation.

Resolved to note the response.

29/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END