

Time started - 6.00pm  
Time finished - 7.58pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION  
15 MARCH 2010**

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair)  
Councillors Keane, Nath, Tuplin, Turner, Williams and Winter

Attendance: Angus Maitland, Jonathan Wardle, Jackie Lawley Derby City PCT  
and Andrea Smith - Local Pharmacist

**76/09 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies

**77/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**78/09 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Williams declared a personal interest in items 7, 8 and 9.  
Councillor Turner declared a personal interest in item 9.

**79/09 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**80/09 Call-in**

There were no items.

**Items for Discussion**

**81/09 Councillor Call for Action**

There were no items.

**82/09 Services for people with learning disabilities**

Members were reminded that this item had been brought to the agenda following the publication of a Mencap report in March 2008 which highlighted six cases of

people with learning disabilities who died, in their view, unnecessarily as a result of institutional discrimination by the NHS. Following a presentation by the Derbyshire County PCT covering the main issues in January 2009, members resolved to receive the county's final report rather than commission a repeat review involving the same partners in the city.

Jackie Lawley, of the Derby City PCT presented Trust's Learning Disability Health Action Plan which set targets for addressing health needs and demonstrated the efforts the Trust was making to improve performance in the key areas identified in the report. This included:

- Plans to meet Department of Health learning disabilities targets for resettlement and campus closure
- Work with partnership boards and statutory and other partners to address health inequalities faced by people with learning disabilities
- Ensuring the safety of people with learning disabilities receiving NHS services
- Ensure progress in implementing service reforms and development described in 'Valuing People'

The PCT will be re-assessing their plans in July 2010 to consider whether services are being improved.

**Resolved to note the presentation and invite Derby City PCT back in a year to provide an update.**

## 83/09 Pharmacy First

Members received a presentation from Jonathan Wardle, of NHS Derby City, on the Pharmacy First service within the city and on the increased ability of community pharmacies to provide additional services. The presentation drew a distinction between Pharmacy First, the local branding of the national Minor Ailments Scheme, and community pharmacies.

It was explained that the Pharmacy First scheme enabled Derby residents with minor ailments that could be easily treated were able to partake in the scheme by enrolling through their local GP. Participants were given membership cards enabling them to receive prescriptions for minor ailments directly through participating pharmacies without the need for a GP consultation. It was explained that participants were limited to the number of repeat prescriptions for similar ailments that could be made in order to flag up potential underlying problems.

Members were informed that 25 out of 33 GP practices had signed up to the scheme and 48 out of 64 pharmacies were delivering the services. There had been 19,484 consultations in pharmacies through the scheme in the year to October 2009 and at a cost of £4 per consultation they provided good value for money.

Members agreed that the scheme was worthwhile but expressed concerns that it was not being as well publicised as it could be, with the majority of participants finding out through pharmacies rather than being directed by their surgeries.

**Resolved;**

- 1) **To note the report.**
- 2) **To recommend NHS Derby City to further promote the scheme to potential users**
- 3) **To recommend that NHS Derby City to continue to encourage all pharmacies and surgeries to take up the scheme**
- 4) **To encourage pharmacies to display a sign that they are part of the scheme**

## 84/09 Retinopathy

The Chair explained that the item had been brought before the commission following a personal experience in which booking a retinopathy appointment had not been straightforward. The Chair expressed concerns that people with difficulties could easily become confused should they encounter similar problems, potentially compromising their access to the service.

Angus Maitland, of Derby City PCT, agreed that there had been some issues with the county-wide service. It was explained that the growth of the service had meant that the arrangements originally put in place to receive and make appointments had struggled to cope with the increased workload.

It was explained that in addition to improving the technology, staffing issues were being addressed, potentially increasing the number of services covered by the staff in order to achieve greater economies of scale.

**Resolved;**

1. **Resolved to note the update**
2. **Receive a written report at the next Commission meeting about the progress being made to address the problems**

## 85/09 Update on heart and stroke services pre-engagement

Angus Maitland outlined proposed improvements to services for heart attack and stroke patients. Members were informed that both city and county PCT had recommended proposals for a thrombolysis service for stroke patients operating a round-the-clock 365-days-per-year service in the city. The justification for this service being based in Derby was:

- That the Royal Derby Hospital was large enough to provide this service including on-call doctors
- That the technology was not over-complicated so did not present problems that other services potentially could
- That cost-effectiveness would not be an issue.

In terms of cardiac treatments, it was explained that thrombolysis was the 'standard' treatment and would continue to be for some patients. However, it was explained that angioplasty intervention was fast becoming a preferred treatment for some patients. Royal Derby Hospital will have a specialist centre for heart attack treatment and care and is already offering treatment during normal working hours. It is expected to provide full Angioplasty Intervention Service 24 hours day / 7 days a week from June 2011.

Members were informed by the Co-ordination Officer that on receiving the briefing paper Royal Derby Hospital had been contacted for their views on the proposals. The Hospital's Trust confirmed that they had been rigorously assessed prior to being designated the specialist centre. The Trust was fully supportive of the proposals.

Mr Maitland suggested that from the PCT perspective consultation was not required as the proposals were about an enhancement to services.

Members fully supported the proposals to improve heart attack and stroke care and did need to be consulted further on this. Councillor Williams asked that her preference that this be specifically stated in the commission's recommendations be noted.

**Resolved to note the proposed improvements and recommend that the PCT progress the consultation as they saw fit.**

## Retrospective Scrutiny

### 86/09 Identify items for Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

### 87/09 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Members were informed of three relevant reports due to come before cabinet in the coming months, detailed in the forward plan.

**Resolved to note.**

88/09 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to reports of the Commission

Members received the response.

**Resolved to note the response.**

89/09 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

90/09 Member satisfaction survey

Members received the survey from the Council's Overview and Scrutiny section.

MINUTES END