

Time commenced – 6.03pm

Time finished – 7.24pm

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION

21 JUNE 2010

Present: Councillor Skelton (Chair)
Councillors Richards, Leeming, Hussain, Radford and Chera

1/10 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Turner and Linda Winter.

2/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

3/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4/10 Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2010

The minutes of the meetings held on 15 March 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5/10 To consider any matter referred to the Commission in relation to a Call-in of a Key Decision

There were no items

6/10 To consider any matter referred by a Member of the Council in relation to a Call for Action

There were no items

7/10 Health Scrutiny Items

Procedures of limited clinical value

Derek Ward, Director of Health for the city council and Derby City PCT, updated the meeting on the PCT's examination of services that are considered to be of limited clinical value. It was reported that the PCT had

decided to stop funding such procedures. Members asked what consideration had been given to these procedures in reaching this decision. It was reported that the assessment was based on the best available evidence nationally and internationally. Members requested more information in terms of the types of procedures that would be affected. Angus Maitland, of Derby City PCT, suggested that commission members should be provided with copies of the reports that had been considered by the PCT board in reaching its decision, which was agreed.

Retinopathy Service

Following on from this item being considered at the Commission's last meeting, Derek Ward updated members on the efforts made so far to improve the service. This included improving the technology used in call centres and staff training. Other options were also being explored, including the possibility of an online appointment booking system in addition to the more traditional arrangements already in place. Councillor Hussain reported that a recent personal experience of the service suggested things had improved significantly since he first raised concerns about it at a previous Commission meeting.

Stroke rehabilitation

Members were provided with an update on the joint work by Derby City and Derbyshire County PCTs in reforming stroke rehabilitation. Angus Maitland, of Derby City PCT, informed members that this was a major focus of the National Stroke Strategy. Other means of informing the proposed improvements included engagement feedback from stroke survivor groups and other service user engagement.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Angus Maitland advised members that the PCT had a statutory duty to publish its first pharmaceutical needs assessment by 1 February 2011. Proposed actions included a 60-day consultation with key stakeholders in September and October with a view to the document being completed in January.

Transforming Community Services

Angus Maitland explained that the ethos of the Transforming Community Services remained as put in the title of the change programme. It was reported that a number of initiatives designed to help staff provide high quality evidence-based care and achieve positive outcome for their communities had been set in place.

It was explained that, running alongside this, was an obligation for PCTs to separate their commissioning and provider arms. Members questioned whether this would mean a reduction in services such as district nursing and health visiting, but it was explained that this was not the case.

Primary Care update

Angus Maitland updated the Commission on progress on two Primary Care issues.

It was explained that original plans to bring together a number of GP services in Normanton and Peartree had not been realised. The key issue had been identifying a site that was suitable to co-locate the services.

There was progress on plans to relocate the branch surgery of the Melbourne Medical Healthcare Centre from Manor Road, Chellaston, to a site to Rowallan Way. Members received comments from Chellaston councillor Harvey Jennings expressing concerns over public transport to the new site and the level of consultation. It was suggested that PCT representatives should meet with local ward members to further explore their concerns.

Resolved;

- 1) That the various updates be noted**
- 2) That the Commission invite the ward members of Chellaston to meet with PCT representatives to discuss concerns over the re-siting of the Melbourne Medical Healthcare Centre.**

8/10 Links Annual Report

Members considered the annual report of Derby Local Involvement Network (Derby LINK). The report highlighted the organisation's work during 2009/10 and detailed some of the public engagement exercises it had become involved in. Members asked about the future of the organisation. It was explained that the current funding ran until April 2011 and it was as yet unknown whether it or a successor organisation would continue to provide similar services in the future.

Resolved to note the report.

9/10 Remit and Work Programme 2010/11

Members considered a report from the Strategic Director of Resources recommending that members consider items for consideration in the 2010/11 municipal year. It was agreed that members should consider this outside of the meeting and forward any suggestions to the Chair or Mahroof Hussain, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer, for consideration at a future meeting. However, it was requested that a number of specific items be considered at the next meeting, including:

- An update on Personalisation Budgets and Extra Care
- A general update on safeguarding
- Joint Dementia Commissioning Strategy
- Complaints Annual Review

Resolved;

- 1) That the report be noted**
- 2) That members forward any items for consideration for the 2010/11 work programme to the Chair of the Commission and/or the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer for consideration at the next meeting.**

10/10 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

11/10 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Members considered the Council Cabinet Forward Plan with specific reference to three items relating to the Commission's terms of reference. Members asked to receive Joint Dementia Commissioning Strategy for closer consideration at the next meeting.

**12/10 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health
Bodies to reports of the Commission**

There were no items.

**13/10 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet**

There were no items.

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