

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Thursday, 18th November, 2010, at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ridney (Chairman)
Councillor J D Davies (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Aston, Barlow, K Finch, Ms Harris, J Jones, Kettle, Mrs Westwood
and P Woodall and Mr D Orme

Officers

Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources (Lead Officer to the Committee), Interim Director of Adult Social Services, Assistant Director Older People and Physical Disability, Strategic Commissioning Lead – Older People and Long Term Conditions and the Scrutiny Officer (all Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services) and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

Also in Attendance

Primary Care Trust

Ms Val Little – Joint Director of Public Health
Mr Steve Corton – Head of Community Engagement
Dr Mayada Abu Affan – Public Health Consultant
Sally Cornfield – Weight Management Pathways Programme Manager

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership (NHS) Trust

Ms Marsha Ingram – Head of Corporate Affairs

26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Harley and Miller.

27 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

It was reported that Councillor J Jones had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor Mrs Harley for this meeting of the Committee only.

28 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Member declared a personal or prejudicial interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

29 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 29th September, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

30 PUBLIC FORUM

Personal and Individual Budgets

The Chairman referred to the item raised at the previous meeting and indicated that the Interim Director of Adult Social Services had submitted a response direct to the questioner.

No other issues were raised under this item and no members of the public were in attendance.

31 TACKLING OBESITY – A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION ANNUAL REPORT YEAR 5

A report of the Director of Community Engagement and Primary Care was submitted on work undertaken in relation to the Tackling Obesity Strategic Plan. A copy of the Tackling Obesity A Framework for Action Annual Report Year 5 had been circulated to Members and Officers separately to the agenda.

Arising from the presentation of the report the Chairman indicated that the withdrawal of some services was inevitable given the budgetary cuts and concern was expressed in that establishments that assisted with leading healthy lifestyles such as sports colleges and leisure centres would be closed, which would further contribute to the obesity problem.

In response to a query from a Member, the Joint Director of Public Health undertook to respond direct to the Member concerned about the services offered and work undertaken with regard to healthy eating in the Castle and Priory Ward.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and the Tackling Obesity A Framework For Action Annual Report Year 5 be noted and the continuing work of the strategy be supported.

32 OUT OF HOURS GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) – BRIEFING ON TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGE

A report of the Director of Community Engagement and Primary Care was submitted on background information and the reasons for the Primary Care Trust changing the GP out of hour's telephone number.

Arising from the presentation of the report Members commented that the three-month lead in period was insufficient and that there were problems with the delivery of the free weekly newspaper in that it was inconsistent and that certain areas did not receive it.

The Chairman asked that any further comments be submitted direct to the Head of Community Engagement and Primary Care for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report on the Primary Care Trust changing the General Practitioner's out of hours telephone number be noted.

33 COMMITTEE'S 2010/11 REVIEW: DIGNITY IN CARE

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the Committee's 2010/11 Review on the theme Dignity in Care.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the aims, objectives and actions set out to deliver the Committee's 2010/11 Review on Dignity in Care, be approved.
- (2) That a focus group to progress work on Dignity in Care be convened in the New Year and that the membership comprise the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Councillors Ms Harris and Barlow.

34 FIVE STEPS TO HEALTHY SEX IN DUDLEY: SUMMARY

A report of the Director of Public Health was submitted on the five steps to healthy sex in Dudley assessing the magnitude of sexual ill health in Dudley in terms of sexually transmitted diseases and teenage pregnancy; a gap analysis of services available; sexual health knowledge and behaviour, as described by different groups of people; the effectiveness of different interventions to improve sexual health and what should be done to match services to need.

Arising from the presentation of the report and concerns expressed by Members relating to the need to have up to date information, the Director of Public Health undertook to circulate to members a copy of the regular planning report for health.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and the document on 'Five Steps to Healthy Sex in Dudley', as circulated at the meeting, be noted.

35 2009 INFLUENZA PANDEMIC – THE DUDLEY RESPONSE

A report of the joint Director of Public Health was submitted on the influenza pandemic in Dudley considering the containment, treatment and vaccination phases; organisational preparedness; the service response; and lessons learned for improving the future response to similar threats.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report and Appendix to the report submitted on the 2009 influenza pandemic in Dudley, be noted.

36 DUDLEY DEMENTIA STRATEGY

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted on progress with developing a joint Dementia Strategy in line with national guidance.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on implementing the draft Dementia Strategy to improve outcomes for people with dementia and their carers, be endorsed.
- (2) That the proposals to develop the Dementia Gateways as outlined in paragraphs 24 to 31 of the report submitted, be endorsed.
- (3) That a further report on the final joint Dementia Strategy for Dudley be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 7:55 pm

CHAIRMAN