

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 27th March 2013

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Dignity in Care Review – Follow-Up

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the progress against recommendations arising from the Committee's 2010/11 review on the theme Dignity in Care in hospital settings.

Background

2. In 2010/11 HASC agreed to carry out a review looking at dignity in care for older people within hospital settings based on the following terms of reference:
 - Identify how services ensure dignity and respect is embedded in care for older people in hospital settings
 - Explore the issues of medication, training, nutrition and quality of care and other non-clinical practical arrangements to ensure there is dignity in the care
 - To consider the evidence from health partners on the success of dignity practices and explore best practice
 - Present recommendations for consideration on actions to be implemented for ensuring high standards of dignity and respect
3. The final review document, approved September 2011 arrived at a number of recommendations to strengthen practices across hospital services.
4. The recommendations were subsequently framed in an action plan developed in conjunction with Dudley Group of Hospitals; with the aim of hardwiring suggested improvements in service plans for long-term success. The latest progress updates against the action plan are presented at Appendix 1 for consideration.

Finance

5. Any specific changes to services provided by the authority arising from the review would require further explanation and financial implications scrutinised further.

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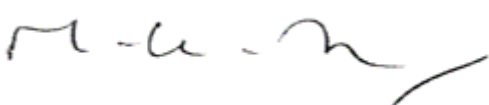
- 6. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything, which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.
- 7. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 provides for local authorities to review and scrutinise the provision, planning and development health and social care services.

Equality Impact

- 8. Older people are largest consumer group in the health market and therefore addressing challenges for this group may result in improved services and experiences across all ages. As such the aims and objectives of this review can be seen as contributing to the equality agenda in the pursuit of improving care for all.

Recommendation

- 9.. Members note the contents of this report

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Background Papers

Dignity In Care Review – Final Report September 2011