

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 28th September 2011

Report of the Lead Officer to the Committee

Dignity in Care Review

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the findings of the Committee's 2010-11 Review: Dignity in Care.

Background

2. Dignity is a prominent theme in emerging health and social frameworks. It is also recognised that Dudley has a growing older people population expected to increase by 5% over the next 20 years.
3. Mindful of this and in light of the increased profile of dignity HASC sought to conduct a review of dignity in care for older people services. Members agreed to focus on transition between hospital settings for the purposes of this review.
4. The terms of reference were agreed at the Committee meeting held November 2010:
 - 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;
 - Finally, present recommendations for consideration on actions to be implemented, for ensuring high standards of dignity and respect.
5. The final review document (attached) contains recommendations, which look to build on a number of encouraging practices noted by Members; with the aim of ensuring dignity issues are addressed consistently across services.

Finance

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

Law

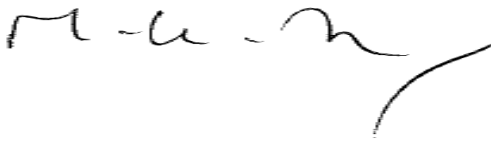
7. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything, which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.
8. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides powers for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees to review and scrutinise the actions of key health and social care providers.

Equality Impact

9. Older People are largest consumer group in the health market and therefore addressing challenges for these individuals may lead to improved services and experiences for all. As such the aims and objectives of this review can be seen as contributing to the equality agenda in its pursuit of improving care for all.

Recommendation

10. To note the findings of the Review and agree to monitor the emerging recommendations through the future development of the Committee's work programme.



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Background Papers

Select Committee Health and Social Care : Committee Review: Dignity in Care: Scoping Report November 2010.