

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Tuesday, 8th July, 2008, at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Ridley (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Faulkner (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Mrs Ameson, Mrs Aston, Mrs Cowell, J D Davies, Mrs D
Harley, K Finch, Kettle and J Martin

Officers

Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources (Lead Officer to the Committee), Assistant Director (Learning Disability and Mental Health), Assistant Director Older People and Physical Disability, Drug and Action Team Manager (Chief Executive's), Scrutiny Officer, Mrs M Johal and Ms K Fellows (Directorate of Law and Property)

Also in Attendance

Ms Sharpe (Director of Governance Dudley Primary Care Trust)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors K Turner and Tyler.

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APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

It was reported that Councillor Mrs Ameson had been appointed as a substitute member for Councillor K Turner for this meeting of the Committee only.

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DECLARATION OF INTEREST

A declaration of a personal interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, was made by Councillor Mrs Faulkner in relation to Agenda Item No 11 (Dudley Dignity in Care Report Programme) in view of her being the Council's Adult Social Care Champion - Personalisation.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27th March, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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PUBLIC FORUM

Health Impact Assessment – Cradley Leisure Centre

With regard to the query raised at the previous meeting of the Committee, a further question was received in advance of this meeting. The questioner referred to the meeting of Halesowen Area Committee held on 2nd July, 2008 and stated that no mention had been made about the need for a Health Impact Assessment to be taken into consideration, as requested by this Committee.

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Assistant Director for Resources had provided a response as to why a Health Impact Assessment had not been carried out. The following reasons were given:-

- The proposals focus on the closure of a school and not a stand alone leisure centre
- The outdoor facilities in Homer Hill Park would continue with improved changing facilities
- The usage of the indoor facilities had declined over recent years
- All users had been found or offered alternative provision elsewhere in the Borough
- Building Schools for the Future proposals would result in every secondary school having high capacity indoor facilities. This included 11 Dudley secondary schools within a three-mile radius of Cradley High School.

The Chairman stated that the Assistant Director for Resources had also confirmed that legal advice had been sought on the Cradley High School sports hall in the context of planning. The advice stated that the site would be considered as a whole and the dominant use was for educational purposes.

The Chairman suggested that a letter be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services asking that consideration be given to including health facilities for the community when undertaking discussions with a developer.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Lead Officer to the Committee, on behalf of the Committee, be requested to write to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services asking that consideration be given to including facilities that support health and well-being for the community when undertaken discussions with a developer.
- (2) That the Lead Officer to the Committee be requested to provide a written response as detailed above to the questioner.

6 SCRUTINY – A GUIDE FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE (HASC) MEMBERS

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on a draft Scrutiny Guide for HASC Members.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted be noted and that approval be given to the production of a draft Scrutiny Guide for HASC Members.

7 QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on performance in the final quarter of 2007/08, for the period 1st January, 2008 to 31st March, 2008, in relation to the activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and coloured copy of the extracted report circulated separately, on performance in the final quarter of 2007/08, for the period 1st January, 2008 to 31st March, 2008, in relation to activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee, be noted.

8 REPORT ON THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DIRECTORATE EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2007/08

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on achievements and progress made against the Annual Review of her Directorate's Equality and Diversity Action Plan 2007/08. A copy of the annual report was attached as an Appendix to the report submitted.

Arising from the presentation of the report a Member referred to paragraph 2.8 of the Appendix to the report and queried what additional support was being made available to rehouse the remaining elderly and disabled tenants on the North Priory estate. In responding the Lead Officer to the Committee indicated that he was of the opinion that the matter was being dealt with via the appropriate mechanism and channels. However, he undertook to clarify the issue with the relevant Officer and to provide a written response to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the Annual Review of the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Equality and Diversity Action Plan 2007/08, be noted.
- (2) That the Lead Officer to the Committee be requested to provide a written response to Members of the Committee clarifying the support given to rehouse the elderly and disabled persons that remained on the North Priory estate.

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THE DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES STATUTORY ADULTS SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES – ANNUAL REPORT 2007 – 2008

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on the Directorate's Annual Report on Social Care Complaints and Compliments for the period 1st April, 2007 to 31st March 2008.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report now submitted, on the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Annual Report on Social Care Complaints and Compliments for the period 1st April, 2007 to 31st March, 2008, be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to the report to be made available as a public document as required by legislation and guidance.

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNISATION MANAGEMENT TEAM (HIMMT) – WORK PROGRAMME 2008/09

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on progress of the HIMMTs recent activity and on its work programme for 2008/09.

Arising from the presentation of the report several Members commented about acronyms in reports and requested that, in future, a glossary be provided. The Lead Officer to the Committee stated that the National Health Service had such a guide which could be provided and the Director of Governance of the Primary Care Trust (PCT) indicated that the PCT had a glossary of regularly used names and terms and undertook to circulate a copy to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report now submitted, on progress of the Health Improvement and Modernisation Management Team's recent activity and its work programme for 2008/09, be noted.

DUDLEY DIGNITY IN CARE PROGRAMME

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on the Dignity in Care Programme that had been submitted to the Health Improvement and Modernisation Management Team in May.

Arising from the presentation of the report a Member referred to the pain management facility based at Russells Hall Hospital and requested that further information be provided, to include information on whether the service could be provided as an outreach facility to the community. In responding the Director of Governance, in conjunction with the Dudley Group of Hospitals, undertook to provide a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the pain management service.

In response to a request, the Assistant Director Older People and Physical Disability undertook to make available at the next meeting of the Committee, a sample of a resource pack that was provided to Dignity Champions.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report now submitted be noted and that the Dudley Dignity in Care Programme, be supported and welcomed.

- (2) That the Director of Governance be requested to submit a report to the next meeting of the Committee on the pain management service.
- (3) That the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services be requested to make available to the next meeting of the Committee, a sample of a resource pack provided to Dignity Champions.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK IN DUDLEY BY A HOST ORGANISATION AND THE ASSOCIATED IMPLICATIONS FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on developments to date in Dudley in establishing a Local Involvement Network (LINK) and on the associated implications for Health and Social Care following the consultation on the draft regulations. A draft Dudley Scrutiny and Dudley LINK relationship protocol was also attached as an Appendix to the report submitted.

Arising from the presentation of the report, and in response to queries from Members, the Lead Officer to the Committee informed the meeting that the establishment of a LINK was a Government initiative and that the objective was to improve the voice of the community to improve services. The Lead Officer to the Committee confirmed that the financial allocation for the scheme had to be utilised to resource various requirements such as funding for appointments, probably three, and also to pay for the holding of events and possibly to pay carers or service users to attend events. The meeting were further informed that the procured host would produce an annual report to the Select Committee to include details of their financial spend.

The PCT's Director of Governance further added that the Patient and Public Involvement Forum had been abolished on 31st March, 2008 and that funding had been transferred for the establishment of a LINK. The LINK would also overtake the work of the former Patient and Public Involvement Forum and it was pointed out that powers would be extended to include social care and that they also had the power to inspect premises. The Primary Care Trust welcomed the LINK initiative and hoped that its development would make a difference.

In response to a query from the Vice-Chairman about continuity of funding following the end of the three-year period, the Lead Officer to the Committee advised that funding for the project had been allocated by the Department of Health. With regard to continuity it was hoped that further guidance would be made available in the near future.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix attached to the report, submitted, on the progress made in establishing a Local Involvement Network (LINK) and on the draft Dudley Scrutiny and Dudley LINK relationship protocol, be noted.
- (2) That, subject to approval of Council, a non-voting Co-opted Member of the eventual LINK be appointed to this Committee in due course.

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BRIEFING ON WORLD CLASS COMMISSIONING

A report of the Director of Governance, Dudley Primary Care Trust was submitted on the concept of World Class Commissioning and on the role the Committee could have in the Autumn in relation to the Strategic Health Authority Assessment of the Primary Care Trust.

In introducing the report the Director of Governance indicated that she had a document containing a list of proposals to be tabled. However, she referred to the discussions that had been held earlier in the meeting about acronyms and due to the document being complex and containing “jargon” she undertook to review the paper. The Director of Governance undertook to reformat the document and circulate it to Members of the Committee and requested that any comments be submitted to her in due course.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report now submitted, on World Class Commissioning and the role of the Committee in relation to the Strategic Health Authority Assessment of the Primary Care Trust, be noted.
- (2) That following the receipt of the list of proposals as mentioned above, Members be requested to submit any comments direct to the Director of Governance for consideration.

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BRIEFING PAPER – CONSULTATION REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) SERVICE

A report of the Director of Governance Dudley Primary Care Trust was submitted on a consultation currently underway with service users regarding a proposed change to a GP Service at the 3 Villages GP Practice.

Arising from the presentation of the report a Member reported that some people had expressed concern about travelling problems particularly from those that lived in Stourton and Kinver. It was also pointed out that people in Wollaston would be accommodated by a bus but those living in Stourton and Kinver would first need to catch a bus into Wollaston and then continue the journey from there.

In response to a query the Director of Governance undertook to clarify the position with regard to GP's visiting patients and how far they would travel.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report submitted, on consultation regarding proposed change to a GP service, be noted.
- (2) That the Primary Care Trust be informed that the Committee were satisfied with the manner in which the consultation process had taken place
- (3) That, as part of the consultation exercise, the Primary Care Trust note concerns as raised above in relation to travelling problems particularly from people living in Stourton and Kinver.
- (4) That the Director of Governance be requested to clarify the position with regard to GP's visiting patients and how far they would travel.

A report of the Director of Governance Dudley Primary Care Trust was submitted on the development of GP and Primary Care Services in Dudley.

Arising from the presentation of the report, and in response to a query from a Member, the Director of Governance undertook to provide figures on the level of investment in Dudley.

Although Members generally supported and welcomed “walk-in” centres, a Member referred to patient records and expressed concern about treatment being provided without full records being made available. Concern was also expressed that patients would be asked about prescribed medications and that some patients may not remember or could give inaccurate information. In responding the Director of Governance indicated that she was of the understanding that there would be some form of records available and that Prime Care held an electronic summary of records. However, she undertook to confirm whether the electronic record checks would apply to “walk-in” centres. With regard to asking patients about prescribed medication and inaccurate information being given, although the Director of Governance acknowledged the concerns raised, it was pointed out that the same could currently happen when visiting pharmacies. However, she informed the meeting that lessons would be learnt from the operation of existing “walk-in” centres and that there were national protocols relating to risks that would be considered.

The Chairman suggested that a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Committee about “walk-in” centres to enable Members to gain a better understanding of the operation and to extend their knowledge and expertise.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report submitted, on the development of GP and Primary Care Services in Dudley, be noted.
- (2) That the Director of Governance be requested to provide figures on the level of investment in Dudley to Members of the Committee.
- (3) That the Director of Governance be requested to give a presentation on “walk-in” centres to a future meeting of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE INTEGRATED STROKE SERVICE IN DUDLEY

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the recommendations of the Working Group appointed to review Dudley’s Stroke Services for inclusion on the substantial review of Dudley’s Integrated Stroke Service, co-ordinated by the Primary Care Trust.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the following recommendations be endorsed:-
- (a) That the Dudley Group of Hospitals continue to develop specialist stroke services, in accordance with Royal College of Physicians and ensuring:-
 - That 100% of the Computerised Tomography (CT) scans are undertaken within 24 hours
 - That patients receive no less than five therapy sessions per week
 - That patients admitted on Fridays or weekends are assessed immediately and that they receive appropriate therapy straight away.
 - (b) That the hospitals develop their services to enable a patient who would benefit from the use of thrombolytic drugs to be given the opportunity to receive these within three hours.
 - (c) That Dudley's Stroke Strategy is developed to ensure that all suspected cases of Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) or Stroke are diagnosed at the Stroke Unit at the Hospital.
 - (d) That consideration be given to additional financial resources to be provided, or to explore innovative ways to redress the lack of specialist psychological support, for both in-patients and community patients.
 - (e) That provision be made for intermediate rehabilitation services at Corbett Hospital to manage the rising demand for its services.
 - (f) That Senior Nurses undergo training to carry out appropriate routine procedures currently undertaken by the Consultant.
 - (g) That the Primary Care Trust ensure that longer term rehabilitation in the community is sufficiently resourced to provide patients with extra sessions when needed, particularly rehabilitation in patients' homes which is known to be where it is most needed and most effective.
 - (h) That the Hospital consider committing resources to the reservation of at least one bed specifically for a stroke admission to avoid the associated risks of inaccessibility to the specialist facilities in the Stroke Unit.

- (i) That consideration be given to additional funding to be allocated towards the installation of a Computerised Axial Tomography (CAT) scan machine at Russell's Hall Hospital to reduce waiting times in line with Royal College of Physicians standards.
 - (j) That consideration be given to allocating funding towards educational programmes, for both patients and carers, on expectation and lifestyle changes after suffering a stroke.
 - (k) That the Council be recommended to make the Exercise on Prescription Scheme available in at least two of its leisure centres in order to improve access for community patients and that the Lead Officer to the Committee be requested to liaise with the Director of the Urban Environment on this matter.
- (2) That a further report detailing progress on the Dudley's Stroke Services Strategy and Action Plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
 - (3) That approval be given to the production of a booklet setting out the findings of the Stroke Services Review.

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WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the proposed Work Programme of the Committee for the 2008/09 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the inclusion of Pain Management, Sexual Health and the Tobacco Action Strategy, the Work Programme of the Committee for 2008/09, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report be approved.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as indicated below; and that in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Paragraph Number</u>
Procurement of the Drug Treatment Service	3

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PROCUREMENT OF THE DRUG TREATMENT SERVICE

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on proposals to tender for drug treatment services in Dudley.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to tender for drug treatment services in Dudley, be endorsed.

The meeting ended at 8:45 pm

CHAIRMAN