

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 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, Mrs Harley, J Jones, Kettle, Mrs Westwood  
and P Woodall and Mr D Orme

### Officers

Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Resources (Lead Officer to the Committee), Assistant Director Older People and People with Physical Disabilities, Assistant Director Learning Disabilities and Mental Health, Quality and Complaints Manager and Scrutiny Officer (all Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services), Drug and Alcohol Action Team Manager (Chief Executive's Directorate) and Mrs M Johal (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources)

### Also in Attendance

#### Primary Care Trust

Mrs Sarah Dugan – Chief Executive  
Ms Valerie Little – Director of Public Health

#### Dudley Group of Hospitals

Ms Marsha Ingram – Head of Corporate Affairs  
(Dudley and Walsall Mental Health National Health Service (NHS))

### 1 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Miller.

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### 2 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER

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

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### 3 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.

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4 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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5 PUBLIC FORUM

No matters were raised under this agenda item.

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6 QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on performance in relation to the final quarter of 2009/10, for the period January to March, 2010, for the services under the terms of reference of this Committee.

Arising from the presentation of the report, and in response to a query, the Assistant Director Learning Disabilities and Mental Health explained about personal budgets and direct payments. He reported that people with disabilities were previously given the choice of receiving direct payments with a view to purchasing social care services, which could include employing a personal assistant. Recently, the Government had introduced personal budgets, which gave the person in receipt of the money further choice and enabled them to have additional control on how they used their payments.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and copy of the extracted report circulated separately, on performance in relation to the final quarter of 2009/10, for the period January to March, 2010, for the services under the terms of reference of this Committee, be noted.

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7 STATUTORY ADULTS SOCIAL CARE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURES – ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – 2010

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on the Directorate's Annual Report on Adult Social Care Complaints and Compliments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

Arising from the presentation of the report, and in response to a query, the Assistant Director Older People and People with Physical Disabilities indicated that the figure of 12121, as referred to in paragraph 6 of the report, related to the number of service users in a year. The Chairman referred to the number of complaints and pointed out that the information was insufficient as there could be several complaints from an individual. In responding the Quality and Complaints Manager undertook to provide more detailed information in future reports.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report, and Appendix to the report, submitted on the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services Annual Report on Adult Social Care Complaints and Compliments for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010, be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to the Annual Report being made available as a public document as required by legislation and guidance.

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## 8 DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DUDLEY'S ALCOHOL STRATEGY

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on the development and implementation of Dudley's Alcohol Strategy and highlighting initiatives that aimed to reduce alcohol related harm.

In presenting the report the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Manager reported that the updated version of the Alcohol Strategy had been populated and outlined with relevant actions.

In responding to Members' queries, the Drug and Alcohol Action Team Manager explained that work was taking place in conjunction with Public Health with a view to understanding and ascertaining the reasons for alcohol misuse and to tackle the matter by early intervention. It was also explained that work was taking place within schools, via Connexions and through Youth Centres to promote awareness and to educate children and young people with regard to the dangers of substance misuse.

#### RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and Appendix attached to the report, on progress made in developing and implementing Dudley's Alcohol Strategy, be noted.

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## 9 TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES

A report of the Director of Community Engagement and Primary Care was submitted on the Transforming Community Services Programme.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That the information contained in the report on the Transforming Community Services Programme, be noted.
  - (2) That a further progress report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee in September, 2010.
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10 DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS (DoLS)

A report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services was submitted on the implementation of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), which came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009 as part of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA), 2005, as amended by the Mental Health Act 2007.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, on the implementation of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards, be noted.

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11 WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATES – 2010/11

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on the Committee's Work Programme for the 2010/11 Municipal Year, the Healthy Workforce Review 2009/10, the reappointment of a Dudley's Local Involvement Network (LINK) and on nominations for the discretionary Joint Dudley Walsall Health Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, subject to the inclusion of the implementation of the Dignity of Care item as being the theme for the in-depth review, the Work Programme of the Committee for 2010/11, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted, be approved and that the terms of reference of Appendix 2 to the report submitted, be noted.
  - (2) That approval be given to the reappointment of Dudley's Local Involvement Network Chair to serve as a non-voting Co-opted Member on the Committee for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.
  - (3) That the reappointment of the Joint Dudley Walsall Health Scrutiny Committee, together with the terms of reference as set out in Appendix 3 of the report now submitted, be approved and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Councillors Mrs Ridney and J D Davies) and Councillor Barlow together with one other nominee from the Conservative and Labour Groups be appointed to serve on the Committee and that the latter names be notified direct to the Scrutiny Officer.
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The meeting ended at 7:35 pm

CHAIRMAN