

# **ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

15 November 2010

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Gerard Hall (Adult and Public Health Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Jill Harrison, Assistant Director of Commissioning  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

## **21. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2010/2011 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Monitoring Report** *– Assistant Director of Commissioning*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2010/11 in the first two quarters of the year.

### **Issues for Consideration by the Portfolio Holder**

The report detailed progress on the Performance Indicators (PIs) and Actions. There were no actions which were not expected to be achieved. However there were two PIs which required intervention:-

- *Admissions to residential care – aged 65+.* Despite revision of the Authority's systems and processes figures were likely to be higher than targets set.
- *Clients receiving a review.* Targets were not being achieved due to pressure on staff because of increased referrals. However Social Care Officers were to be centralised to focus on the outstanding reviews.

The Portfolio Holder expressed concern in relation to the risk rating system for 'Services damaged by insufficient budget allocation or

changes in national funding' and suggested that there should be a 'flashing blue light' grading to highlight the likelihood of this occurring. He was advised that the Quarter Three update would provide more of an insight into the effects of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Assistant Director of Commissioning confirmed that service disruption from financial shortfalls for independent and voluntary sector providers also remained a risk.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the achievements on actions, performance indicators and risks.

## **22. Joint Commissioning Arrangements – Assistant Director of Commissioning**

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of changes to the joint commissioning arrangements between Hartlepool Borough Council and NHS Hartlepool.

### **Issues for consideration by the Portfolio Holder**

The report outlined the background to the joint commissioning arrangements which had been in place since 1 January 2009. A jointly appointed Assistant Director of Commissioning had been created to work across both organisations supported by three Strategic Commissioners leading on Older People, Working Age Adults and Mental Health. The report outlined the achievements of the joint commissioning and also highlighted the challenges it faced. Due to internal changes within both organisations, a decision had been made to withdraw from the joint commissioning arrangements from 31 December 2010. The four jointly appointed post holders were to revert to posts within their employing organisation i.e. the first three posts mentioned would be funded by the Local Authority and the Strategic Commissioner for Mental Health would be part of a review ongoing within the Primary Care Trust (PCT). It had been proposed to have a Mental Health commissioner and a Learning Disability commissioner across the four Teeswide PCTs instead of the current single arrangements. The Portfolio Holder expressed concern that this could affect local businesses by services being procured Teeswide rather than locally.

The Portfolio Holder expressed support for the preventative services which had been commissioned previously including the allotment project and activity support. He stated that prevention should not be neglected as it helped people be more independent and saved money in the long term. He was informed that there were no plans to reduce these schemes as yet.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that funding was to be made available to the Hartlepool PCT for reablement and the support of social care. Guidance was that the PCT should develop a joint plan with the Local Authority on how this money was spent.

The Portfolio Holder commended the successful work which had been done on the joint arrangements and said that it was regrettable that these arrangements had been unravelled.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the contents of the report.

The meeting concluded at 10.23 am.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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