

# **ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

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

**Present:**

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

Officers: Jill Harrison, Assistant Director – Adult Social Care  
Phil Homsby, Head of Service – Adult Social Care  
Brian Ayre, Commissioned Services Manager  
Steve Russell, Systems and Performance Manager  
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

## **29. Adult Safeguarding Peer Review** (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

**Type of decision**

None - the report was for the Portfolio Holder's information only.

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services of the planned Adult Safeguarding Peer Review in May 2011 and to give some background information about what this would involve.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care reported that Local Government Improvement and Development (LGID) had developed a process for peer review of adult safeguarding arrangements – a learning process which allowed authorities to assess current achievements and identify areas for improvement. Hartlepool Borough Council had commissioned a peer review of adult safeguarding arrangements by LGID to take place in May 2011.

The review would explore the authority's ambitions, performance and delivery structures against the LGID's Standards for Adult Safeguarding which have been developed in conjunction with the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), the Local Government Association, the Social Care Institute for Excellence and the NHS Confederation. The Assistant Director outlined the four key themes of the review, the make up of the review team and the self assessment process that was being

undertaken in March in advance of the review commencing on 9 May 2011 and lasting five days.

The Portfolio Holder questioned if this was to replace the Care Quality Commission assessment due to the government scaling back on inspection regimes. The Assistant Director commented that inspections in general were being scaled back as part of the government's new 'lighter touch' approach to inspection. The Portfolio Holder considered that while some may welcome this, it was important to maintain the focus locally on adult safeguarding. The Portfolio Holder asked that when the review report was available, it be reported to Councillors.

### **Decision**

That the report and the involvement required within the review process be noted, and that further updates be submitted as appropriate, including the review findings and subsequent action plan.

## **30. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2010/2011 – 3rd Quarter Monitoring Report** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

### **Type of decision**

None - the report was for the Portfolio Holder's information only.

### **Purpose of report**

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

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care reported that the Child and Adult Services Departmental Plan 2010/11 set out the key tasks and issues with an Action Plan to show what was to be achieved by the department in the coming year. The plan also described how the department contributed to the Organisational Development Improvement Priorities as laid out in the Corporate Plan.

Within Child and Adult Services there were a total of 38 actions and 46 Performance Indicators (PIs) completed, while 31 actions (82%) are on track to meet year end targets. There are no actions which are not expected to be achieved. It was highlighted that two PIs that required intervention: - P066 'Admissions to residential care – age65+' and P072 'Clients receiving a review'. In relation to P066 it was reported that while the current figures appeared under target the expected year end figure would be above target. P072 was a challenging target with 75% of clients expected to receive a review within the year, though the Assistant Director considered that once all the relevant information was drawn together, this would be achieved.

The Portfolio Holder questioned PI P066 further and was informed that aiming to reduce the number of care home admissions was not about refusing to place people in residential care who need this level of support but about ensuring that other options were available and that those who wanted to received Extra Care or other services to allow them to stay in their own homes. Demographic pressures such as an ageing population and increased prevalence of dementia will result in a significant number of admissions on an ongoing basis even with other options available.

The Assistant Director also outlined the risks highlighted in the report and particularly the three 'Red' risks which were linked through concerns with shifting demographics and budget constraints. The Portfolio Holder was concerned at the potential affect the budget position would have on services and commented that he was concerned about how the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) would be taken forward in the future with the development of GP Commissioning and the abolition of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs). The Assistant Director indicated that new Health and Wellbeing Boards would have responsibility for producing the JSNA in future along with a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Portfolio Holder was concerned that the Health and Wellbeing Boards would have too little influence and considered that much would depend on the local picture, which was still unfolding.

#### **Decision**

That the achievement of key actions and third quarter outturns of performance indicators be noted.

### **31. Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Plan Monitoring Report - April to December 2010** (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

#### **Type of decision**

None - the report was for the Portfolio Holder's information only.

#### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Plan 2010/11 over the period April to December 2010.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Systems and Performance Manager reported the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Plan 2010/11 set out the key tasks and issues with an Action Plan to show what was to be achieved by the department in the coming year. The plan also described how the department contributed to the Organisational Development Improvement Priorities as laid out in the Corporate Plan. Within the Departmental Plan there are a total of six actions and two performance indicators for which the Portfolio Holder has responsibility.

It was reported that two of the six actions for which the Portfolio Holder had responsibility had been highlighted as being on track to achieve target. The remaining four actions had all been marked as completed. Amongst these officers reported that new air quality monitoring equipment to replace existing had now been commissioned and installed. In response to the Portfolio Holders questions, it was indicated that monitoring equipment on the Headland was installed in response to the Headland Dust scrutiny investigation recommendations approved by Cabinet. The equipment had been tested and had been recording results for several weeks.

The Portfolio Holder commented that he would wish to see more information in relation to risks in the future. In response to the Portfolio Holder's question, it was indicated that some of the issues raised were due to a shortage of staffing in specialist areas within Public Protection.

### **Decision**

That the achievement of key actions and third quarter outturns of performance indicators be noted.

## **32. NHS Support For Social Care 2010/11 – Reablement Services** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

### **Type of decision**

None - the report was for the Portfolio Holder's information only.

### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services of the funding allocated to Hartlepool by the Department of Health in 2010/11 for reablement services and the plans that had been approved by the Strategic Health Authority for how this would be utilised.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care reported that the Department of Health announced on 5 October 2010 that additional funding of £70m was available nationally for Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to spend on services in 2010/11 to support hospital discharge and reablement. PCTs were required to develop plans with their Local Authorities and other partners detailing how this money would be used for approval by Strategic Health Authorities.

A further allocation of £162m for PCTs was announced on 5 January 2011 for immediate spending on social care services that also benefit the NHS by supporting the delivery of health outcomes. PCTs were advised that this funding should be transferred to Local Authorities via an agreement under Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act.

Local plans have been developed and were approved by the Strategic Health Authority on 26 January 2011. The allocation for Hartlepool PCT

from the original £70m that was announced in October 2010 is £149,000 and from the £162M announced in January 2011, £330,000. Local plans had been developed and were approved by the Strategic Health Authority on 26 January 2011.

The Assistant Director reported that an element of the funding would be used to support the agreed health priorities around nursing capacity, Rapid Assessment Support Workers and an admission avoidance project. The balance (£396,000) would support agreed social care priorities and was expected to transfer in February 2011 on completion of the Memorandum of Agreement that has been developed.

The Spending Review and 2011/12 NHS Operating Framework announced further funding to PCTs in 2011/12 and 2012/13 to develop local reablement services. This funding totals £150m in 2011/12 and £300m in 2012/13 and is contained within recurrent PCT baseline allocations.

In addition to the funding in PCT baseline allocations, the 2011/12 NHS Operating Framework provided details of separate non recurrent PCT allocations for social care of £648m in 2011/12 and £622m in 2012/13. This funding had been allocated to PCTs and must be transferred to Local Authorities via an agreement under Section 256 of the 2006 NHS Act, for investment in social care services to benefit health and improve overall health gain.

It was the Department of Health's clear intention that this funding was used for social care purposes and Local Authorities were informed of the expected transfer from PCTs as part of the local government finance settlement. Allocations for Hartlepool PCT were £1.3m in 2011/12 and £1.2m in 2012/13.

A Steering Group had been established to focus on development and implementation of plans for 2011/12 and 2012/13, as well as monitoring implementation of 2010/11 plans. The group involved health and social care partners across Hartlepool and Stockton in recognition of the fact that we work primarily with the same Foundation Trust and also to maximise any benefits from working jointly.

The Assistant Director commented that there was one caveat with the funding outlined in the report in that it only appeared at this time to be guaranteed for two years. The Steering Group would be ensuring that there were appropriate exit strategies should the funding cease in the future.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the report on the new funding and the development of new services it would bring. The earlier the funding was made available; the sooner services could be assured. The Portfolio Holder welcomed the fact that the blurring of responsibilities in this area between the PCT and the Local Authority had been recognised and that funding had been made available to support reablement services.

The Portfolio Holder also welcomed the fact that proven services such as Telecare could be expanded through these arrangements providing better outcomes for people. The Portfolio Holder queried the amount of funding being allocated to adaptations. Officers indicated that funding had been allocated to try and address the current backlog of Disabled Facilities Grant adaptations with the intention that this may be cleared by the end of this financial year. It was also indicated in response to the Portfolio Holders questions that some low level services may be commissioned from the voluntary and third sector as part of the wider reablement model. The Portfolio Holder welcomed this and the links to the Supporting People agenda.

**Decision**

That the report be noted and further updates submitted as appropriate.

**33. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 34 Social Care Contract: Exception To Contract Procedure Rules (Para 3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).)

**34. Social Care Contract: Exception To Contract Procedure Rules** (*Director of Child and Adult Services*)

**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To seek the Portfolio Holder's approval to make an exception to Contract Procedure Rules in respect of a social care contract.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report provided information on the contract, the financial impact and the justifications for making an exception to the Rules. Further details are set out in the exempt section of the Decision Record.

**Decision**

That the exception requested be approved. Further details are set out in the exempt section of the Decision Record.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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