

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

16 January 2013

The meeting commenced at 9.30 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor: John Lauderdale, Adult and Public Health Services Portfolio Holder

Officers: Ian Harrison, Principal Trading Standards and Licensing Officer  
Neil Harrison, Head of Service – Child and Adult Commissioning Services  
Rachael White, Democratic Services Officer

## **9. Quarterly Update Report** – *(Assistant Director Regeneration and Planning)*

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

To update the Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder on Performance and progress across key areas of the Public Protection service.

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

The report provided background information on each of the individual sections of the Public Protection Service detailing what each section was responsible for. The work carried out by the Public Protection fell into three distinct areas:

1. Planned work. This consisted of predominately of programmed interventions, sampling and projects.
2. Reactive work. This involved responding to matters such as accident notifications, complaints and infectious disease notifications.
3. Licensing. The processing and issue of licences and permits.

In depth detail regarding each of the above areas was provided in the report.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the report and was happy with the progress that had been made.

### **Decision**

That the content of the report and the progress made across key areas of the Public Protection service be noted.

## **10. Winterbourne View Final Report – (Assistant Director Child and Adult Services)**

### **Type of decision**

No decision required – for information only.

### **Purpose of report**

On 10 December 2012 the government published its final report into the events at Winterbourne View Hospital and set out a programme of action to transform services so that vulnerable people no longer live inappropriately in hospitals and are cared for in line with best practice.

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

The final report into the events at Winterbourne View Hospital aimed to provide information on key milestones for Health and Care commissioners which were proposed to improve the safety and quality of care for adults with learning disabilities or autism and mental health conditions or behaviour described as challenging. The programme of action provided by the government included a list of targets to achieve within a set timescale which were detailed in the report provided by the Assistant Director Child and Adult Services.

As a consequence of the actions, there was to be a reduction in hospital placements for this group of people, the Care Quality Commission was to strengthen inspections and regulation of hospital and care homes for this group of people, including unannounced inspections involving people who use services and their families. A new NHS and local government-led joint improvement team was to be created to lead and support the transformation.

All NHS and Private Hospitals would be affected by the proposals where people with a learning disability or autism were receiving assessment and treatment, or where they were residing inappropriately. Other local implications would be the need for all individuals to have a review of their care and an individualised service design to meet their needs to support a

potential transfer to community care placements. Challenges facing Local Authorities included commissioning appropriate placements close to home, commissioning suitably skilled services and identifying suitable accommodation.

### **Decision**

That the impact on local provision as a result of the Government's final report into the events at Winterbourne View Hospital be noted.

The meeting concluded at 9.57.

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**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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