

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD ON
TUESDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2009 AT THE BOURGES/VIERSEN ROOM - TOWN HALL**

Present: Councillors B Rush (Chairman), C Burton (Vice-Chairman), F Benton, J Goodwin, K Sharp and W Trueman

Also Present: Councillor Diane Lamb

Officers Present: David Bacon, Director of Finance & Contracts
Tim Bryson, Director of Children's Services and Nursing
Ruth Griffiths
Jane Pigg
Denise Radley, Director of Adult Social Services & Performance
Louise Tyers, Performance Scrutiny Manager
Alex Daynes, Senior Governance Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Holdich and Goodwin.

2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Declarations

None were received.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 January 2009

Councillor Lamb's apologies should be added to the meeting.

Item 5, Budget 2009/10 – the wording of the second bullet point in the observations and questions section should read "There will be no change to the eligibility criteria to receive adult social care".

4. Update on Adult Protection

The Peterborough Safeguarding Adults Report was submitted for the Panel to consider, challenge and comment on and identify any areas of concern. An amended appendix 1 to the report was distributed to the Panel to replace the existing appendix as more accurate and up to date information had been provided since the original despatch.

Members of the Panel were advised that more data relating to reporting procedures and the Forward Action Plan for the next three years was available on request. A more detailed data analysis including ethnic origin would be available in due course as work was being undertaken to improve the scope of data currently shown.

Observations and question were raised and responses given including:

- The number of alerts is higher than previously as media and public awareness surrounding this issue had increased and more incidents were therefore being reported.
- More work will be undertaken to identify the population classed as 'vulnerable' in order to produce a percentage of population.

- Summaries of serious case reviews will be made public.
- Adults in supported accommodation can usually live where they chose as they hold a tenancy and the support will come to their own home.
- Comparative figures are available from other Authorities but they are not up to date and the data is often presented in different measures than Peterborough data (i.e. per 10,000 or per 1,000 population). Comparative figures for 2007-08 would be available in May this year.
- Rates for reporting incidents are often higher in Peterborough but it is believed that this is due to a greater awareness amongst the public of the issue and procedures.
- The Panel requested that the frequency of reporting be increased and it was agreed that a quarterly update on Adult Safeguarding would in future be provided to the Panel.

ACTION AGREED

- 1) To receive quarterly reports on Adult Safeguarding.
- 2) For Members of the Panel to received training on safeguarding vulnerable adults.

5. Quarterly Performance Report on Adult Social Care Services in Peterborough

The Panel received a report on the Performance Report for Quarter 3 2008/09 Adult Social Care to review and was requested to note the position on adult social care targets, review areas of identified risk and consider proposed remedial actions.

The Panel was advised that due to the time needed to produce data for the reports, the majority of the report contained quarter 2 data with some aspects of data from quarter 3. Members were updated on the figures contained in the report and were given information on the work that was ongoing to improve performance including information on the Delivery of Equipment indicator (D54) noting that although performance fell, it was still well within target.

Members were advised that the Timelines of Social Care Assessment (NI32) did improve but was still significantly below target. Work was ongoing to address this.

ACTION AGREED

- 1) To request that future reports are submitted in a 'black and white friendly' format.
- 2) To note the report.

6. Peterborough NHS Budgetary Monitoring Report

The NHS Peterborough Budgetary Monitoring Report was submitted to inform the Panel of the financial performance of NHS Peterborough for the eight months to 30 November 2008. The Panel was requested to note the finance report. Members were advised that further funds were available to the NHS but this report only contained information about the pooled budget.

Members were advised that Eclizumab (in paragraph 5.2) was a drug that specific funding was received for to administer.

ACTION AGREED

To note the report.

7. Equitable Access Project

The Panel received a report to inform them of the Equitable Access to Primary Medical Care tender and evaluation process. Members were asked to note the report.

Members were advised that this report was the end product of a 12 month procurement process to ensure as many quality providers as possible were able to submit bids to meet the requirements to provide the service. Of the 32 expressions of interest originally received, 5 final contractors were selected. The final contractor chosen, 3Well, would be able to offer opening hours of 7am to 10pm throughout the year.

Observations and questions were raised and responses given including:

- Many NHS services are already provided by contractors and these are not private care services.
- Of the final 5 contractors, only 2 were Peterborough based but these did not come up to the standards required.
- Patients do not need to be registered at the Care Centre to use its services.
- Marketing to advertise the new Centre is being developed towards an April opening.
- The Centre will be located on Alma Road and - subject to planning permission - a permanent building would be erected by the summer of 2010.
- A general leaflet regarding GP opening hours will be sent to every household and will include details of this new Primary Care Centre.
- The Centre will provide Primary Care services for registered and non-registered users.

ACTION AGREED

- 1) To attend the open day for the new Centre.
- 2) To note the report.

8. Standards for Better Health (Annual Health Check)

A report was submitted to the Panel to introduce the Annual Health Check process for 2008/09 and to seek agreement that the Group Representatives were delegated to develop the Panel's response to the declarations of local health care organisations to the Healthcare Commission's targets.

The Panel was requested to agree that the Group Representatives undertake the development of the Panel's final responses to the declarations of local health care organisations to the Healthcare Commission's core standards. A workshop would be held on 3 March 2009.

ACTION AGREED

That the Group Representatives (Cllrs Rush, Sharp and Trueman) undertake the development of the Panel's final responses to the declarations of local health care organisations to the Healthcare Commission's core standards.

9. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

The Panel received the Council's Forward Plan which outlined forthcoming Executive Decisions for the period February 2009 to May 2009 for consideration.

ACTION AGREED

To note the report.

10. Agenda Plan 2008-09

The Panel received and noted the latest work programme for 2008/2009.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 31 March 2009 at 7pm.

The meeting began at 7.00 pm and ended at 7.55 pm

CHAIRMAN