

Report to: Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel
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Subject: Adult Social Care update on key areas

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To brief the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel on recent developments in Adult Social Care since the previous report in September 2011.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the content of this report.

3. Update on Key Areas

3.1 Review of Adults Social Care/Local Accounts:

As part of Portsmouth City Council's programme of Corporate Transformation, Adult Social Care has undertaken a significant review, which in turn has led to proposals for changes to many of its systems and processes. Work is now underway on the following areas:-

- Further development of personalised approaches to care and support, including Personal Budgets and Direct Payments.
- Development of a Single Point of Access
- Streamlining assessment processes.

This review will feed into new performance management arrangements called 'Local Accounts'. These allow for local measurements of performance to be developed alongside a reduced number of national performance indicators.

The first iteration will be completed and submitted with the Adult Social Care business plan in April 2012.

3.2 National Indicators

For the period to the end of December 2011, Adult Social Care's position for the national indicators is as follows:-

- **NI130** –will count people who are directing their own community support using a personal budget and is expressed as a percentage (of clients receiving community based services and carers receiving carer's specific services aged 18 or over)

December 2011 figure 29% against a final outturn figure of 27% for 2010/11. This compares to 24% for the same period in 2010/11.

- **NI 135 - Carers assessments**

"The number of carers whose needs were assessed or reviewed by the council in a year who received a specific carer's service, or advice and information in the same year as a percentage of people receiving a community based service in the year"

The December 2011 figure for Carers Assessments was 28.5% against an outturn figure of 33% for 2010/11. This compares to 16.6% for the same period in 2010/11. The increase is attributable to introducing Self-Assessments and a Carers Break Service managed jointly with Health.

In February 2012, a Higher Grade Social Worker was seconded to The Carer's Centre to work with the assessment staff to ensure outcomes identified through the Carers Strategy are delivered. The benefits of which can be reported in the next Quarterly Letter.

3.3 Health & Social Care Partnership (HASP)

Portsmouth City Council is committed to the integration of rehabilitation services with Solent NHS Trust in order to deliver a seamless service. A formal partnership agreement utilising Section 75 (NHS Act) with Solent NHS as the lead provider remains the goal for both organisations with the timescale for achieving this as 1 April 2012.

As an interim measure, it is proposed to utilise S113 (Local Government Act 1972) which allows the Local Authority to place its staff at the disposal of another organisation for the purpose of delegating its functions. This will facilitate a single line management structure for the effective and efficient deployment of both the staff teams whilst allowing the flexibility to continue to develop the integrated model.

Opportunities to further integrate health and social care community based teams continues to be explored, with the intention of developing a "virtual ward" model, whereby individuals will have named workers across health and social care services linked to GP practices.

3.4 Extra Care and Affordable Housing Redevelopment Project

Outline Planning Permission has now been received for the Caroline Lodge and Alexandra Lodge sites. A reduction in the Housing Revenue Grant has led to the 50 flats planned for the Longdean Lodge site to be deferred and hopefully developed at a later stage.

3.5 Continuing Health Care – Section 75 Agreement

Work has begun in detail to integrate arrangements for assessing and funding Continuing Health Care, with Portsmouth City Council acting as the lead agency. The integration will provide a more streamlined and efficient service by bringing together the current health and social care Continuing Health Care teams under a single line management structure. The intention is for the Section 75 agreement to be in place for 1 July 2012 and will involve the integration of Health Continuing Care budgets with Adult Social Care.

3.6 Health Improvement & Development Service (HIDS)

In 2011 plans were developed for the development of the Health Improvement & Development Service to be split across Adult Social Care and Public Health.

The main roles transferring to Public Health include those dealing with specific health issues such as obesity and smoking.

Roles transferring to Adult Social Care are those with a focus on supporting independence, including carers support staff.

Work will continue over the coming months to look at how both Health Improvement and Development Service and Adult Social Care can work closely together to support the aim of helping more people retain their independence, which in turn will determine the shape of the service in the future.

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