

**MINUTES** of the meeting of the **ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE** held at 10.00am on Wednesday 22 February 2012 at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Select Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 13 March 2012.

**Members:**

- \* John Furey (Chairman)
- \* Sally Marks (Vice-Chairman)
- \* Victor Agarwal
- A Ben Carasco
- A Mel Few
- \* Mrs Angela Fraser
- \* Lynne Hack
- \* Lynda Kemeny
- A Ernest Mallett
- \* Caroline Nichols
- \* Chris Pitt
- \* Fiona White

**Ex officio Members:**

Lavinia Sealy, Chairman of the Council  
David Munro, Vice-Chairman of the Council

**In attendance:**

- \* Michael Gosling, Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care
- \* = Present  
x = Present for part of the meeting

**PART 1**  
**IN PUBLIC**

**15/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]**

Apologies for absence were received from Ernest Mallet, Mel Few and Ben Carasaco. Peter Hickman was substituting for Ernest Mallet.

**16/12 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 17 January 2012[Item 2]**

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

**17/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS [Item 3]**

There were no declarations of interest.

**18/12 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS [Item 4]**

There were no questions or petitions.

**19/12 RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET TO ISSUES REFERRED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE [Item 5]**

There were no responses from the Cabinet to report.

**20/12 RECOMMENDATION TRACKER / FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 6]**

The Committee agreed to refer the following item to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Health Services for People with Learning Disabilities

**21/12 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC VALUE REVIEW (PVR) TERMS OF REFERENCE [Item 7]**

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**Witnesses:**

Donal Hegarty, Senior Manager, Commissioning, Adult Social Care  
Anne Butler, Assistant Director for Commissioning, Adult Social Care  
Sarah Mitchell, Strategic Director, Adult Social Care

### Key Points Raised During the Discussion:

- The Mental Health Service PVR would be the last in the current round of PVRs for the Adult Social Care (ASC) directorate.
- ASC spend in this area is fairly small in comparison to other areas – delivery of services in this area relies on a partnership approach with the NHS.
- The objective of the PVR would be to identify gaps in provision in order to inform future commissioning in this area.
- There would also be a need to consider the transfer of responsibility of public health to the Council and what this means for Mental Health Services.
- Officers expressed concerns regarding suicide levels in the County and the high use of secondary care. It was felt that this PVR might be different to others in that the outcome may be an increase in spend to ensure a more robust service.
- Historically, Mental Health Services have been prescribed from the centre and a more local approach could be more effective.
- The PVR would look outside at best practice and similar work that is taking place at Hampshire County Council.
- Members fed back a number of issues that they requested Officers considered as part of the PVR:
  - The high numbers of people with mental health issues who go through the criminal justice system when it is inappropriate.
  - The support provided by the voluntary sector and whether these services will be robust going forward.
  - The causes of mental health, for example, fear of crime, financial and housing problems and how these can be prevented.
  - The impact that the tradition of first cousin marriage in the Muslim community can have on mental health.
  - The stigma related to mental health and how this might impact on service provision in some areas.
- In response to Members concerns around accommodation for individuals with mental health issues, Officers stated that they were due to hold a symposium on this issue and that they would ensure Members were invited.
- That Chairman expressed concern about the scope of the PVR and whether it was manageable at this time of change in the NHS.

### Recommendations:

1. The Public Value Review team considers amending the Terms of Reference to be focused on a gap analysis of current provision and once this is established, more targeted work can be done to address specific issues.

**Actions:**

1. All Members to receive an invitation to the symposium on housing and mental health – Donal Hegarty/Anne Butler

**22/12 OLDER PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND DEMENTIA STRATEGY UPDATE [Item 8]**

**Declarations of Interest:**

None.

**Witnesses:**

Donal Hegarty, Senior Manager, Commissioning, Adult Social Care  
Anne Butler, Assistant Director for Commissioning, Adult Social Care  
Sarah Mitchell, Strategic Director, Adult Social Care

**Key Points Raised During the Discussion:**

- The service watched a DVD that had been produced by the ASC directorate in partnership with the NHS to raise awareness of dementia and the support now available.
- Members congratulated the service on the huge amount of good work that had taken place in this area over the past two years that had resulted in huge improvements for service provision.
- However, the Vice-Chairman highlighted three remaining concerns:
  - That there were still poor pathways of care within the NHS.
  - That there was still patchy coverage of service provision across the county.
  - That there was a lack of knowledge nationally of how to deal with the disease at its worst.
- In response to these concerns, Officers stated that a key element of the strategy was trying to establish a common standard for training that should result in an equitable, clear pathway.
- There were now 18 Dementia Navigators in place per district or borough and a clear job profile had been established to ensure continuity in each area.
- Officers agreed that nationally the NHS was struggling with what to do with the disease at its most severe. There had however been

progress in development of alternative drugs and understanding the impact that early diagnosis can have.

- It was confirmed that well-being centres were being developed for the following areas: Spelthorne, Tandridge, Surrey Heath, Epsom and Ewell, Elmbridge, Woking and Mole Valley. It was confirmed that centres such as the Bradbury could now take services users from outside the borough/district boundary.
- Officers confirmed that the DVD was available via YouTube. Members requested a link could also be provided via the SCC website. It was also suggested that links to partner organisations such as the Alzheimer's Society could be provided.
- Members felt that if the DVD were to be revised at any point, it would be useful to include a greater reference to early onset dementia.
- Officers confirmed that there was good buy-in from GPs with the strategy.
- One Member stated that she would have liked more data included in the report. Officers responded that they would provide the Committee with a performance dashboard.
- Members commented that it would be useful to have more information regarding services in their local area. Officers stated that they would be happy to meet with Members individually to discuss service provision in their divisions.

**Recommendations:**

1. The Committee congratulates the Service on its excellent work and national recognition in the field of dementia care, and recommends to Cabinet that this important area of work continue to receive the support and funding necessary.

**Actions:**

1. That a letter is sent to partners involved in delivering this strategy, to thank them for their work from the Cabinet Member for Social Care and the Chairman of the Adult Social Select Committee – Leah'O Donovan
2. That the latest performance dashboard regarding the implementation of the strategy is sent to Members – Donal Hegarty/Anne Butler
3. That, where requested, a meeting is set up between Members and Officers to discuss service provision in their division - Donal Hegarty/Anne Butler

**23/12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR PART TWO ITEM  
[Item 9]**

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF BUSINESS WERE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE.**

**24/12 REVIEW OF IN-HOUSE OLDER PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL HOMES [Item 10]**

This item was discussed in part two.

**25/12 PUBLICITY FOR PART TWO ITEMS [Item 11]**

It was decided not to publicise the minutes of this item.

**25/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 12]**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Wednesday 13 March 2012.

[Meeting ended:13:25]

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**Chairman**