

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting7th February 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Adult Mental Health Services

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to an interim report and proposals for consultation for Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Adult Mental Health Services.

The Adult Services and Health Select Committee was undertaking a EIT review of Mental Health Adult Social Care Services. The report outlined progress in the review to date, and detailed a number of proposals for changes to services. Cabinet was requested to approve the proposals for future service delivery in order for these to go forward for public consultation with all stakeholders particularly service users and carers.

The services being reviewed included: day services, rehabilitation, respite, link workers, community support workers, user and carer involvement, and commissioned residential 24 hour care. In-house day services were provided at 70 Norton Road, and Ware Street provides out of hours day services, rehabilitation and respite services.

The proposals were being informed by the Equality Impact Assessment that was being updated though out the review. This would be updated further with the results of the public consultation.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress of the review to date, and the development of proposals for future service delivery be noted.
2. The following proposals be approved in principle for the future delivery of adult mental health social care services in order for these to be subject to a 12-week public consultation in conjunction with all stakeholders particularly service users and carers. The proposals are to:

- a) Engage and support providers including the voluntary sector to develop services that meet the assessed needs of service users and attract personal budgets;
- b) Improve the provision of information, advice, and signposting services for service users to enable them to identify appropriate services;
- c) Strengthen support to service users in taking personal budgets to access services that meet their assessed needs;
- d) Support the development of alternative provision of day time activities in the third sector / independent sector, consider investment in Community Bridge Building as a key intervention and support service for adult mental health service users, and cease providing the in-house day services provided at Norton Road and Ware Street (the Links unit);
- e) Develop alternative options for rehab, respite and short break services, to enable a more flexible approach to service provision and achieve better value for money, and cease provision of the in-house respite and rehabilitation beds at Ware Street;
- f) Revise the community support service specification and eligibility criteria to become a short term intensive support service based on the recovery model (maximum period of 12 weeks);
- g) Re-configure the current in-house community support service in order to meet the needs of the revised specification;
- h) Ensure that any ongoing assessed needs beyond the 12-week period, are met through commissioned services or personal budgets;
- i) Ensure that the service user and carer involvement functions are embedded into the wider adult social care arrangements for involvement and consultation, and cease provision of the dedicated service user and carer involvement posts.

3. The proposed public consultation approach be noted and agreed, subject to further work by the Adult Services and Health Select Committee on the detail of the consultation plan.

3. Reasons for the Decision

As part of the Council's programme of EIT reviews, and as part of the agreed scrutiny work programme for 2012-13, the Select Committee is undertaking a review of Adult Mental Health Services. The Committee has made proposals for change and these are outlined in the report. Cabinet approval in principle is required before the proposals are put forward for public consultation.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Cllr Mohammed Javed declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of the above item as he was employed by Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust however he had been granted a dispensation and could therefore be present at the meeting during consideration of the matter and take part in any discussion.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Councillor Mohammed Javed had been granted a dispensation in respect of his discloseable interest concerning his employment / employer Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS.

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 15th February 2013

Proper Officer
11 February 2013