

Adult Services & Health Select Committee

A meeting of Adult Services & Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 15th October, 2007.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Mohammed Javed

Officers: R Hill (CESC); G Birtle, F Shayler (LD); M Batty, D Kitching (DNS).

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Mrs Apedaile, Mrs Craggs, Mrs Nesbitt.

ASH 29/07 **Declarations of Interest**

None

ASH 30/07 **Minutes - 17th September**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th September, 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

ASH 31/07 **Minutes - 1st October, 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October, 2007 were tabled at the meeting. Therefore Members decided to consider these minutes at their next meeting.

ASH 32/07 **Review of Alcohol Services**

Members had requested that Mike Batty, Head of Community Protection and Dave Kitching, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager attend the meeting as witnesses as part of their review of Alcohol Services.

Mike Batty informed Members of the work of the Neighbourhood Enforcement Service. As part of the service they are able to seize alcohol from anyone of any age if they are seen drinking in any of the 'no alcohol' designated areas. They are also able to seize alcohol from anyone under the age of 18 if they were seen drinking in public places. The Enforcement Team would record the names and addresses and forward them to the Anti Social Behaviour Team who would then send a letter to their parents/guardians.

Dave Kitching detailed the amount of licensed premises that were able to sell/serve alcohol. Since the Licensing Act had come into force there is more access to alcohol.

Trading Standards monitors the quality and strength of alcohol and it was stated that there was now an increase in the illegal sale of dangerous methanol products. They also monitor the sale of alcohol to under 18's. A survey has been undertaken during 2006/07 whereby 'Test Purchasers' under the age of 18 had been trying to purchase alcohol and out of 89 tests there had been 16 sales to under 18's. Approximately 20 premises had been targeted with 1 Public House selling alcohol to an under 18 on 3 separate occasions in 31 days. The

bar tenders are provided with a fixed penalty notice if they serve alcohol to an under 18 and the license can be revoked if the premises persistently continue to serve alcohol to under 18's.

Members were provided with a copy of the 'Think B 4 U Drink' Campaign DVD. The aim of which was to encourage people to be sensible when drinking.

Proxy sales, where people are purchasing alcohol for under 18's, was a problem area. If a person was caught purchasing alcohol on behalf of under 18's they could be issued with a fixed penalty notice.

CONCLUDED that the information provided be noted.

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Work Programme

Neil Nicholson, Director of Finance, Primary Care Trust would be in attendance at the next meeting on 7th November, 2007 to provide evidence. It was also requested that Peter Smith and Naomi Garbutt be invited to attend this meeting. This would cause a slippage to the work programme with the final report being presented to Cabinet in January 2008.

On 28th November 2007 Members would be receiving a monitoring report on the Dental Provision Review.

An update on Pathways to Healthcare was also to be provided at a future meeting.

Mr Paul Frank would also be invited to a future meeting to discuss Local Involvement Networks (LINKS).

CONCLUDED that the work programme be noted.

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Chairmans Update

The Chairman had been involved in a meeting with regard to Pathways to Healthcare, now being called 'Momentum'. The meeting had been held at the Hardwick Hall Hotel and considered possible sites for a new hospital. The next meeting was due to be held in February 2008, which would consider what services could be carried out in the community.

CONCLUDED that the update be noted.