

Health Select Committee

A meeting of Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 18th May, 2009.

Present: Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Paul Baker, Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley

Officers: Peter Mennear, Fiona Shayler, Judith Trainer (LD); Dawn Welsh (PP); Michelle Graham, Ruth Hill, Glyn Roberts (CESC).

Also in attendance: John Rylance (IDeA).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Mrs Julia Cherrett, Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Andrew Sherris.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Mrs Cains declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review - Fair Access to Care further to being a Trustee of the George Hardwick Foundation.

Councillor Beall declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 4 - Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review - Fair Access to Care further to being a Registered Social Worker.

2 **Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2009 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review – Fair Access to Care** **- to agree the scope and project plan** **- to receive IDeA research into alternative practice** **- to receive initial baseline information**

Members were provided with the scope and project plan for the Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Fair Access to Care (FACS). It was proposed that the Committee would receive baseline information to outline the service or policy in its current form and Members would have the opportunity to challenge this information to ensure it was robust. Work would then take place to identify and investigate options for change, followed by the opportunity to review and select the best options prior to making a report to Cabinet.

John Rylance was in attendance from the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) as they had been commissioned to assist with the EIT process by highlighting areas of alternative practice from around the country.

Members had been provided with background information on FACS and Ruth Hill, Head of Adult Strategy, Glyn Roberts, Integrated Service Manager and Michelle Graham, Senior Accountant provided a verbal update.

Discussion was held on the bandings for clients who required care. Currently Adult Social Care was provided across three bands of need:- Moderate, Substantial and Critical. Equipment was provided across all four bands including low. It was stated that the eligibility for a high band did not necessarily mean high cost or complex needs, and likewise, a low band of need could be high cost and complex needs.

It was stated that it may be appropriate to look at other similar authorities and the banding systems that they had in place. It was stated that Medway had recently changed their banding system. Hertfordshire, Lancashire, Sunderland, Calderdale and Wakefield were also suggested as possible Authorities to consider looking at.

It was suggested that as well as looking at authorities who were part of the national benchmarking

group, it would be appropriate to look at authorities across the region.

Discussion was held on the complaints system particularly for people that may be applying for care who did not meet the eligibility criteria. It was stated that it may be appropriate to invite Margaret Madden, Complaints Service Manager to a future meeting.

Discussion was held on people who were eligible to receive a care package but may have to pay for these services due to their resources. It was stated that self funders were currently not included within the statistics available.

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan be approved.

4 Chair's Update

Members were informed that their final report of Audiology had been approved by Cabinet.

The LINK were holding a launch event on 11th June. However, the Burns Care Network meeting had been postponed until 11th June in Wakefield. If any Members were able to attend the Burns Care Network meeting they were to inform the Chairman.

The NHS constitution would be distributed to Members.

It was proposed that a meeting be held with NHS colleagues regarding the role of safeguarding particularly in relation to information flows between primary and secondary care.

Concluded that the Chair's update be noted.