

EIT Review of Learning Disability Services

Summary

Members are asked to receive feedback on current services from a group of learning disability service users, and evidence from Durham County Council.

This covering report also provides background information to the key work streams which form the basis for the EIT Review of Learning Disability Services. The following papers are attached and concern each of the work streams including:-

- Appendix 1 - Desk Top Review of Existing LD Clients
- Appendix 2 - A Commissioning Pathway
- Appendix 3 - Consultation Plan

Detail

1. In order for Members to receive feedback from current service users, the advocacy group Stockton Helps All has arranged for a small group of learning disability clients to attend and provide their views to Members in a facilitated session at the beginning of the meeting.
2. In addition, the Service Improvement Manager (Learning Disability Services) from Durham County Council has been invited in order to provide evidence on how Durham CC has transformed the commissioning of learning disability services.
3. Members are also requested to consider the following reports.
4. A detailed Project Plan has been devised to guide the development and implementation of the EIT Review of LD Services. The Project Plan has evolved to manage the tasks in hand and sets the deadlines and milestones to keep the various strands of work on track. A version of the plan outlining the Committee's involvement is attached to this agenda under 'Work Programme'.
5. The following reports concern the key work streams which are the basis of the EIT review going forward:

Appendix 1 - Desk Top Review of Existing LD Clients – this report has been prepared by the Senior Social Worker seconded to assist the EIT Review of Learning Disability Services. The Desk Top Review builds upon the ongoing work to provide a comprehensive record of individual

clients and the type of and extent of services(s) they receive. A comprehensive database of LD Clients is now in place and being refined, it draws on information previously kept separately in various Council and Health Authority data sources. The next task is to review the existing packages of care in place for clients using the six point plan to independence questions to provide challenge and achieve a more empowering case assessment.

Appendix 2 - A Commissioning Pathway – This report has been prepared by the Lead Commissioner for Working Age Adults within CESC. The report as a starting point responds to the Department of Health's (CSED) Inspection Team recommendation that in Stockton work is required to promote and use better quality independent living services in conjunction with improved approaches to carry out care assessments. The full report outlines an approach to progressing these key objectives of the EIT Review.

Appendix 3 - The Consultation Plan – outlines the efforts underway to engage Stakeholders in the development of the EIT Review of LD Services and the opportunity to inform and influence potential outcomes. The Consultation Plan acknowledges that planning work is required to build upon the opinion and information gathered during the phase 1 consultation (August to September 2011) following analysis to inform potential service changes or development.

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