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Subject: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel Quarterly Report

Committee: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Executive Summary:

This report sets out a review of the Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the second quarter of 2009/10.

Corporate Plan 2009-2012:

The Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel provides strategic scrutiny of the following Corporate Improvement Priorities and key areas:

- CIP3 - Independent Living
 - CIP4 - Reducing inequalities
 - Health performance
 - Adult Social Care performance
 - Commissioning
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Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Including finance, human, IT and land

None

Other Implications: e.g. Section 17 Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management, Equalities Impact Assessment, etc.

None

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

That the report is noted

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny minutes and forward plan

Sign off: N/A

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a review of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the second quarter of 2009/10, incorporating the meetings of 29 July and 23 September 2009 respectively.

2. Scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel

- 2.1 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel is primarily concerned with the strategic scrutiny of the following Corporate Improvement Priorities and key areas:

- CIP3 - Independent Living
- CIP4 - Reducing inequalities
- Health performance
- Adult Social Care performance
- Commissioning
- Health & Adult Social Care Integration

- 2.2 The detailed terms of reference for the panel are contained in Appendix 1.

- 2.3 The panel consists of the following members and officers

Title	Name	Attendances (2 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Mrs Watkins	2
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Mrs Aspinall	2
Councillor	Berrow	2
Councillor	Browne	1
Councillor	Delbridge	2
Councillor	Gordon	1
Councillor	Stark	2
Councillor	Kerswell	0
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	1
Lead Officer	Christina Smale	1
Democratic Support	Katey Johns	2
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Barry Lucas (resigned 09/09)	1

- 2.4 The Panel, through effective strategic and operational scrutiny, supports the following cabinet members and CMT officers

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Adult Health & Social Care)	David Salter
Director for Community Services	Carole Burgoyne

2.5 The panel has a budget of £2,000 to support the scrutiny work.

3. Key achievements to date

3.1 The panel has now met on two occasions. Meetings have been well structured, managed efficiently and well attended by panel members. A positive contribution has been made to support an effective strategic and operational overview, in particular the following achievements have already been made:

- The Chair has extended an open invitation for any panel member to attend pre-meeting planning sessions in order to improve transparency and include all panel members in proactive scrutiny.
- The panel has approved a comprehensive work programme which, in addition to focusing on Council services, looks at Partnership initiatives and performance.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair continue to meet regularly with the Chief Executives of NHS Plymouth and Plymouth Hospitals Trust in order to develop partnership working.
- The panel heard of the work being undertaken to promote and increase welfare benefits and tax credits take-up in the City and resolved to raise the issue of debt alerting opportunities with the Chief Executive of Plymouth Hospitals Trust. As a result, the Trust agreed to liaise with the City's Community Inclusion Unit to look at possible alerting/signposting opportunities at Derriford Hospital.
- The panel has been quick to understand the scope, remit and key performance measures of the three CIP's that it is responsible for scrutinising. Lead Officers and Cabinet Members from each of the three CIP's have already met the panel, presented the CIP's and been subject to scrutiny, thus laying the foundation for ongoing review and scrutiny of progress against milestones and key performance measures.
- The panel wishes to increase its co-opted representation and has written to the Board of Directors for NHS Plymouth and Plymouth Hospitals Trust inviting a non-executive director of each to join the panel.
- The panel was pleased to receive proposals from the South West Specialised Commissioning Group regarding service development proposals for delivering surgical procedures and associated treatment to patients with soft tissue sarcoma. The proposed approach and intention to designate two soft tissue sarcoma centres in the south west region was both welcomed and supported by the panel.
- The panel has engaged with the South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust over its Foundation Trust consultation and has provided a formal written response in full support of the Trust's proposals.
- The panel has continued to monitor Plymouth Hospitals Trust performance with regard to provision of maternity services and hygiene standards following poor inspection results. This has involved a visit to the maternity services unit by the Chair and Vice Chair and the Chair's involvement with the tendering process for the Hospital's Hotel Services Contract.

- The panel has met with the Director for Community Services and discussed the vision for the Council and how the Department's function will help to deliver the strategic priorities.

4. On the Horizon

4.1 The Panel has received an update from the Director of Community Services, Chief Executive of the Plymouth Primary Care Trust and the Chief Executive of the Plymouth Hospitals Trust on the current financial and performance of all three organisations with a view to setting the following objectives in the workplan:

- To review the findings of the Care Quality Commission Annual Performance Assessment of Adult Social Care
- To review the findings of Care Quality Commission – Annual Healthcheck
- To receive an update on All Our Futures strategy
- To review the safeguarding/adult protection multi agency arrangements for adults

4.2 The panel will receive –

- The Director for Public Health's Annual Report 2009
- NHS Plymouth – Mental Health Commission Annual Report 2009
- Proposals for delivering Specialised Burn Care Services

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the progress of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny panel is noted by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

5.2 The panel is working towards managing and resolving it's tracking resolutions promptly but acknowledges blocks in the system that have meant slippage in starting reviews i.e. safeguarding.

Christina Smale
Lead Officer Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel
17 November 2009

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Terms of Reference

- To review new and existing policies and consider how they may be improved and developed;
- To monitor the budget and performance of the Cabinet Member, Department and partners to ensure that the priorities for the area are being delivered upon;
- To monitor performance against the relevant Corporate Improvement Priorities;
- To review Policies within the Budget and Policy Framework;
- To consider Equality Impact Assessments against new and existing policies;
- To investigate local issues to find out how the council and its partners can improve to meet the needs of local people;
- To make recommendations about service delivery to the Cabinet (via the Board)
- To review and scrutinise the performance of partner organisations
- To set up Ad-Hoc Working Groups as and when required;
- To produce quarterly progress reports to go to the management board

Policy Areas

- Adult Social Care
- Partner Organisations – PCT etc

Cabinet Members

- Adult Health and Social Care

Directorate

- Public Health
- Community Services

Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIPs)

- Independent Living (CIP 3)
- Reducing Inequalities (CIP 4)

LSP Link

- Healthy

Membership

The Chair of the Panel shall serve on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel will be chaired by a Member of the majority political group with the vice-chair from the opposition political group. All Members of the panel will adhere to the general rules of overview and scrutiny.