

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**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 third quarter of 2009/10.

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### **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

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

None

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### **Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:**

That the report is noted

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### **Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:**

N/A

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### **Background papers:**

Health & Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny minutes and forward plan

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**Sign off:** N/A

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### Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel Quarterly Report

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out a review of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel for the third quarter of 2009/10, incorporating the meetings of 27 January (business and review) and 23 February, 2010, 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 (3 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Mrs. Watkins	3
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Mrs. Aspinall	3
Councillor	Berrow	3
Councillor	Browne	1
Councillor	Delbridge	3
Councillor	Gordon	2
Councillor	Stark	1
Councillor	Kerswell	1
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	2
Lead Officer	Christina Smale	2
Democratic Support	Katey Johns	3
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Chris Boote	3
Co-opted Representative PHT Non-Exec Board Member	Margaret Schwarz	3

- 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 of which £905.42 remains.

### **3. Key achievements to date**

3.1 The panel has met on three 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 been made:

- A visit to South Western Ambulance Service NHS Trust HQ to meet staff, view the control room facilities and gain a better understanding of how the service is provided.
- A panel away-day visiting a number of community projects working to raise health awareness.
- Co-option of a non-executive Board member from Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust.
- As part of the consultation process for the proposed Centralisation of Gynaecological Cancer Surgery, the panel informed NHS Plymouth that it was unable to support the findings of the independent clinical review and has sought assurances to address concerns raised. As a result, the planned service change is currently on hold and a further report is due back to panel in June/July 2010.
- A successful piece of joint working with members of the Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel resulting in endorsement of proposals for Specialised Burn Care Services for Adults and Children, including establishment of a Burns Facility at Derriford Hospital.
- Recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in respect of –
  - the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - recognition of the importance of engaging with the Director for Public Health when developing plans and strategies for the city
  - Adaptations (Disabled Facilities Grant) – a letter be sent to the Government Office South West seeking assurances that the settlement figure for 2010/11 more accurately reflects Plymouth's assessed need
  - Smoking - lobbying the City's MPs to support progress of the 2009 Health Bill – Tobacco Control – through Parliament
  - Alcohol Harm – presentation of the Alcohol Strategy to the Licensing Committee, notification of ward councillors when applications arise within their wards and taking into account health implications upon neighbourhoods when considering applications

Of the 16 recommendations submitted to the meeting on 3 February, 2010, 8 were approved and 8 were not considered.

- Commencement of the Safeguarding Adults Review.
- Reviewed the findings of the Care Quality Commission Inspection Report on Adult Social Care.

- Attendance by some panel members at a briefing/training session provided by the SW Strategic Health Authority on 24 February in respect of health inequalities.
- The Chair and Vice-Chair continue to meet on a quarterly basis with the Chief Executives of NHS Plymouth and Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust.

#### **4. On the Horizon**

- 4.1 The panel has a programme of events / visits planned over the coming months which include –
- Visit to the Memory Clinic
  - Joint visit to the Heartswell Centre with representatives from the Local Involvement Network (LiNK)
  - Mini Workshop with LiNK to discuss Work Programme/Priorities
  - Visit to Learning Disability Extra Care Centre
  - Presentation on Mental Health
- 4.2 The panel will continue the Safeguarding Adults Review through a series of witness sessions.
- 4.3 The panel will receive reports on –
- Maternity Services – Monitoring Provision/Action Plan
  - Infection Control Update (Derriford Hospital)
  - Carers' Champions
  - Corporate Improvement Priorities
- 4.4 A Project Initiation Document (PID) is currently being prepared with a view to undertaking a task and finish group on Carers which will include, amongst other things, looking at –
- Reviewing the Carers Strategy against the Government's short-term agenda and long-term vision for the future care and support of carers
  - Examining the changes made to the Carers Strategy to ensure that policy adequately cover the needs of carers.

#### **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.

## **Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

### **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.