

## 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 incorporating the meetings of 31 March, 14 April, 9 June, 21 June and the 20 July 2010.

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### **Corporate Plan 2010-2013:**

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**

Adult social care is one of the Council's largest areas of revenue spend, so effective scrutiny of Health delivery plans is a key element of corporate performance management arrangements.

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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

This report sets out a review of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel, incorporating the meetings of 31 March, 14 April, 9 June, 21 June and the 20 July 2010.

#### 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

The terms of reference have recently been revised to reflect the statutory functions of the panel and have been approved by full council. The detailed terms of reference for the panel are contained in Appendix 1.

2.2 At the meetings of the 31 March and 14 April 2010, the panel consisted of the following members and officers -

Title	Name	Attendances (2 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Mrs. Watkins	2
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Mrs. Aspinall	1
Councillor	Berrow	2
Councillor	Browne	2
Councillor	Delbridge	2
Councillor	Gordon	2
Councillor	Stark	2
Councillor	Kerswell	0
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	1
Democratic Support	Katey Johns	2
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Chris Boote	2
Co-opted Representative PHT Non-Exec Board Member	Margaret Schwarz	1

2.3 Following the annual general meeting the panel has met three times, with two business meetings taking place and a special meeting. The panel consisted of the following members and officers –

Title	Name	Attendances
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		(3 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Ricketts	3
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Coker	3
Councillor	Bowie	3
Councillor	Delbridge	3
Councillor	Gordon	2
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	2
Councillor	Dr. Mahony	1
Councillor	Dr. Salter	2
Councillor	Viney	2
Democratic Support	Ross Jago	
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Chris Boote	1
Co-opted Representative PHT Non-Exec Board Member	Margaret Schwarz	2

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

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Adult Health & Social Care) 2009/10	Cllr. Dr. David Salter
Cabinet Member (Adult Health & Social Care) 2010/11	Cllr Monahan
Director for Community Services	Carole Burgoyne

### 3. Key achievements to date

3.1 The panel has met on five occasions since the last quarterly report was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. 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 single item meeting on the 14 April 2010, considered a report on Maternity Services provided by Plymouth NHS Hospitals Trust. As result the Director for Public Health was requested to explore the possibility of including a number of key midwifery-related questions in the annual Health Visitor Survey, a letter in response was circulated to members of the panel on the 9 June 2010. There continue to be concerns about the extent to which priority is given to promoting breast feeding within the service.
- The panel has responded to consultation by the Centre for Public Scrutiny on draft scrutiny guidance on the involvement in the scrutiny of health commissioning and particularly to focus on health inequalities.
- A non-executive Board member from Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust has been reconfirmed as a co-opted member to the Panel.
- The Panel received a report on infection control and have agreed to receive further yearly updates.

- Recommendations have been provided by partner agencies concerning 'Quality Accounts' documents provided by NHS Plymouth Hospitals Trust and NHS Plymouth Mental Health Services. The panel looks forward to working with NHS Plymouth and the PHNT to implement its recommendations.
- The panel has engaged with Community Services and has launched a Task and Finish group to consider three major service changes regarding the modernisation of older people's services, the fairer charging policy in adult social care and the reconfiguration of short break services for people with a learning disability.

#### **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)

4.2 Over the next year, the panel will receive reports on –

- The consultation responses received regarding the service changes proposed for the Greenfields Unit, a specialised unit accessed by people with learning disabilities.
- The new Health White Paper concerning proposals for a major reconfiguration of Health Services and changes to governance processes, including changes to the statutory functions to the health scrutiny function.
- The Dementia Strategy
- The Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust Infection Control Update
- NHS Plymouth, Plymouth Hospitals Trust and Plymouth City Council Joint Finance and Performance Monitoring, including Local Area Agreement Performance Monitoring.

4.3 A Project Initiation Document (PID) has been approved to undertake a task and finish group on the modernisation of adult social care which will include, amongst other things–

- Reviewing the proposals regarding the modernisation of older peoples services, the fairer charging policy in adult social care and the reconfiguration of short break services for people with a learning disability.
- Members of the task and finish group will attend consultation events and visit facilities which will be effected by the proposals.
- Toward the end of the consultation period on the proposals members of the task and finish group will review the proposals in light of consultation

responses received and will provide recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Cabinet.

- 4.4 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel looks forward to a challenging year which will focus on the Health White Paper (July 2010), the public health white paper (due to be published in late 2010) and the white paper on social care reform (due to be published in 2011). The panel will consider these strategic issues alongside service changes proposed by adult social care and continue to monitor the performance of services for the people of Plymouth.

## **5. Recommendation**

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**

1. To scrutinise matters relating to health and public health and to hear the views of local residents, with a view to improving health services, reducing health inequalities and improving the health of local residents.
2. To respond to consultations by local health trusts and by the Department of Health.
3. To consider whether changes proposed by local health trusts amount to a substantial variation or development and, if so, to take appropriate action including appointing members to any joint committee where the proposals cover more than one local authority's area, including undertaking all the statutory functions in accordance with Section 244, of the National Health Act 2006, regulations and guidance under that section.
4. To assist the council in the management of its contractual arrangements relating to LINKs under section 221 (1) of the Local Government and public involvement in health act and statutory instrument 2008 No. 528.
5. To scrutinise the impact of the Council's own services and of key partnerships on the health of its population.

In performing the above duties the Panel will scrutinise:-

- Arrangements made by local NHS bodies to secure hospital and community health services for the residents of Plymouth;
- The provision of family health services, personal medical services, personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;
- the public health arrangements in the area, e.g. arrangements by NHS bodies for the surveillance of, and response to, outbreaks of communicable disease or the provision of specialist health promotion services;
- the planning of health services by NHS bodies, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities, setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population, and the provision of health care to that population;
- The arrangements made by NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public under the duty placed on them by Section 11 of the Health & Social Care Act 2001;
- Any matter referred to the Committee by a patients' forum under the NHS Reform And Health Care Professions Act 2001;
- Social care services and other related services delivered by the authority.

### **Policy Areas**

- Adult Social Care
- Partner Organisations NHS Plymouth, NHS Plymouth Hospitals Trust, South West Ambulance Service, LINK, Strategic Health Authority and the Department of Health.

### **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 theme group.

#### 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. The panel can consider inviting non-voting co-opted members to join the panel, subject to the approval of management board. All Members of the panel will adhere to the general rules of overview and scrutiny.