

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 1 September, 16 September, 13 October, and 10 November 2010.

Corporate Plan 2010-2013:

The Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny panel provides strategic scrutiny of the following key areas:

- Health performance
- Adult Social Care performance
- Commissioning

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.

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

None specific to the report.

Recommendations & Reasons for recommended action:

That the report is noted.

Alternative options considered and reasons for recommended action:

N/A

Background papers:

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

Sign off: N/A

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1. Introduction

This report sets out a review of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny panel, incorporating the meetings of 1 September, 16 September, 13 October and 10 November 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 key areas:

- Health performance
- Adult Social Care performance
- Commissioning
- Health & Adult Social Care Integration

2.2 Since the publication of the last quarterly report the panel has met on four occasions, following Councillor Coker stepping down from the panel Councillor McDonald took his seat on the 13 October 2010. The Panel consisted of the following members and officers -

Title	Name	Attendances (4 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Ricketts	4
Councillor (Vice Chair)	Coker	2 (2)
Councillor (Vice Chair)	McDonald	2 (2)
Councillor	Bowie	2
Councillor	Delbridge	3
Councillor	Gordon	3
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	4
Councillor	Dr. Mahony	3
Councillor	Dr. Salter	4
Councillor	Viney	4
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Chris Boote	4
Co-opted Representative PHT Non-Exec Board Member	Margaret Schwarz	2
Lead Officer	Giles Perritt	4
Democratic Support	Ross Jago	4

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

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Adult Social Care)	Cllr Monahan
Director for Community Services	Carole Burgoyne

3. Key Issues considered by the panel

3.1 The panel has met on four occasions as a full panel and held a Task and Finish group on the modernisation of Adult Social Care 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 issues have been scrutinised -

- The meeting of the 1 September 2010 received information on the progress of the Adult Social Care against delivery plans. As a result of that meeting future performance and finance reports would cover the implications of any possible under spend in domiciliary care. In addition the Assistant Director for Adult Social Care was asked to investigate any disparity in fees charged between self funding clients and the local authority for residential care. Information will be reported back to the panel at the January meeting.
- The panel held a special meeting on the 16 September to consider the consultation resulting from the publication of the White Paper “equity and excellence: liberating the NHS”. The panel considered feedback from the Director for Public Health, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Director of Community Services, Chief Executive of Plymouth Primary Care Teaching Trust, NHS Plymouth Hospitals Trust, Plymouth Local Involvement Network and Plymouths Children’s Trust. The panel made several recommendations in response to the consultation paper “Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health”. The panel will review the publication of the Governments analysis of the consultation process.
- The panel considered the first petition to enter the scrutiny process. The petition was in opposition to the proposals for a designated specialist gynaecological cancer surgery unit at Treliske Hospital in Truro. The three petition organisers introduced the petition to the panel and had many questions answered by the Clinical Director for the Peninsula Cancer Network and the Chief Executive of Plymouth Primary Care Teaching Trust. It was reported that there had been no decision to move resources from Derriford Hospital to another specialist centre; the panel has requested a detailed time table and option appraisal for future service provision to be provided to the panel as soon as it was available.
- NHS Plymouth has provided the panel with the results of the consultation process on the Greenfields Unit. The panel supported the direction of travel for health services for those with a learning disability and made a recommendation supporting the adoption of proposed service developments and the closure of the unit.
- The Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention Programme (QIPP) is an NHS initiative which identifies efficiency savings within the NHS Plymouth services. The panel will receive regular updates on the programme, particularly if they lead to substantive service changes.
- A number of presentations regarding the transforming community services programme to split commissioning and provider services within NHS Plymouth have been received by the panel. The panel have seen this as an important item for the future work programme, particularly with regard to the scale of the change, its

impact on adult social care and children's services. The panel will be considering aspects of the proposed Plymouth provider services business plans over the coming months.

3.2 Task and Finish Groups

3.2.1 The panel has conducted one task and finish group to review the consultation process on the future of residential services for older people, the fairer contributions policy and changes to respite services for those with a learning disability.

3.2.2 The task and finish group made a number of visits to social care facilities including extra care residential housing in Efford, Frank Cowl House in Devonport and the Welby Unit in the Peverell area of the city. The panel also considered evidence from consultation with members of the public.

3.2.3 Following the second meeting of the task and finish group a number of recommendations were made to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Cabinet. Both Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board welcomed the report. Details of the report can be found on the council's website or by contacting the democratic support officer for the panel.

4. On the Horizon

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

- Any substantial service changes resulting from the Transforming Community Services and QIPP programmes.
- NHS Plymouth, Plymouth Hospitals Trust and Plymouth City Council Joint Finance and Performance Monitoring, including NHS Plymouth's operating plan which will be developed following the publication of the National NHS Operating Framework.
- The panel will play a key role in the development of the Health and Wellbeing boards proposed by the NHS White paper and recently confirmed as the governments direction of travel in the Public Health White paper
- The panel hopes to develop joint scrutiny arrangements with neighbouring authorities in the peninsula in order to properly scrutinise the work of cross boundary health services.
- As more details are released by the Department of Health the panel will closely monitor the new public health agenda and its proposed transfer to local Authorities.

4.4 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny panel looks forward to a challenging year which will continue to focus on the Health White Paper and associated Bill, the Public Health White Paper and associated Bill 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.