

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

Subject: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Biannual 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 8 June 2011 – 14 September 2011.

Corporate Plan 2010-2013:

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

- Corporate Priority - Delivering Value For Communities
- Corporate Priority - Reducing inequalities
- Health performance
- Adult Social Care performance
- Commissioning
- Health and Adult Social Care Integration

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

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 8 June 2011 – 14 September 2011.

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 Priorities and key areas:

- Corporate Priority - Delivering Value For Communities
- Corporate Priority - 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 8 June and 14 September 2011, the panel consisted of the following members and officers -

Title	Name	Attendances (3 meetings)
Councillor (Chair)	Mrs. Bowyer	2
Councillor (Vice Chair)	McDonald	3
Councillor	Dr Salter	3
Councillor	Mrs Beer	1
Councillor	Dr Mahony	3
Councillor	Gordon	2
Councillor	Mrs Bragg	3
Councillor	Tuffin	3
Councillor	Mrs Nicholson	3
Councillor	Mrs Aspinall	3
Councillor	Drean	3
Councillor	Casey	2
Councillor	Browne	2
Lead Officer	Giles Perritt	3
Democratic Support	Ross Jago	3
Co-opted Representative – Local Involvement Network (LINK)	Chris Boote	3
Co-opted Representative PHT Non-Exec Board Member	Margaret Schwarz	2

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

Title	Name
Cabinet Member (Adult Health & Social Care) 2011/12	Cllr Monahan
Director for Community Services	Carole Burgoyne

3. Key achievements to date

3.1 The panel has met on three 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 -

- Following a petition presented last year, the panel scrutinised the proposed move of gynaecological cancer surgery services to Truro away from Plymouth. As a result of recommendations made to the Peninsula Cancer Network by the panel the Plymouth service will remain in Derriford Hospital and will provide patients with an appropriate care experience.
- Quality accounts of NHS Plymouth were amended following scrutiny to include information on the formation of Plymouth Community Healthcare.
- A non-executive Board member from Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust has been reconfirmed as a co-opted member to the Panel, along with the representative from Plymouth LINK
- Recommendation has been made to the Public Health Development unit on the Tobacco Action Plan for Plymouth. The panel challenged several aspects of the plan and will receive a revised version in the near future.
- The panel continues to keep the approach to dementia care under review and will receive further information at future meetings.
- Following a series of “never events” at Derriford Hospital the panel had requested that the Hospital return to the panel should further events occur. The panel received a further report of a “never event” in July 2011.

4. On the Horizon

4.1 The panel has a programme planned over the coming months which include –

- A review of urgent care in plymouth.
- The initial business plan for foundation trust status from Plymouth Hospitals Trust.
- 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 performance monitoring.
- A report of the work towards alcohol and tobacco harm reduction.

4.3 A Project Initiation Document (PID) has been approved to undertake a task and finish group on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults, amongst other things–

- To review and assess the adequacy of policies relating to the protection of whistleblowers.
- To review and assess the adequacy of the current unannounced
- To consider guidance and procedures and to be assured that care services are protecting vulnerable adults in a range of care settings.
- To understand the triggers for raising an alert
- To examine multi-agency alerting procedures for reporting alleged cases.

4.4 The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel looks forward to a challenging year which will focus on the changes being experienced in the Health sector and the impact on social care services. Public health transition into the local authority will also feature on the panel's agenda along with the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch. The panel will consider these strategic issues alongside service changes proposed by adult social care and health services 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, adult social care and public health. 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

Plymouth Priorities

Monitor performance against the relevant corporate priorities.

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.