Statement PCH

Plymouth City Council's Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) has prepared this statement following consideration of the Quality Accounts of Plymouth Community Healthcare on the 21 June 2012.

The panel was concerned that improvements in the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, which had been subject of a scrutiny task and finish group, had not been flagged as a priority for the forthcoming year and that the service received little exposure in the quality account document. The panel was also concerned that National Staff Survey results had seen a drop in the percentage of staff that had received infection control and diversity and equality training.

As a community interest company based within Plymouth and providing services to Plymouth residents the panel were concerned that city priorities and vision were lacking from the document. The panel felt that the document had been written in isolation, without reference to other health care providers in the city although this latter concern was allayed during debate and the panel were assured that dialogue had been ongoing with patient representatives.

The panel wish to congratulate Plymouth Community Healthcare for providing a document which aimed to be clear and easily understood by members of the public.