

SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL CARE)

WEDNESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor J Chapman in the Chair

Councillors B Chastney, P Ewens,
Mrs R Feldman, C Fox, A Gabriel,
T Hanley, V Morgan and F Robinson

CO-OPTED: Joy Fisher

MEMBERS

86 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Chapman declared a personal interest in the following items due to the fact she has a relative working at Leeds General Infirmary and also in home care provision:

- Item 7, Leeds Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board – Update Report – Minute No 90 refers
- Item 8, Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan: Update January 2010 – Minute No 91 refers
- Item 9, Scrutiny Inquiry – Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems – Working Group Update Report – Minute No 92 refers

Joy Fisher declared a personal interest in the following item due to her membership of the Leeds Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board

- Item 7, Leeds Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board – Update Report – Minute No 90 refers

87 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors McKenna and Taylor and Co-opted Member, Sally Morgan.

88 Minutes - 13th January 2010

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

89 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute No 71 – Recommendation Tracking – Major Adaptations for Disabled Adults

It was reported that the Chair had written to Aire Valley Homes regarding delivery performance and a meeting was to be scheduled.

Minutes approved at the meeting
held on Wednesday, 17th March, 2010

Minute No 82 – Transitional Arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care

It was reported that a copy of the report on transitional arrangements for foster children would be circulated to the Board as soon as it was completed.

90 Leeds Safeguarding Adult Partnership Board - Update Report

The report of the Director of Adult Social Services updated Members on how the respective partners to the Safeguarding Board had progressed against the work programme set out in the annual report of the Board published in May 2009 and how these in turn had responded to the recommendations of the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) Independence, Wellbeing and Choice area inspection conducted in the late summer of 2008.

The Chair welcomed Sandie Keene, Director of Adult Social Services and Hilary Paxton, Head of Safeguarding to the meeting.

The Board was informed that the report demonstrated positive progress on safeguarding for adults across the City. There had been a rise of the number of safeguarding referrals that had been concluded with a safeguarding plan for the individual concerned. With regards to the appointment of an Independent Chair for the Safeguarding Board, it was reported that this would be re-advertised as previous applicants did not meet the necessary thresholds.

In response to Members comments and questions, the following issues were discussed:

- It was hoped that an Independent Chair would be appointed in March and be in post for Summer 2010.
- Housing were represented on the Board and had both a commissioning and provision role. All directorates had a lead involvement.
- Lessons learned from 2 serious case reviews. Members attention was brought to the Serious Case Review Procedure that was appended to the report. The 2 serious cases reviewed were very different. Important factors included recognising risk and how to minimise and respond to it and how to create plans and work with other agencies.
- Procedures for initiating Serious Case Reviews. There was a Serious Case Review Group which made recommendations. Anybody could refer a safeguarding concern.

RESOLVED – That the report and discussion be noted.

91 Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan : Update January 2010

The report of the Deputy Director of Adult Social Services provided the Board with an update on information relating to the performance of Adult Social

Services against the action plan, formulated from the findings of the Independence Wellbeing and Choice Inspection undertaken by CSCI in August 2008.

Minutes of the Proposals Working Group and a summary report of progress on the action plan December 09/January 10 were appended to the report.

The Chair welcomed Dennis Holmes, Chief Officer – Commissioning and Stuart Cameron-Strickland, Head of Policy, Performance and Improvement to the meeting for this item.

It was reported that the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan had almost run its course and that the majority of targets had been completed. Areas of action still to be completed would be consumed within Adult Social Services performance management.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That future updates be reported with the quarterly performance reports.

92 Scrutiny Inquiry - Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems - Working Group Update Report

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development provided the Board with an update into the Inquiry into Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems. Terms of reference for the Inquiry and minutes of Working Group meetings were appended to the report.

The Chair welcomed John Lennon, Chief Officer, Access & Inclusion to the meeting.

In response to the request to highlight any further issues to be included in the Inquiry, strategies for resilience and support was raised. It was reported that this had been covered in the Working Group meetings.

It was reported that the Inquiry gave a good broad sweep across Adult Social Services particularly relating to independency and work with The Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust and other partners. Further issues raised included access to employment, leisure and affordable housing.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

93 Work Programme, Forward Plan of Key Decisions and Executive Board Minutes

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development contained the Board's Work Programme for the remainder of the current municipal year. Also contained within the report was the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and a copy of the latest Executive Board minutes.

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Members attention was brought to the Work Programme and the agenda for the Board's next meeting. Relevant issues within the Forward Plan and Executive Board minutes were also highlighted.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

94 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 17 March 2010 at 10.00 a.m. (Pre-meeting at 9.15 a.m. for all Board Members).