



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

Date: 20th August 2009

Subject: Older Peoples Day Services and Day Services for People with Learning Disabilities

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board meeting held on the 29th of July 2009 the board expressed concern about the planned closure of day centres, particularly as the closures may reduce the choices available to individuals. It was resolved that a special meeting would be held on Thursday 20th August 2009 to specifically look into this matter.

2.0 TRANSFORMATION OF DAY SERVICES

2.1) In 2005 the Green Paper "Independent Wellbeing and Choice" was published, closely followed in 2006 by the White Paper "Our Health, our Care, our Say : a new Direction for Community Services". These documents set out the need for a new direction for Community Services which responds to demographic changes in society and increasing expectations of convenience and customer service from the public. Significant recommendations were made to Local Authority and Health Services in respect of :

- Enabling health, independence and wellbeing for individuals and communities
- Better access to health services
- Better access to community services
- Support for people with longer-term needs
- Care " closer to home" (in communities rather than hospital or institutional settings)
- Giving people choice and control of their care arrangements

2.2) Included in the range of measures is the extension to the scope of Direct Payments and the implementation of individual budgets. These budgets consist of cash payments for care

which would provide individuals with the ability to procure and control their own care from various sources which may or may not include the local authority.

2.3) A number of reports have been brought before the Executive Board which details how Adult Social Services plan to transform services to meet legislative requirements and deliver services in the future. Reference is made within these reports to the future of day services.

3.0 FORMAT AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR THE MEETING

Appended to this report are the reports presented to the Executive Board since January 2008. These reports contextualize and define the future of day services for older people and those with learning disabilities. This appended information will be supported at the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board meeting of the 20th of August 2009 by a verbal and visual presentation by officers from the department of Adult Social Services.

The Executive Board reports are as follows:

3.1) *Transformation of Adult Social Care*

Appendix 1: 23rd January 2008 - Putting People First- Vision and Commitment to the Transformation of Adult Social Care.

3.2) *Day Services for People with Learning Disabilities*

Appendix 2: 8th February 2008 – Consultation Paper – Valuing People Now: From Progress to Transformation

Appendix 3: 14th January 2009 – Transforming day opportunities for people with Learning Disabilities

Appendix 4: Leeds Learning Disability Strategy 2009 -2012

3.3) *Day Services for Older People*

Appendix 5: 16th July 2008 – Older People’s Day Services – Service Improvement Plan

Appendix 6: 5th November 2008 – Older People’s Day Services – Service Improvement Plan

Appendix 7: 22nd July 2009 – From Day Centres to Day Services: Responding to the needs and preferences of older people.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

4.1) Consider the contents of the Executive Board reports appended and the supporting information presented.

4.2) Make comments and recommendations as appropriate.

5.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Executive Board Report - 23rd January 2008 - Putting People First- Vision and Commitment to the Transformation of Adult Social Care.