



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

Date: 9th September 2009

Subject: Terms of Reference – Inquiry into ‘Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems.’

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the 6th of May 2009 Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board meeting members expressed their concern at the lack of support for those individuals detained under the Mental Health Act and then discharged into the community. At that time it was felt that this area would be a potential item for the successor Board to consider.

The newly established Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board expressed interest in holding a major inquiry in relation to Mental Health Services for working aged adults at its meeting on the 17th of June 2009.

Members of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board are now asked to consider the proposed terms of reference.

Guidance has been sought from the Deputy Director of Strategic Commissioning and the Chief Officer for Access and Inclusion in order to recommend specific areas of focus for the inquiry.

In line with Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 12.4 the views of the relevant Director and Executive Member have been sought and views will be communicated to the board at the meeting September 2009 by the Principal Scrutiny Advisor. Full details will be available on request to the Scrutiny Support Unit.

2.0 SCOPE OF THE INQUIRY

2.1 It is recommended that the inquiry focuses on those who may require long term support, working age adults with severe and enduring mental health problems, rather than those with short term needs, paying attention to:

a) The current provision of care in Leeds and performance information.

- b) The pathways into support services.
- c) Choice and control for the individual or their representative.
- d) The different types and scope of services provided by Voluntary Community and Faith Sectors, Private Sector and the Council and how these compare in terms of quality and value for money. Identification of levels of need and capacity, potential duplication or an element of the service that is missing in the City.
- e) Current and planned service changes (directed nationally or locally) and how this will impact on service provision.

2.2 A scoping paper was presented to the Proposals Working Group for discussion on the 20th of July 2009, who recommended homelessness prevention was incorporated into the terms of reference.

3.0 TIMETABLE FOR THE INQUIRY AND SUBMISSION OF EVIDENCE

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- Integrated services – What does the Council provide with its partners and which defined services is the Council solely responsible for. What combination of initiatives, relationships and measures are in place to deliver services across sectors?
- Performance information – how do we compare to other service providers and/or other authorities.

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- Commissioning and Care Provision:
How do we prevent individuals discharged from hospital falling between services or getting lost in the system? What do we do to ensure care pathways are in place to facilitate care after discharge from hospital? How much choice and control is available to individuals or their representatives.
- The different types and scope of services provided by Voluntary Community and Faith Sectors, Private Sector, The NHS and the Council and how these compare in terms of quality and value for money. Identification of levels of need and capacity, potential duplication or an element of the service that is missing in the City.

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- Recovery Model - How do we reduce the negative outcomes such as relapse, demoralisation, disengagement, homelessness, worklessness, violent behaviour, re – hospitalisation? How do we stop people from being vulnerable to social exclusion and stigma? How do we reduce risk for carers (who may be LCC employees) and families?

Time to Change representatives to be invited to this session,

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- Department of Health - New Horizons, Towards a shared vision for mental health.
- Current and planned service changes (directed nationally or locally) and how this will impact on service provision.

There is a range of available approaches to evidence gathering which the Board could seek to adopt as part of the scrutiny inquiry process. Approaches include:

- Discussion with key stakeholders
- Visits to selected establishments, as appropriate, to engage with service users and staff
- Visits to and/or discussions with other organisations identified as delivering best practice, as appropriate

4.0 WITNESSES

4.1 The following witnesses have been identified as possible contributors to the Inquiry:

- Time to Change Representatives
- NHS Leeds
- Experts from Experience
- Leeds City Council Employees
- Mental Health Trust Representatives

5.0 WORKING GROUP

5.1 The Board has agreed that a working group arrangement will be put into place to allow the inquiry to proceed more quickly than through formal Board meetings. The working group will consider evidence and question key witnesses

5.2 Representatives from the Health Scrutiny Board will be requested to participate in the inquiry as members of the working group.

6.0 POST INQUIRY REPORT MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

6.1 Following the completion of the Scrutiny inquiry and the publication of the final inquiry report and recommendations, the implementation of the agreed recommendations will be monitored by the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board (or its successor) or a specific working group as stipulated by the board.

6.2 The final inquiry report will include information on the detailed arrangements for how the implementation of recommendations will be monitored.

7.0 MEASURES OF SUCCESS

7.1 It is important to consider how the Scrutiny Board will deem if their inquiry has been successful in making a difference to local people. Some measures of success may be obvious at the initial stages of an inquiry and can be included in these terms of reference. Other measures of success may become apparent as the inquiry progresses and discussions take place.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

8.1 Note the information contained within this report, make further recommendation to update the terms of reference where necessary and agree the terms of reference for the Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems inquiry.

8.2 Note that the terms of reference may incorporate additional information during the inquiry should the working group or the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board identify any further scope for inquiry within the area of Supporting Working Age Adults with Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems.

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None