
OVERVIEW OF ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Purpose of Report

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Adult Services Portfolio:

Learning Disabilities

2. Presentation of certificates of achievement at the Christmas presentation evening held at the Gateway Club on 6 December.
3. Consultation events with service users and carers in respect of the future of Learning Disability services held on 12 and 13 December. Feedback from these sessions will inform the commissioning strategy which is being developed as part of the action plan to achieve a Section 31 Agreement in partnership with the PCT and Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Trust.

Integration with the PCT

4. Work ongoing to develop a matrix to enable prioritisation of the key products of this project. Project Plan for Learning Disabilities is well established and on-target, plans for other areas eg Older Persons services to be developed.

Performance

5. Adult services have successfully been awarded the highest level of 'three stars' by CSCI following the annual review of performance. The framework for assessing performance will be changing next year and work is already underway to ensure continuous improvement within the service.

Engagements

6. I have undertaken the following:
 - 27 November – GOLD photoshoot
 - 4 December – Learning Disability Partnership Board
 - 11 December – Introductory Meeting with new managers in Adult social Care

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