
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. South Park - consultation with Beck House service users and staff taking place on Monday 12 February. Further consultation events are planned with carers, neighbours, stakeholders and Elected Members. Work is well underway to identify an appropriate alternative base for the 24 remaining people whose needs will not be met at South Park.

Mental Health

3. Mental Health Validation Board met Monday 12 February, to undertake the Autumn Assessment.

Older Persons/People with Disabilities

4. Adult Social Services staff are engaged with a proposal from the Acute Trust that a Discharge Suite be established at DMH. This is a positive move, as it will give better planned and executed discharges, which should be more cost effective, and should lessen pressure upon the Intermediate Care Service. The impact upon our Discharge Management Team is being worked-through.
5. Integrated Support Workers - three secondees have been recruited with a further four posts in recruitment. This service will provide intensive, targeted domiciliary support to individuals identified as at high risk. It is anticipated that this will give improved outcomes for the service users and carers, and less unplanned demand upon social care and health services.

Adult Protection

6. Work is underway to ensure that our AP structure is fully reflective of the most recent guidance in this respect.

Integration with the PCT

7. Work to develop a matrix to enable prioritisation of the key products of this project continues, but has inevitably been affected by the reorganisation of the PCT, and the redeployment of key personnel. Project Plan for Learning Disabilities is well established and on-target, plans for other areas e.g. Older Persons services to be developed.

Engagements

8. I have undertaken the following:

- 22 January – Cabinet/Development Day.
- 24 January – Members Training and Development on Adult Social Care
- 31 January – Adult Services Star Rating Event
- 5 February – Learning Disability Partnership Board
- 5 February – Special SAH Scrutiny Meeting
- 7 February – Older Persons Strategy
- 13 February – SAH Training
- 26 February – Adult Social Care Staff Briefing
- 27 February – SAH Meeting with John Saxby

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