

**CHILDREN AND HEALTH
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 13st June 2012**

PRESENT – Councillors O’Keefe, Evans, Entwistle, Patel, Riley, D. Smith, Groves, Brookfield, Taylor, Walsh, Hussain, D. Foster.

Also Present –

Councillor M. Bateson	Executive Member Children’s Services
Councillor M. Khan	Executive Member Adult Social Care
Mike Zammit	Link Chief Officer
Janie Berry	Senior Supporting Officer
Mohsin Mulla	Scrutiny Officer
Gladys Rhodes-White	Strategic Director Children Services and Education
Sally McIvor	Director of Adult Commissioning and
B. Simpson	Chair of School Governor Forum
Patricia Harrison	Roman Catholic Diocese
Paul Hopley	BwD Teaching Care Trust Plus
Emma Foster	Lancashire Care Foundation Trust

Cllr Roy Davies, Brian Spencer, Bryan Hammond attended for Item on Dementia update.

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and received apologies from Councillors Mahmood, Julie Slater, Denise Gee, John Slater, Pearson, Dominic Harrison and F. Kershaw were recorded.

2 Minutes of Meeting held on 13th June 2012

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

Declarations of Interest received from:

Councillor Taylor – Personal Interest – Adult Social Care

4 Work of the Executive

4.1 **New arrangements for Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny:**

The LINK Chief Officer updated the Committee of the main changes approved at Annual Council held on 17th May 2012.

The key changes outlined to the Committee were

- That the Culture Leisure and Sport Portfolio, now resides in the remit of the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- That the Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meets eight times during the 2012/13 year.
- That the Corporate Parenting Committee becomes a sub-committee of the Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board present to the C&H OSC a minimum of two times in the municipal year.

4.2 **Forward Plan**

The Committee was provided with an updated Forward Plan for Children's Services.

The Executive Members updated the Committee of their key decision via the Forward Plan for the next 6 months.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the new arrangements for Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny be noted.
- 2) That the forward plan be noted for Children's Services and Adult Social Care

5 Priorities and Risk Report for the Municipal year 2012/13

Children's Services Portfolio

The Executive Member for Children's Services presented to the Committee her key priorities and risks for the year ahead and circulated a one page overview of her departments business plan.

The key priorities were:

- Safeguarding children and young people
- Improving educational attainment, including narrowing the gap
- Strengthening the voice of the child and increasing its impact
- Delivering 0-25 integrated services including vulnerable learners
- Agree a deliverable early help strategy

The Key risks were:

- Social care capacity / demand
- Inspection, including school inspections
- Demand for placement / caseloads
- Delivery of further budget reduction

The Committee then held a discussion with the Executive Member on their priorities and risks for the year.

Adult Social Care Portfolio

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care updated the Committee on his key priorities and risk for the year ahead.

The key priorities were:

- Safeguarding children and young people, Expanding person centred services
- Focus on preventative support
- Capacity building in the community to support its own older and vulnerable population
- Integrated commissioning and delivery
- Safeguarding across the wider community – safeguarding is everyone's business
- Driving up the quality in services and across the care sector

The Key risks were:

- Lack of resources
- Reducing the demand for social care support
- Managing the risks to the most vulnerable people within available resource

The Committee then held a discussion with the Executive Member on their priorities and risks for the year.

RESOLVED

1) That the Executive Members be thanked for their attendance.

6 Dementia - Update

Members received an update from the Head of Programmes from Blackburn with Darwen CT+ and from the Assistant Director for Lancashire Care Foundation Trust on the reconfiguration of inpatient Mental Health Services.

Members were informed that the Dementia 'case for change' was around:

- Good quality early diagnosis and intervention for all

- Improved quality of care in general hospitals
- Living well with dementia in care homes and the community
- Reduced use of antipsychotic medication.

It was reported to the Committee that commissioners are looking to launch a scheme at the Royal Blackburn Hospital called the Butterfly Scheme (National Commissioning for quality and innovation (CQUIN) – Dementia, this has been piloted in Blackpool) which would help in early diagnosis as it would target everyone admitted to hospital to have a Dementia assessment.

Professor Alastair Burns who is the National Dementia Champion has supported NHS Lancashire in preparation prior to the formal consultation, which would be due out in the latter part of 2012.

A number of questions were raised by the Committee and answered by the Lancashire Care and NHS BwD, key question raised were:

- Dementia Beds
- GPs role in supporting early diagnosis, intervention
- Transport for family and carers
- Use of new drugs to support people with Dementia
- And impact of future demand with regards to new Butterfly scheme.

RESOLVED –

- 1) That Lancashire Care and NHS BwD be thanked for their update to the Committee and the Dementia T&F group.
- 2) That the update be noted.
- 3) That Lancashire Care and NHS BwD formally respond to the questions raised by the Committee and the responses be circulated to the Committee and the Task and Finish Group.

7 Committees' Work Programme

The Committee considered how best to organise itself for its work programme for the year ahead, key issues discussed were:

- how it should split up into Task and Finish Groups
- how many members would be needed
- what topics to look at
- which Committee Members would be appointed on which Task and Finish Group

Provisional Adults Group:

- 1) Cllr Ron O'Keeffe - Chair
- 2) Cllr David Pearson

- 3) Cllr Eileen Entwistle
- 4) Cllr John Slater
- 5) Cllr Shaukhat Hussain
- 6) Cllr Jamie Groves
- 7) Cllr Stephanie Brookfield
- 8) Cllr David Foster
- 9) Mr Bob Simpson

Provisional Children's Group:

- 1) Cllr Phil Riley - Chair
- 2) Cllr Julie Slater
- 3) Cllr Denise Gee
- 4) Cllr Brian Taylor
- 5) Cllr Abdul Patel
- 6) Cllr Tom Evans
- 7) Cllr Carol Walsh
- 8) Cllr Dave Smith
- 9) Cllr Arshid Mahmood

RESOLVED –

- 1) That the Committee split into two Task and Finish Groups
 - Children's
 - Adults
- 2) That the Committee would look at the following topics for Children's Service's: Safeguarding Children and young people and Strengthening the voice of the child and increasing its impact,
- 3) That the Committee would look at the following topics for Adult Social Care: Safeguarding across the wider community and Integrated commissioning and delivery,
- 4) That the Chair of the Adult Task and Finish Group will send out an e-mail to his Members with provisional dates for future meetings,
- 5) That the Scrutiny Officer informs the Executive Members of the Committees decision and request for short briefing papers on the relevant topics chosen,

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....

