

**CHILDREN AND HEALTH
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Wednesday 12th December 2012**

PRESENT – Councillors O’Keeffe (Chair), Riley, Brookfield, Entwistle, Evans, D Foster, Gee, Patel, Pearson, D. Smith, Pearson and Taylor.

Co-optees - *F Kershaw, B Simpson.*

Also Present –

Cllr M Khan	Executive Member for Adult’s Services
Steve Tingle	Director of Adult Commissioning and Personalisation
Gifford Kerr	Consultant in Public Health
Mike Zammit	Link Chief Officer
Janie Berry	Senior Support Officer
Ben Aspinall	Scrutiny Manager
Michelle Arthur	Democratic Services Officer

RESOLUTIONS

31. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillors Groves, S Hussain, J Slater and P Harrison (Co-optee).

32. Minutes of Meeting held on 19th November 2012

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

33. Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

No Declarations of Interest were received.

34. Committee Work Programme 2012/2013

The Chair thanked the Executive Member for Adult’s Services for attending the meeting and providing an update report on the progress of the recommendations made by the Children and Health Committee Work Programme 2011/2012.

The Chair invited questions from the Committee and in response to queries raised by Members, the Director of Adult Commissioning and Personalisation

informed the Committee, that Telecare is a technical response to some kind of emergency to raise an alert and this was being used as a mechanism to help people stay in their homes longer. He also explained that Telehealth involved a range of detectors relevant to the individual for example a blood pressure detector, which is monitored and if blood pressure is increased, a signal is sent that raises an alert. This helps the individual manage their own condition and clinicians can gauge when they need to see the individual and when they don't. Members were also informed that the cost of Telecare is around £300 per person per year and currently free to people who meet the criteria, but this saves around £5,000 per year in health care costs that would otherwise have to be spent on the individual.

The Executive Member for Adult's Services informed the Committee in response to queries, that in its first year of development the Centre for Independent Living (CIL) has been working at strategic level and the Board is currently made up of a range of partners such as Age UK, community members, housing organisations, Mind, Peer Network and a number of independent organisations. That whilst CIL was still struggling to appoint an independent chair, the organisation was on track to open the premises on Town Hall Street. Members were also provided with the future vision for the centre, that it was seeking to expand the service by having outreach services in a further 2 or 3 areas including Darwen and that it was working towards a new "Preventative" Agenda involving 10 to 12 integrated public health services.

In response to queries raised by Members as to whether Personal budgets are being used appropriately, the Director of Adult Commissioning and Personalisation informed Members that this is an area of risk and that Councillors will be invited to the training sessions should the training sessions be run again in order to raise awareness of Personal budgets.

35. Committee Work Programme 2012/ 2013

The Chair provided the Committee with an update on the work of the Children's and Adult's Task Groups. This included the recommendations that the Task Groups had developed on their first work topics of the year as follows:

- Safeguarding Children and Young People – Children's Task Group
- Safeguarding across the wider Community – Adult's Task Group.

The Chair of the Children's Task Group informed Members that the recommendations of the Work Topic on Children's Safeguarding, underpinned the need for Children's Services to demonstrate value for money in the context of the future budget cuts at the same time as being mindful of the Ofsted arrangements and the Council being judged on related organisations as well as its own performance.

After consideration of the recommendations, Members raised some queries regarding the use of Pupil Premium and it was agreed that the recommendation should be re-worded by changing safeguarding to development.

The Chair of the Committee and Adult's Task Group informed Members that the Task Group had received several presentations from internal services and various external organisations/agencies on the area of Adult's Safeguarding. He also stated that, unlike Children's Safeguarding, Adult's Safeguarding is not protected by an Act of Parliament and therefore the recommendations have been developed in order to try to ensure that the profile of Adult's Safeguarding is raised across the wider community, to help with engaging the community in this Agenda.

RESOLVED

- That Key Recommendation 2 - regarding Pupil Premium in the Report of Children's Task Group should read "development" not safeguarding.
- That the Key Recommendations in the Report of Children's and Adult's Task Groups are endorsed subject to the amendment to the Children's Safeguarding report as stated above.

36. The Committees Work Programme for the remainder of the year 2012/2013

The Chair of the Committee and Adult's Task Group informed Members that the topic of Adult's Safeguarding across the wider community was reviewed and this included receiving information on Integrated Commissioning. This evidenced that the service was high performing compared with neighbouring authorities. The Chair stated that he felt there would be no benefit in reviewing this as a second work topic for the Adult's Task Group and as the Committee was to receive a presentation on Public Health at the next meeting of the Committee on the 16th January 2013, a decision could therefore be made on the second review topic for Adult's Services after receiving and considering this information.

The Chair asked if any Members wished to change to a different Task Group to inform the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That a decision on the second topic for the Adult's Task Group to be made after the meeting on the 16th January 2013.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....