

Membership

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Councillors

Ged Clarke (Chairman)
Fiona Asbury (Vice-Chair)

- Victor Bobo
- John Clarke
- Barrie Cooper
- Mike Cox
- Jim Creamer
- Bob Cross
- Vincent Dobson
- Rod Kempster
- Geoff Merry
- Carol Pepper
- Tom Pettengell
- Alan Rhodes
- Mel Shepherd
- Chris Winterton
- Brian Wombwell

Other members in attendance

Philip Owen

Officers

Steve Edwards - Service Director, Children's Social Care
Jon Wilson - Service Director, Personal Care and Support (Younger Adults)
Paul Davies - Governance Officer

Others in attendance

Ruth Rigby - NHS Nottinghamshire County

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2011 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bobo (unwell), Creamer (other reason) and Pettengell (unwell).

3. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Joint Commissioning Strategy Report

Ruth Rigby introduced the progress report on the Joint Commissioning Strategy. Good progress was being made in most areas, apart from the Older People's Mental Health category in relation to the development of an acute care liaison team. Additional funding had now been allocated to the service, pending decisions about its long term future.

Ms Rigby referred to activity arising from the Health and Social Care Bill. Under the bill, joint commissioning would be a responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Nottinghamshire would have six clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), each of which would be represented on joint commissioning groups. A shadow health and wellbeing strategy was under development, and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment would be refreshed by the end of December.

Members commented on the report and presentation.

- How would the Joint Commissioning Strategy be scrutinised once it came under the Health and Wellbeing Board? - Councillor Ged Clarke saw no need for further regular updates to the Standing Committee, unless members identified specific areas of concern. He was unsure of the committee's responsibilities regarding scrutiny of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Jon Wilson referred to a report about the Board due at the January meeting of the Standing Committee.
- One CCG representative would represent all the CCGs on each joint commissioning group. Would the other five CCGs feel sufficiently represented? - Ms Rigby stated that the CCGs had agreed this arrangement among themselves. Each CCG had a lead responsibility for certain functions and a responsibility to liaise with other CCGs. These were not unlike the arrangements previously, when there had been seven PCTs. She offered to inform members of the lead responsibilities.

It was agreed to note the progress report, and that no further reports to the Standing Committee be required for the time being, given that the Health and Wellbeing Board now had responsibility for joint commissioning.

5. Care to Independence Review: Portfolio Holder's Response to Recommendations

Councillor Owen briefly introduced the report, which showed that he accepted all the recommendations of the review apart from the first. This recommendation was that central government should be asked to consider allowing care leavers to retain their welfare benefits if they continued in education. Councillor Owen explained that lobbying was already in place, and the County Council could provide some financial assistance to care leavers. In reply to a question, Councillor Owen stated that large scale changes to

Connexions were in train. However, support to young people not in employment, education or training would continue. Steve Edwards added that the Aftercare Service would continue to have education, employment and training advisors.

It was agreed to note the portfolio holder's response to the review.

6. Work Programme

A copy of the committee's work programme for 2011/12 had been circulated.

Members noted that the West Bridgford GPs Merger and Relocation Review Group had met on 8 November. The review group had concluded that it had been properly consulted about the proposal, that the proposal was in the interests of the local health service, and that there was satisfactory consultation with the public.

There would be an extra meeting of the Standing Committee on 6 December to discuss Bassetlaw Clinical Services.

The agenda for 9 January 2012 would include a briefing on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It was agreed to approve the work programme.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.

CHAIR