

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2013
<b>Subject:</b>	Scrutiny Lead Member Report
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Strategic Commissioning
<b>Scrutiny Lead Member area:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health and Social Care</li><li>• Environment and Enterprise</li></ul>
<b>Exempt:</b>	No
<b>Enclosures:</b>	Reports from the Scrutiny Lead Members

**Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations**

The report accompanies the reports from the Scrutiny Lead Members.

**Recommendations:**

The Committee is requested to consider the reports from the Scrutiny Lead Members and agree the actions proposed therein.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

This report outlines details of the work of the Scrutiny Lead Members.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report

### **Performance Issues**

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

### **Environmental Impact**

There is no environmental impact associated with this report

### **Risk Management Implications**

There are no risks associated with this report.

### **Equalities implications**

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No

This report outlines the activities of the scrutiny lead councillors; it makes no proposals to change service delivery.

### **Corporate Priorities**

The Scrutiny Lead Members' responsibilities cover all areas of the council's activity.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

Not required for this report.

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background**

### **Papers**

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**Background Papers:** None

## **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY LEADS BRIEFING – 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2013**

### **Attendees**

Councillor Ben Wealthy, Lead for Health and Social Care

Councillor Janet Mote, Lead for Health and Social Care

Councillor Vina Mithani, Chair of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Paul Najsarek, Corporate Director Community Health and Wellbeing

Bernie Flaherty, Director Adult Social Services

Felicity Page, Senior Professional Scrutiny

### **Developments in Adults Services - directorate update**

#### Performance and finance

- NHS Harrow Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commenced in April 2013 with a £20m budget overspend. In May, following a number of savings and support from NHS England, this decreased to a £10m overspend. The CCG will present a plan to NHS England in July on how future savings can be made. It is however anticipated in the remaining saving that £1.8m of costs could shift to the Local Authority via Continuing Care cases.
- Pressures on A&E at Northwick Park were discussed. Members were advised that there are a range of 'out of hours' services available in Harrow which are currently not as well known by residents as we would like. The Integrated Care Pilot, plans to assist in escalating this communication and hopefully reduce unnecessary admissions to hospital.

#### Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 4 2012/13

There are several indicators linked to the performance of health and social care presented on the *Supporting and protecting people who are most in need* corporate scorecard. Leads were advised that:

- On Personal Budgets, the national target was originally 100% however later on in the year the target decreased to 70%. Harrow's performance around personal budgets exceeded this and is rated within the top ten across the country.
- The Council perform consistently well on the Carers with Services indicator. However, acknowledgement was made that more work could be done around identifying younger carers. Members acknowledged this was a problem area for every Council but nonetheless agreed this was an important area to monitor.
- % of adults with learning disabilities and mental health in paid employment continue to be high – Harrow is the top performing borough in London.

#### Key areas of activity

- Mental Health Partners CNWL– working closely on a review of the whole service. This is expected to complete in 3 months time.
- Residential day services – Implementing cabinet decision
- Safeguarding – external audits are underway and other areas of preparation are being done ready for the review in November.

- My Community E-Purse – Hope to have full roll out of this exciting social care portal that supports users to have the desire to have control over their PB's in September

### **Policy horizon scanning - relevant policy issues/implications at national and local level**

- Health and social care integration – an ambitious pioneer programme is underway for 8 boroughs in NW London to submit a pioneer bid for a new integration model for 2014/15. – agreed by the HWBB
- The Care Bill merges 40 laws into 1 Bill. Issues covered include; a person's rights to a personal budget, changes to care eligibility; wellbeing and prevention; information and advice being critical; person being involved with outcomes, adult safeguarding becoming a statutory function. Key provisions of the bill include:
  - Every person with eligible needs has the right to receive a personal budget
  - Carer's right to receive support for eligible needs
  - Portability between local authorities
  - National eligibility criteria
  - The 'Dilnot' £72k care cap
  - A new focus on people's wellbeing (i.e. new duty re: information and advice)
  - The person to be involved in outcomes focused assessment
  - Deferred payments
  - Market shaping responsibility

Members discussed this and agreed that whilst the outcome brings with it a mixed reaction it doesn't remove the issue that social care is under funded. The target to implement these changes has been set by Government for 2015 and is anticipated to affect several thousand Harrow residents.

## **ENVIRONMENT AND ENTERPRISE SCRUTINY LEADS BRIEFING – 29<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013**

Present: Councillor O'Dell, Councillor Wright  
Caroline Bruce, Philip Hamberger, Simone van Elk

### **Review of actions last meeting**

- Schedule for disposals was discussed with members at the meeting.
- Information on the Xcite scheme had featured in the written members' briefing of June
- Members were informed about the distribution of the Smartwater property marking kits prior to the meeting. Currently approximately 38% of Harrow's households have had a Smartwater kit installed against a target of 50%.
- The final version of the service plan was distributed at the meeting.

### **Towards Excellence Programme (the new name for PRISM) - update**

The Towards Excellence Programme replaces and expands PRISM. The three projects under PRISM were Restructure, New ways of working and Technology. The Towards Excellence Programme also includes the projects of Service review and Operational improvement. The vision for the programme is Great leadership, Confident staff and Services we can be proud of. The re-launch of the programme includes separate meetings with each team in the directorate and the entire programme is scheduled to be completed in March 2014.

### **Finance monitoring report**

The Finance monitoring report was briefly discussed. Members were also informed about the trial of 20 minutes free parking in Rayners Lane. The trial will gauge how people's behaviour is affected by the changes in parking rules and the impacts on parking revenue. The trial will start in September and be reported on to Cabinet in October.

### **Service plan – final version**

The service plans identify how the directorate will implement the priorities set out in the Corporate Plan. Decisions about these priorities are made when the corporate plan is decided on. The performance management team is currently working on changes to the corporate and directorate scorecards.

The service plan would often be used in conjunction with budget setting as part of an integrated planning process, but the budget setting for the next council year (2014-15) will only be a light touch review because the Medium Term Financial Strategy has previously set out the budget for 2013-14 and 2014-15.

### **Matters for corporate director to raise**

The regeneration strategy will set out a long term vision for the council to support regeneration in the borough and as such may be an interesting topic for scrutiny to review.