

PARTNERSHIP BOARD
 Harrow Chief Executive Update
 18th October 2010

Introduction
This report provides an update of the issues considered by the Harrow Chief Executives' meeting held on the 27 th September, 2010.
Proposed Action
That the report is noted
What are you asking the Partnership Board to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Note the report

Summary of the Issues

The HCE Meeting held on 27th September was a Performance Morning considering progress on the LAA, the Partnership's priorities and progress on the LAA Reward Funded projects.

The following discussion and action points arose from the last HCE meeting:

Performance Report

The proposed housing reforms that include the introduction of housing benefit caps will potentially have serious implications for Harrow's partners. This includes a potential increase in demand for partner's services, including children's, health, social care, employment and crime. HCE requested the Policy and Partnership Team to co-ordinate the collation of existing analysis on the implications of the proposed reforms for Harrow and present the findings to the next HCE meeting in November.

NHS Harrow circulated the Health Inequalities Strategy delivery plan for comment. It was agreed that all partners will review the delivery plan and ensure there is a clear understanding on who within their organisations will lead on the actions and also consider any potential resource implications.

Harrow Police indicated that future MPA funding for sporting activities targeted at reducing crime may cease. Partners were therefore requested to consider how sporting activities in the borough could be maintained. It was agreed that Harrow Police and the Partnership Development and Performance Division will look at commissioning a research project to review what activities are directly connected to reducing crime and therefore prioritised for continuation.

A discussion was held on how partners could further integrate front end access points alongside the Council's Customer Contact Assess and Decide project. Opportunities around GP commissioning, Safer Neighbourhood Centres and the voluntary sector was discussed.

The Local Area Agreement indicator, emergency bed days is significantly over performing, which is creating a major drain on resources. The increase in emergency bed days is a national issue but appears to be particularly high in Harrow. HCE have requested further detail from NHS Harrow on these figures to enable a discussion on how partners could beneficially influence this indicator.

Management Group Governance

In light of a number of fundamental policy changes and agency reforms it was agreed that HCE members will undertake a light review of existing membership of the five management groups to ensure they are being attended by the right representatives. Following the Comprehensive Spending Review announcements it was agreed that a more fundamental review of the management groups be undertaken alongside a review of the Partnership at the beginning of 2011. The purpose of the review will be to reduce any unnecessary groups and ensure the structure of the HSP is aligned with the priorities and direction of the Partnership.

It was also agreed that HCE will hold an extended meeting on the 8th November to review the Comprehensive Spending Review, the implications of the CSR and the future direction of the Partnership. This will feed into any further discussion at the HSP Summit on the 22nd November.