



HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Update from Harrow Chief Executives
14th December 2010

Introduction
This report provides an update of the issues considered by the Harrow Chief Executives' meeting held on 29 th November, 2010
Proposed Action
That the report is noted.
What are you asking the Partnership Board to do
Note the report.

Summary of the Issue

While the meeting of Harrow Chief Executives held on 29th November 2010 was a performance meeting, it also dealt with a range of other matters.

Safeguarding

The Board considered the outcomes of a recent Safeguarding Improvement Team report which followed a visit to NHS Harrow and highlighted some areas for attention. Together with issues highlighted in Ofsted reports about the Council's provision, the report considered that elements of operational partnership working could be improved; the resources directed to safeguarding should be reviewed and benchmarked against other partnerships and that greater clarity should be established about roles and connections both within and between partner organisations.

HCE has agreed to establish a Chief Officers Board comprising Michael Lockwood, Dal Babu, Mark Easton, Julie Lowe, Chief Executive, Ealing Hospital NHS Trust, Fiona Wise and Catherine Doran to progress this matter firstly by establishing terms of reference for the development of a single action plan spanning all relevant organisations and then commissioning, Carline Healey, the new Chair of the Harrow Local Safeguarding Children Board to produce it.

Integrated Targeted Services for Children Review

The meeting received a report that identified through research the need to work in partnership more effectively and use the increasingly limited resources more efficiently to deliver good services for vulnerable children, young people and families. The proposed approach to achieve this is to establish a single front door for services to ensure a coherent response to needs from all relevant teams and organisations.

The meeting supported the direction of the review and asked for more details as they become available.

Performance Report

The meeting considered the Quarterly Performance Report, which is attached as an appendix to this report.

The meeting agreed the following in response to the recommendations contained in the report:

Recommendation	Decision
A cross-partner task and finish group be developed to ensure the implications of housing and welfare changes for all partners are considered. This group to be led by the Councils Housing Team.	Agreed
Fiona Wise to provide an update on the position of the Hospital Trust in relation to special needs transport	Fiona Wise to identify the dates on which central or regional contracts for services that could be procured locally expire and the Council to check with the London procurement project the scope for joint local purchasing
NHS Harrow to forward their action plan for the Carbon Reduction Commitment	Andrew Howe to resend to Andrew Baker and Alex Dewsnap
Mark Easton and/or nominated colleagues to liaise with Catherine Doran	Maternity data report to be shared with the Council
HCE members to provide a verbal update on the progress against the Health Inequalities Strategy.	Update after discussions on the new Health and Well-being Board and Heath White Paper (Andrew Howe)
Mark Easton and Michael Lockwood to provide a progress update on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board at the next HCE meeting	Meeting arranged for 13 th December 2010
Remove the redundancies indicator from the HCE scorecard.	Agreed (Trina Thompson)
HCE members to review their procurement policies in light of the need to support local businesses and provide	Agreed

skills training opportunities, especially for young people.	
HCE members to encourage Harrow based business start up and employment providers to register as potential subcontractors to deliver the Work Programme	Agreed
HCE to endorse the approach of developing a Work Programme charter	Agreed
Harrow Council and Harrow in Business to continue lobbying for inclusion of a West London delegate on the London LEP board who is representative of the views and interests of all West London boroughs	Agreed
For the Council to continue working with partners, including Northwick Park Hospital Trust and schools to minimise carbon emissions in line with HCE's Climate Change priority.	Agreed
Partners to provide comment on the draft Affordable Warmth Strategy once released in January.	Agreed. Officers to investigate the potential for security works to be undertaken with energy saving or insulation works
Safer Harrow Management Group to provide an update on Alley Gating project at the next HCE Performance Meeting	Agreed
Safer Harrow Management Group to provide HCE with a 6 month evaluation report on the current distribution of Smartwater and the impact of Smartwater on safety and burglary in the borough.	Research provided for in the Smartwater contract
JATCG to provide an update on action taken to reduce the increase in thefts of and from vehicles	Agreed

Research Opportunities – Knowledge Exchange

The meeting heard from representatives of the University of Westminster about research arrangements, which could facilitate academics leading projects to identify local solutions to selected problems using, at least in part, Research Council funding.

The meeting welcomed the increased partnership awareness of the possibilities for collaboration with Universities generally and the University of Westminster in particular. The meeting also agreed to reflect on what subject or subjects could most benefit from the Knowledge Exchange approach and asked for details of some completed projects including those where the outcomes that had been achieved.

Information Sharing Protocol

The Framework Protocol covering sharing information between partners to benefit service planning and delivery was approved.