

REPORT FOR: **CABINET**

Date of Meeting: 19 July 2012

Subject: **INFORMATION REPORT** – Harrow
Partnership Board

Responsible Officer: Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive

Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary

This report summarises discussion at the meeting of the Partnership Board held on 28th June, 2012

FOR INFORMATION

Section 2 – Report

Background

The Partnership Board comprises representatives of the Council, the Police, the Health Service, Business and the voluntary and community sector. It meets to consider issues that will influence the future of the borough and consider how they take forward the ambitions set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. After each Board meeting, a report of the business considered is made to Cabinet for information.

Current situation

At the Board's most recent meeting on 28th June, papers were considered relating to the future of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital (RNOH), the Out of Hospital Strategy, the New Policing Model and Putting Families First – Harrow's approach to the Government's Troubled Families Initiative. The meeting also received an update from the most recent meeting of Harrow Chief Executives.

RNOH

The Chief Executive of the RNOH and colleagues associated with the proposed redevelopment of the hospital outlined the reasons for the proposed works including replacing wards built for temporary wartime use only, rationalizing car parking and movement around the site and bringing the standard of buildings and equipment up to the standard of the care and expertise that had made the Hospital one of the top three Orthopaedic Hospitals in the world. The Hospital had previously obtained planning consent for rebuilding but now needed a different design to achieve the best outcome.

The proposed redevelopment was outlined and the Partnership Board commented on the importance of the hospital to Harrow and to the Country, the financial arrangements to secure the redevelopment including the provision of enabling residential accommodation and the increased access to the open space within the site.

Out of Hospital Strategy

The Board received and discussed a presentation on the future of health care and the benefits, both clinical and financial, of delivering as much care as possible in patients' own homes. This will be the subject of further reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Partnership Board and Cabinet in the future.

New Policing Model

The Borough Commander reported that the Commissioner's New Policing Model had been delayed but would be announced soon and become operational after the Olympics. Current indications were that recent reductions in the number of Sergeants in the Safer Neighbourhood Teams would be reversed. Other implications would not be available until the model was published.

Putting Families First – Harrow's approach to the Government's Troubled Families Initiative

The Board received a report on the Troubled Families Initiative, in part because of LLA funding of the associated Top Families project. This in-depth look at the way in which the public and voluntary and community sectors work with families has been merged with the Government initiative and it is proposed that a new way of working is trialed involving working with the whole family rather than one or more service user from any family. This will include using a family partnership model.

Due to the time devoted to previous items, consideration of this report was deferred.

Harrow Chief Executives

Harrow Chief Executives had considered many of the same items that formed the Board's agenda but had also looked at progress with LAA funded schemes concerned with Reablement and Telehealth. In the first case, a project plan had been submitted showing expenditure of the capital award by September 2012 for the creation of Intermediate care beds to support the Reablement Programme.

In relation to Telehealth, the meeting received assurances that, despite delays due to the changing pattern of health delivery and the development of the Out of Hospital Strategy, work was now advancing on specifying the exact nature of the equipment to be purchased with the capital award. Spending should be achieved within the current calendar year.

Section 4 – Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications of these decisions although monitoring the LAA spend might result in allocated sums being repaid which might enable other schemes to be progressed. Similarly, the working arrangements for projects under the Community Budgets umbrella may have financial implications which will be reported as schemes are developed for detailed consideration.

Section 5 - Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? No. A full EqIA will be undertaken in relation to the Troubled Families programme before the Council's approach is implemented.

Section 6 – Corporate Priorities

The Partnership's priorities support aspects of all of the Council's Corporate Priorities

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Date: 4 July 2012

Section 7 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: HSP Board agenda 28th June 2012