



Executive Partnership Board

Report

Title: Physical and Sensory Disability Partnership Board Update for 3rd quarter 2011

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Board meeting held on 25 November 2011

The agenda covered the following items, including the key points and agreed actions:

1. Scrutiny and Transport for Buckinghamshire Services

Ben Cahill, Policy Officer, Overview & Scrutiny, Policy and Performance explained that a Task and Finish group was undertaking a scrutiny review of the highways maintenance services provided by the County Council, including resurfacing roads, fixing potholes, grass cutting, road safety, gully/drain clearance, winter maintenance and crossings. The group wanted to gather a wide range of views concerning public perceptions on the effectiveness and efficiency of these services.

Board members gave their comments and it was agreed for Ben to develop a questionnaire for the board to complete.

2. Dignity in Care

Maxine Foster gave an update on Dignity in Care including the action plan and the work of the sub group which reports to the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board. National Dignity in Action Day on 01 February 2012 was highlighted.

The board was asked to nominate a user & carer representative to sit on the Dignity in Care sub group.

3. Better Healthcare in Bucks

Clare Blakeway-Phillips, from NHS Bucks and Oxford Cluster gave an overview of Better Healthcare in Bucks, which was a piece of work undertaken between Bucks and Berkshire, looking at how health services were being provided and how they need to be provided in the future. The key findings have been shared with the PCT and hospital clinicians to help to develop firmer proposals which will go out to consultation in January for a period of 3 months. Public events will also take place across Buckinghamshire in February 2012.

4. Future Sensory Business Model

Christopher Reid gave an update on the work in developing the future model of sensory services which was required in the light of contracts for sensory services coming to an end in early 2012. Engagement events had been held with user groups to help and inform the development of the service specification to deliver the future sensory model. The board was asked to complete a questionnaire to provide their views as well.

5. Service User Reference Group and ULO update

Alison Lewis, chair of the Service User Reference Group and ULO advised that the ULO had recruited a development worker and will be coming to the next PSDB meeting.

6. National Benefits Update

Andrew Clarke, chair of BUDS fed back on the presentation given by the Disability Alliance, held on 11 November 2011, which covered the proposed changes to national benefits, how they are likely to affect disabled people, with particular emphasis on the likely consequences for local service-providers.

It was agreed for this to be highlighted to the Council about the need to do some work on the potential impact of the benefit changes on local services.