

Adult Social Services Review Panel

**Meeting held on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Room F10, Town Hall,
Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX**

MINUTES - PART A

Present: Councillor Louisa Woodley (Chair)
Councillors Margaret Bird, Pat Clouder, Yvette Hopley and Callton Young

Also present: James Burgess, Head of Disability Commissioning and Brokerage
Guy van Dichele (Interim Director of Adult Social Care and 0-65 Disability)
Nick Sherlock (Head of Adult Safeguarding and Quality Assurance)
Graham Terry (Interim Head of Transformation)

MINUTES - PART A

A10/17 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 1 February 2017

The Panel **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017, be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

The Panel noted that the IT issues raised at the previous meeting were being resolved, with a RAS interim solution having been introduced and was being used by the workforce. Work was ongoing on assessing whether the interim system could be incorporated within the CRM.

A11/17 Disclosure of Interest

No disclosures of interest were made during the meeting.

A12/17 Urgent Business (if any)

There was no urgent business.

A13/17 New Funding for Adult Social Care in 2017/18 – Update

The Interim Director of Adult Social Care introduced the report and noted that while monies were being introduced into Adult Social Services, pressures remained and the amount money was due to decrease over the three year period.

The Chair queried the transition of clients from Surrey and Borders Partnership Mental Health Trust and the challenges faced by mental

health services following the proposed cuts by the CCG. The Interim Director of Adult Social Care stated that the eight clients who were transferred were being reviewed and personalised services would be developed. It was anticipated that the cost to the council would be less than £1.3million and this amount had been factored into the service budget. The responsibility and budget for these clients had transferred to the council at the beginning of 2017.

The CCG had made the decision to cut the voluntary sector mental health services and while notice had been given to these organisations the CCG had not initially discussed the plans with the council. The council had since met with the organisations and the CCG and reviewed the outcomes. The review had established that most organisations did add value, and work would be undertaken with those which worked with welfare benefits to enable more effective working with the council. It was felt that the review would assist the voluntary organisations as many had two contracts and two sets of monitoring which would be decreased to one. Work would continue to review the CCG's decision to give notice to the organisations. It was stated that the final decision by the CCG Board was unlikely to be made until July 2017 due to the Politically Restricted Period.

Councillor Hopley queried what could be done to drive long-term beneficial change in stabilising the care market as the additional monies were unlikely to cover the necessary costs to stabilise the market completely. The Interim Director of Adult Social Care stated that part of the market had seen a 1.5% increase, however some providers had not received an uplift. There had been some initial thoughts on how the money would be spent including mental health, disability and assisting those with autism. The initial focus had been older people, however the council would lobby for mental health also. The expenditure would need to be agreed by the CCG and the Health and Wellbeing Board and so negotiations would be ongoing.

Councillor Clouder queried how Croydon was performing in relation to other authorities. The Interim Director stated that he felt that Croydon was doing quite well as it was not suffering from as many pressures, however it was important to continue to focus on the transformation programme. In addition, further work was required to provide support and guidance to self-funders and carers to ensure they were aware of what services the council provided.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

A14/17

Adult Social Care and All-age Disability Care Information Update

The Head of Disability Commissioning and Brokerage introduced the report and highlighted the work that had been undertaken, including the service planning that had taken place across the authority and work on Co-Production and the film that had been produced. My

Support Broker would see the training of ten brokers and it was being reviewed as to how the brokers could replace the locum staff to provide support to local communities. Guidance had been published on the Better Care Fund, including details on graduating out of the Fund. It was felt that it was likely to be the national vanguards who would make the initial move and that Croydon would be within the second wave.

Councillor Hopley raised concerns regarding the Co-Production work and that she had been contacted by those who did not feel that they had been included within the process. It was noted that it was important that all parties were involved in the consultation process and were not provided with the end report only.

The Chair disagreed with the points raised by Councillor Hopley and stated that she was present at a session on 3 April 2017 and saw the film that was produced. It was stated that CASSUP did not own Co-Production and that some panel members were not carers and so were not invited to the session. The Chair requested that the concerns be discussed in another forum in more detail.

The Interim Director stated that it was the intention to have Co-Production at the heart of the work undertaken, however it was the first attempt and there had been some good outcomes. The work was not a consultation, however it was an opportunity to hear from those with learning difficulties and work would be undertaken to rectify the concerns raised.

The Interim Director clarified that the Better Care Fund and Improved Better Care Fund would not be merged.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

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[The following motion is to be moved and seconded as the “camera resolution” where it is proposed to move into part B of a meeting]

The Panel **RESOLVED** under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. As proposed by Councillor Yvette Hopley and seconded by Councillor Pat Clouder.

The remainder of the meeting included disclosure of exempt information (as defined by paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A in Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972: ‘Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)’. The minutes of the discussion are therefore also exempt and not available to the public. A summary of the discussion is below, as required by section 100C(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

A16/17 AGENDA - PART B

The Panel **RESOLVED** that the Part B minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2017 be signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

A17/17 Adult Safeguarding in Croydon

The Panel considered the report.

The Panel **RESOLVED** to note the content of the report.

The meeting ended at 6:01pm.