ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of this Committee held on
7 September 2009

(Present) Councillor J Sheldon (Vice Chairman)
Councillors Banks, McGuire and Taylor

(Not Present) Councillors Crowther, Lowe, McQuade and Pearson (Chairman)

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Crowther, Lowe, McQuade and Pearson.

15 MINUTES
* Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 July 2009, be approved and signed.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS
No Declarations of Interest from Members were made.

17 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS ITEMS

A verbal report was given to the Committee by the Vice Chairman on the Scrutiny Review of Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care in St. Helens 2008-2009. The Chairman had presented the final report to a meeting of the Executive held on 26 August 2009. The Executive had resolved that:

(1) the report be noted; and

(2) a report and action plan on the Overview and Scrutiny Committees recommendations be submitted to a future meeting of the Executive.

The Executive Member – Adult Social Care and Health had thanked the Committee for a fair report with positive feedback from service users.

* Resolved that:

(1) the report be noted; and

(2) the response from Executive be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

18 ST HELENS LINks WORK PROGRAMME
A report was submitted which updated the Committee on St. Helens LINks Work Programme. The LINks Project Manager was present to outline the report.
St. Helens LINks were in the process of undertaking consultation to determine topics to be considered as part of their Work Programme. LINks had expressed an interest in sharing information with the Committee and keeping Members up to date with developments and progress. LINks had requested the Committee to select five topics from a suggested list which was attached to the report.

* Resolved that:

1. the report be noted; and
2. the following five topics from those suggested be considered as a priority for the Committee:
   1. Discharge processes.
   2. Nutrition of Hospital Catering.
   4. Adult Mental Health referrals/transition from Child to Adult.
   5. Accessible and adequate transport.

19 SCRUTINY REVIEW OF OBESITY

A Scoping Matrix was submitted which confirmed the Terms of Reference, objectives and information required to scrutinise Obesity.

A presentation had been made to a meeting of the Task Group by Dympna Edwards and Katherine Sharman, Halton and St. Helens Primary Care Trust.

The Committee discussed the way forward with regard to the Scrutiny Review and agreed that it was potentially an enormous topic to undertake. The focus of the review had been narrowed down to Schools and the Workplace. Members also raised the issue of the need to educate parents at home.

* Resolved that the report be noted.

20 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT - OUTTURN 2008-2009 – ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH UPDATE ON NI136 – NUMBER OF ADULTS HELPED TO LIVE AT HOME PER 1,000 POPULATION AGED 18-64

A report was tabled which informed Members of the Corporate Performance Management Report – Outturn 2008-2009, relevant to the Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio Area, to enable Members to establish each client group in relation to NI136 – Number of Adults helped to live at home per 1,000 population aged 18-64 as requested at the last meeting of the Committee, to enable Members to establish performance against each client group. It was reported that adults aged 65+ were in the category of older people.

* Resolved that the report be noted.
ASSISTING PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES INTO EMPLOYMENT

A report was tabled on NI146 in relation to assisting people with Learning Disabilities into Employment as requested at the last meeting of the Committee.

It was reported that performance was slightly behind target. The end of year target for this indicator was 5%, which equated to 20 learning disabled clients. There were seven learning disabled clients in employment in St. Helens. Between 1 April 2009 and 31 July 2009, three of these clients had been reviewed. The capture of this data would increase throughout the year as client reviews were completed. Opportunities for employment were coming on stream and, although this indicator remained a challenge, significant performance improvements was anticipated.

Members queried if the target was achievable and suggested that the indicator be monitored in the future.

* Resolved that:

(1) the report be noted; and

(2) the indicator be monitored by the Committee in the future.

UPDATE ON BURNS CARE RECONFIGURATION JOINT TASK GROUP

A verbal report was made to the Committee by the Scrutiny Manager which updated Members on the Joint Health Scrutiny Task Group involving Halton, St. Helens and Knowsley Councils, in relation to Burns Care Re-configuration Proposals, Whiston Hospital.

The first meeting of the Task Group had taken place on 20 August 2009, and Ann Marr, Chief Executive, St. Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust, was present at that meeting. The next meeting was scheduled to take place in October 2009, and representatives from the Northern Burn Care Unit (NBCU) would be invited to attend.

It was reported that the Chief Executive, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and Scrutiny Manager, had met with Alder Hey Children’s Hospital as they would also be affected by the proposals on the Children’s Burns Care.

* Resolved that the report be noted.