

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Item 36

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Care Quality Commission Inspection Report		
Date of Meeting:	November 4th 2010		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the independent regulator of health and adult social care services in England.
- 1.2 In May 2010 an inspection team from CQC visited Brighton & Hove to find out how well the Council was delivering social care. They focused their visit upon the level of choice and control for people with a learning disability and the safeguarding of adults whose circumstances made them vulnerable. In addition the inspectors also consider the Councils capacity for improvement by focusing upon leadership and the commissioning and use of resources.
- 1.3 Following their inspection the CQC published a report of their findings and they presented this report to a recent Cabinet Member Meeting.
- 1.4 The Council has developed an improvement plan in relation to the findings.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Committee discuss and comment on the Inspection Report and the Councils improvement plan.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 A copy of the full CQC report is attached.
- 3.2 In summary the inspection found that the Council was performing well in relation to both safeguarding adults and promoting choice and control for people with a learning disability. The report also concluded that the capacity to improve in Brighton & Hove was promising.
- 3.3 On pages 5 to 8 the report summarises what Brighton & Hove is doing well and also recommends matters for improvement. There then follows a more detailed analysis of the findings of the inspection.
- 3.4 There is much to commend in the report and this is a credit to our staff and the quality of their work.
- 3.5 There are of course areas for improvement, which are in line with our own analysis of the local position. An improvement plan has been completed to respond to these matters and this is appended to this report

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The Inspection report has been widely circulated and made available.
- 4.2 Lead officers consulted with key stakeholders in relation to the improvement plan.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report. The costs of the improvement plan in relation to the CQC findings will form part of the budget strategy and will be largely met from within existing resources.

Finance Officer Consulted: Name Mike Bentley Date: 20/09/10

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The CQC is the statutory regulatory and inspection body for Adult Social Care in England. The outcome of its inspection and resulting recommendations should therefore be fully taken into account and implemented. Appropriate consultation on the proposals for implementation of recommendations via the Improvement Plan appended to this report has been undertaken.

There are no specific Human Rights Act 1998 implications arising from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Name Sandra O'Brien Date: 20/09/2010

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 These are an integral element of the report and the improvement plan.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no specific implications.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no specific implications.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The report provides an expert external analysis of our performance and an opportunity to further improve the services and outcomes that we deliver with local people.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Some of the improvement actions will require support and involvement from corporate colleagues and other stakeholders across the city.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 It is a regulatory requirement that the CQC Inspection Report is presented to an appropriate public meeting of the Council alongside the Councils improvement plan.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The recommendations are focused upon ensuring that the Council continues to improve the quality of its services and the outcomes for local people in response to a formal Inspection by the regulator for social care.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Care Quality Commission Inspection Report
2. Brighton & Hove Council Improvement Plan

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None