

Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 72

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: *Physical Disability Strategy 2009-2012*
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 A strategy has been drawn up in partnership by the Brighton & Hove PCT and Brighton & Hove City Council which outlines the development of services for adults with physical disabilities over the next three years. The strategy is based on national and local policy and incorporates views that have been collected from service users and carers and has been developed in consultation and engagement with service users.
- 1.2 The strategy was presented to Adult Social Care Cabinet Member Meeting in December 2008 and recommendations at that meeting were to complete the consultation and finalise the strategy and supporting documentation.
- 1.3 A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment and implementation action plan are therefore being prepared for presentation alongside this strategy at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Members Meeting in March

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee comment on the strategy.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The PCT, as lead commissioner for services in the City for adults with physical disabilities, has been working with the local authority, and a wider representative stakeholder group, to develop this strategy. The strategy which identifies demand and need for services and provides the opportunity to develop better commissioning and improved management of limited resources across the health and social care sector.

The strategy identifies the local and national drivers for change. An assessment of need based on demographic information, local activity and trends. It then maps out the future direction including:

- Involvement and engagement
- Person centred care and self directed support
- Promotion of independence and extended living opportunities
- Improved support to those with complex and higher dependency care needs through the commissioning of alternatives to high cost residential, nursing home care
- Increased opportunities for local; citizenship and community participation

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The strategy has been developed by a steering group with representation from the statutory and voluntary sectors. A period of engagement and consultation was led by the PCT and took place during October and November 2008 with key stakeholders including voluntary sector and communities of interest, Disability Equality Scheme steering group and service users groups, relevant clinical groups and networks. Further consultation has been carried out since December and this has informed the Equalities Impact Assessment.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The strategy is expected to be delivered within health and social care budgets however elements of the action plan may require further investment and will be subject to detailed business cases and a value for money approach. The strategy sets out objectives and where a changed approach is proposed. The expectation is that through service modernisation efficiency savings will be generated which will fund the new approaches

The PCT currently spends £420m in providing health care across Brighton and Hove. A significant proportion of this health care is provided to the working age population with physical disabilities. A key part of the Physical Disability Action Plan will be to establish baseline funding streams for physical disabilities and to ensure that these can be clearly linked with appropriate healthcare outcomes.

Expenditure across social care on physical disabilities (adults under 65) is approximately £9m. A proportion of the City Council's capital budgets on adaptations and Disabled Facilities Grants is applied to physical disabilities.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley/Jonathan Reid

Date: 25/11/08

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Physical Disability Strategy has been developed in accordance with national and local policy and follows a comprehensive analysis of assessed need within Brighton and Hove, taking into account the outcome of consultation with relevant stakeholders.

The Strategy should therefore ensure that the Council continues to be able to meet its statutory duties to service users, in accordance with individual need, and in compliance with the Human Rights Act.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Priestly
Equalities Implications:

Date: 11/11/08

- 5.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment Checklist has been completed for this strategy and this has identified the need to increase access to services and wider representation for service users and their carers. A full EIA will be completed before the Strategy is finalised.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The strategy aims to improve access to and quality of services for disabled people without additional impact upon the environment.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 A higher proportion of disabled people are subject to abuse and hate crime than for the City population as a whole and this strategy aims to support disabled people to access support, advice and services that will address this inequality.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Demand for, expenditure on and unit costs of services for adults with physical disabilities has been increasing year on year and future growth is a financial risk. This strategy provides an opportunity to work across health and social care to strengthen commissioning and deliver improved value for money and reduce the financial risk and to meet the council priority of better use of public money.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 This strategy meets the council corporate priority of reducing inequality by increasing opportunity. It is relevant to disabled people who live, work and use services from across the council and this strategy will apply equally to disabled people from across the City.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The strategy has been developed to address the financial risk and to develop improved demand planning, the alternative would be no strategy which would present a financial risk.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The strategy has been developed by the Primary Care Trust in partnership with the local authority. Further work is being completed including the Joint Strategic Needs assessment and Equality Impact assessment.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Choice, Independent Living and Personalised Care: A Draft Strategy for Physical Disability Services 2009-2012

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. None