

**At a meeting of the ADULT SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2009 at 2.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor F. Anderson in the Chair

Councillor G. Hall, Leadbitter and Timmins

**Also Present:-**

Neil Revely	-	Health, Housing & Adult Services
Lesley Lane	-	ESPA
Gill Charman	-	Physical Disability Alliance
Gillian Gibson	-	Sunderland TPCT
Sandra Mitchell	-	
Lynn Archer	-	
Graham King	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Ernie Thompson	-	Alzheimer's Society
Andy Stewart	-	City Treasurers
Joanne Pell	-	
Julie Marshall	-	Age Concern
Ailsa Martin	-	Sunderland Carers' Centre
Graham Burt	-	Health, Housing and Adult Services
Sharon Lowes	-	Health, Housing and Adult Seervices

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P. Watson, Alan Patchett, Trish Doyle and John Fisher.

**Receipt of Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes**

20. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Board held on 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2008 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **Safeguarding Adults in Sunderland – Annual Report**

Joanne Pell, Safeguarding Manager submitted the Annual Report and highlighted the following areas to the Board.

The revised Safeguarding Adults Procedural Framework was launched Citywide, at a prestigious event at the Stadium of Light in April 2007. The new Safeguarding Adults website was launched, with the procedural framework in April 2007. This website enabled access to information about the Safeguarding Adults Team as well as direct access to the new procedures.

During the year April 2007 to March 2008 there had been 473 alerts or notifications to the Safeguarding Adults Team. The average number a month being 39. This showing an increase of approximately 45% from last year. An in-depth discussion ensued in relation to the nature of the notifications, in particular relating to vulnerability. In over half of the notifications (56%), the alleged victim was identified as having a learning disability.

One of the reasons for this change is that the Procedures are being used more in instances of service user to service user abuse within learning disability services. These services were being supported to use the Procedures to demonstrate that such instances are taken seriously and are appropriately identified as abuse. Also by reporting these incidents, patterns and trends of abuse could be identified within services and then dealt with appropriately and effectively. There had been many examples of services using the Procedures effectively in this way, demonstrating good practice.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Board, thanked Joanne for her excellent presentation of the Annual Report.

21. RESOLVED that the Annual Report be received and noted.

### **Safeguarding Adults: A Consultation on the Review of the ‘No Secrets’ Guidance**

The Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services submitted a report to present the Board’s draft response to Safeguarding Adults: A Consultation on the Review of the ‘No Secrets’ Guidance.

The Board received an overview report on Safeguarding Adults: A Consultation on the Review of the ‘No Secrets’ Guidance at its last meeting and were asked to consider responding to the national consultation. Subsequently, a task group of members from the Board met to discuss the document and develop a draft response. The Task Group did not attempt to answer all questions, only those that were relevant and those that members felt able to offer a contribution to.

At this juncture, the Board referred to the draft response attached to the report.

Consideration having been given to the response, the Board:-

22. RESOLVED that the draft response be submitted as part of the consultation process.

### **Evaluation of the Individual Budgets Pilot Programme**

Graham King, Head of Performance Commissioning and Change submitted a report detailing an Evaluation of the IB Pilot Programme.

Members of the Board were advised that people receiving an IB were significantly more likely to report feeling in control of their daily lives, welcoming the support obtained and how it was delivered, compared to those receiving conventional social care services. However, there were differences between groups.

- Mental health service users reported significantly higher quality of life;
- Physically disabled adults reported receiving higher quality care and were more satisfied with the help they received;
- People with learning disabilities were more likely to feel they had control over their daily lives; and
- Older people reported lower psychological well-being with IBs, perhaps because they felt the processes of planning and managing their own support were burdens.

People who had higher value IBs had better social care outcomes, but so did people receiving higher value conventional services. Overall, holding an IB was associated with better social care outcomes, including higher perceived levels of control, but not with overall psychological well-being in all groups. Further research would be undertaken into the longer term costs and outcomes of IBs for older people.

Very little difference was found between the costs of IBs and a comparison group receiving conventional social care support. The average weekly cost of an IB was £280, compared to £300 for people receiving conventional social care.

Consideration having been given to the above:-

23. RESOLVED that the Board received and noted the report for information.

### **The Future of the Board Linked to the Local Strategic Partnership**

Neil Revely, Director of Health, Housing and Adult Services delivered a presentation to the Board, entitled 'Future Arrangements' during which he explained the following proposals:-

- A key Partnership within LSP Structure;
- Advisory and Delivery Agent;

- Retain strong Elected member representation;
- Oversee other partnership arrangements;
- Ability to influence more widely through LSP; and
- Strengthen the delivery of statutory DASS role.

After considering the future LSP Structure, the Board noted these next steps:-

- Partnership Board Discussion;
- Consideration by the Council;
- Confirmation of proposal with LSP;
- Detail of linkages to Partnership groups;
- Agreement by respective organisations; and
- Final proposal to Board.

Neil Revely was thanked for his presentation and agreed to report back to a future meeting.

### **Cutting the Cake Fairly: CSCI Review of Eligibility Criteria for Social Care**

Graham King, Head of Performance, Commissioning and Change submitted a report presenting a summary of Cutting the Cake Fairly: CSCI review of eligibility criteria for social care.

Members were informed that from analysis of the findings and a review of models of rationing in this and other countries, CSCI had recommendations which together sought to:

- Set eligibility criteria for access to support in a broader context that is more consistent with Putting People First and offers some level of assistance and advice to everyone seeking care and support;
- Replace the FACS criteria with a revised system, based on priorities for intervention and reinforce the need to make a clear distinction between the assessment of individual needs and any subsequent allocation of public funding;
- Introduce a range of measures to support the implementation of the new arrangements, including ways of improving the initial response from councils to people seeking support;
- Encourage the development of a national resource allocation formula to assist the setting of individual and personal budgets so that there would be a common approach across the country, rather than each council devising its own.

The proposals for 'priorities for intervention' offered a new way for councils to ensure that specific resources go to those who need them and to address the confusion in the current system between assessment of needs and the allocation of public funding for ongoing care and support.

Consideration having been given to the matter, the Board:-

24. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted for information.

(Signed) F. ANDERSON,  
Chairman.