

FEEDBACK FROM SUNDERLAND ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of the Chair of the Adults Partnership Board

The Adults Partnership Board met on the 7th May.

ITEM

5. Urgent Care Scoping Paper

Purpose of the report was to set out the scope of the Task and Finish Group in relation to the chosen topic 'Urgent Care'. The group will look at:

- Reviewing the services that can support people who become unwell in Care Homes;
- Understand the care process that are currently in place in Care Homes to look after people who become unwell;
- Identify the gaps within the system, which result in people being admitted to hospital (which could have been avoided)

It was agreed that this was an appropriate time to engage the Adults Board on the specific piece of work to look at preventing re-admissions from care homes into hospitals. It was also agreed to discuss membership of the Task and Finish group and include as a minimum – the Carers Centre, Age UK, City Hospitals Sunderland, South Tyneside Foundation Trust, NTW Mental Health Trust, Social Care, CCG, Reps from Care Homes, Pharmacy Reps. The first meeting to be convened before the next Board and feedback and progress will be brought back to future Board meetings.

6. Francis Report

A report of the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust Public Enquiry, published on the 6th February, 2013 highlighted the primary reason for the appalling suffering experienced by many patients and the failures identified were due to the focus the Trust Board had placed on reaching national targets, achieving financial balance and seeking foundation trust status

The report highlighted five key issues, the Board noting two of them as vital:

- The importance of a culture of constructive challenge at leadership level and across an organisation – it is important, how it can happen, what are the barriers;
- The need to reach a shared understanding of the 'unmovable' priorities to be delivered – a focus on why an organisation exists and not just immediate challenges.

The Board agreed the report and noted that a Sunderland response should be drafted showing how we operate and work as a whole culture.

7. 'Fit as a Fiddle'

Age UK Sunderland presented the report 'Fit as a Fiddle' (faaf). The project started in 2008 and was funded by the Big Lottery Well-being Fund. The aim is to improve the well-being of older people by encouraging and supporting their

participation in activities to increase and sustain physical activity, healthy eating and mental well-being. The report included a case history from one of the members.

To date the project has involved 232 people and during this time the group have collected quantitative and qualitative data which is been evaluated by Ecorys and validated by Keele University including a cost benefit analysis. The Board agreed the report and would wait to see the results from Keele University in June 2013.

8. Winterbourne Report & Action Plan

The purpose of the report was to inform the Board about the work taking place in response to the Winterbourne View. Following the release of the report there were 60+ recommendations. At the end of March 2013 there were a total of 10 individuals in hospital, with 4 of these ready to move out. Each person will have a care plan produced which will focus on appropriateness of current arrangements and the prognosis for their future care and support. Target dates have been set to include the setting up of a Project Group and Care Planning Review Team.

NR reported that Sunderland was in a better position than many and the Board agreed to accept a further update report in the Autumn 2013. It was agreed to forward a copy of the Action Plan to Karen Graham for circulation.

9. Any Other Business

Possible issues with the new 111 telephone help line were raised following recent press coverage. The North East was seen as the best area in the country.

For information Sunderland A & E have had their busiest day on Monday 6th May with 473 patients attending the hospital but no direct links between this and the 111 introduction.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 9th July, 2013