

POLICY REVIEW – APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For the Scrutiny Committee to endorse the nomination of representatives on the Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee for a time-limited project in relation to Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge from Hospital.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 Co-opted members can make a considerable and valuable contribution to the work of a Scrutiny Committee through broadening the range of experience, skills and knowledge available to support elected members in their deliberations.

- 2.2 At its meeting on 19th July 2011 the Scrutiny Committee agreed to co-opt a number of representatives to support its policy review as non-voting members. The Council's constitution states that:

“Each overview and scrutiny committee or sub-committee shall be entitled to recommend to Council the appointment of a number of people as non-voting co-optees.”

- 2.3 The Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the nominated representatives on the Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee will serve up to April 2012 when the review will be completed.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Committee is reminded that the Policy Review title is Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge from Hospital. The aim of the review is

To establish how effectively health and social care services are working in partnership to support timely discharges from hospital and promote independence in community settings.

- 3.2 The review will be within the following terms of reference:

1. To identify the factors which cause delays in discharging people from hospital.
2. To assess the community-based health, social care and support available after hospitalisation including intermediate care, re-ablement and other rehabilitation pathways and the expectations put on families and carer support.

3. To make recommendations to appropriate commissioners to consider how any gaps or perceived gaps in service provision can be addressed.

4. Nominations

4.1 Following the Scrutiny Committee in July, an invitation was issued to relevant organisations to put forward suitable nominations.

4.2 Three organisations have made nominations and the nominated individuals are listed below:

1. **Links Nomination**

Dr John Dean, Core Group Member

2. **Links Nomination**

Ralph S Price, Board Member

3. **AGE UK Nomination**

Victoria Brown, Operations Manager

4. **Sunderland Carers Centre Nomination**

Eibhlin Inglesby, Joint Operations Manager

5. Next Steps

5.1 During August members of the Scrutiny Committee received the details submitted by each nominee regarding their experience and background relevant to the policy review and their views of the contribution each individual can make to the review.

5.2 The Committee has agreed to forward all four nominations to Council with a recommendation for endorsement. The nominations will be considered at the September Council meeting.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Committee is asked to endorse the nominees and refer the nominations to Council for appointment to the Scrutiny Committee.

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