Learning Disability Partnership Board

Chair: Mark Tyson, Commissioning Director Adults' Care & Support

Items to be escalated to the Health & Wellbeing Board

None.

Attendance:

17 January 2017 & 22 March 2017 – 88% (16 out of 18) members attended.

Performance issues.

The LDPB are concerned that the number of health checks have declined to low levels again following the intensive work that was undertaken last year and have escalated this issue to the CCG. Please see commentary below.

Action(s) since last report to the Board

- (a) The Council is developing a new Equality and Diversity Strategy to replace the Single Equalities Scheme which expired in 2016. We must do this to meet our duties under the Equality Act 2010. The Strategy will set a new vision for equality and diversity for the Council to aspire to, and set priorities for where we want to make an impact over the next few years. At the LDPB held on 17 January, members were consulted on the draft document and full discussion was facilitated. The LDPB accepted the proposals of the Equality and Diversity Strategy, however the LDPB did have comments on why it felt learning disabilities should have a greater priority than other vulnerable groups.
- (b) The Direct Enhanced Scheme (DES) for Learning Disability is designed to encourage practices to identify all patients aged 14 and over with learning disabilities, to maintain a learning disabilities 'health check' register and offer them an annual health check, which will include producing a health action plan. This will continue at a higher value for 2017/18. The reporting of health checks to the Board for people with a learning disability are inclusive of patients aged 14 plus since 1 April 2017. Previous improvements within Adults' Services over the past year has slipped to 31% in January. This is disappointedly low considering the efforts made to raise awareness and improve the number of annual health checks. This issue has been escalated to the CCG who holds the contracts with GPs. The CCG are facilitating the programme to raise awareness again and provide training to GP surgeries. The CCG are working with primary care leads to identify how we can get most value out of this devolved responsibility. The CCG are also keen to explore service user and carer experience.
- (c) The LDPB meeting held on 14 March received an update on the new Disability

- Service. The LDPB welcomed the more inclusive service, and particularly how it will ensure that transition into adulthood becomes more seamless. However, members of the LDPB made comments requesting that health services are equally included in the new Disability Service.
- (d) The LDPB has begun planning events for Learning Disability week, which is now confirmed for 3 7 July 2017. Alongside the more traditional fun events that service users enjoy, the week will focus on employment and health checks and anti-bullying. Members of the Board, and particularly service users, are looking forward to visiting Dagenham Police Station during the week. A report on the week will be shared after the event.

Action and Priorities for the coming period

(a) Update and approval of the implementation of the Learning Disability Strategic Delivery plan.

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