

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham**

Date: Monday, 22nd June, 2009

Time: 10.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th June, 2009 (Pages 1 - 12)
5. Annual Report of the Joint Learning Disability Service (Pages 13 - 22)
6. National Children and Adult Services Conference - Harrogate
- To agree attendance at the NCAS Conference to be held on 21st to 23rd October 2009 in Harrogate and to nominate delegate to attend.

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
Monday, 8th June, 2009

Present:- Councillor Doyle (in the Chair); Councillors Gosling and P. A. Russell, H Jack and S Walker.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27TH APRIL, 2009

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 27th April, 2009 be approved as a correct record.

2. CHAMPION FOR PHYSICAL DISABILITIES AND SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

Consideration was given to a report which sought approval for the creation of a Champion for Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment and to nominate a member to undertake the role.

Resolved:- (1) That the Cabinet Member agrees to the creation of a Champion for Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment

(2) That Councillor Frank Hodgkiss be nominated to undertake the role.

3. REPRESENTATION OF THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2009/10

Resolved:- (1) That representation by Members on outside bodies for 2009/10 be as follows:

Monthly Visits of Inspection to Adult Services Establishments

- All Members of the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel
- Senior Advisor, Health and Social Care
- Advisor, Health and Social Care
- Chair, Performance and Scrutiny Overview Committee
- All Cabinet Members
- All other Members of the Council

Renewal or Discharge of Guardianship Order Panel

- Councillor Doyle, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
- Chair, Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel
- Vice-Chair, Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel

Contracting for Care Forum

- Councillor Doyle, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care
- Senior Advisor, Health and Social Care

- Chair, Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel

Domestic Violence Forum

- Councillor C Barron, Vice Chair of Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel
- Adviser, Health and Social Care
- Councillor G A Russell

Champion for Older People
Councillor Walker

Champion for Carers
Councillor R S Russell

Champion for Learning Disabilities & Safeguarding Adults
Councillor P A Russell

Community Liaison Group for Wath Wood Hospital
Councillor Gosling

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board
Councillor P A Russell

Regional Forums of the National Executive of the Homecare Council
Councillor Doyle

Rotherham Advice and Information Network – Board of Management
Councillor Jack

Rotherham Alcohol Advisory Service
Councillor Burton and Service Manager, Mental Health

(2) That representation on the Rotherham Women's Refuge be considered at the next Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel.

4. HOME CLOSURE ROTHWEL GRANGE

Shona McFarlane, Director of Health and Wellbeing presented the submitted report which advised Elected Members of the outcome of the recent consultation exercise that had been undertaken at Rothwel Grange regarding the in principle decision to close the home.

Consultation had taken place with residents, relatives, staff and trade unions on the proposals over a period of approximately 6 weeks to ascertain their views on the proposed closure. There was considerable understanding from all those consulted, why this home could no longer continue to operate as a viable service. This was due in the main to low occupancy levels and the upgrade costs that would be required to fully meet Care Standards Act 2000 requirements.

Whilst there had been concerns raised by all those likely to be affected by the proposals, relatives had advised that they wished for residents to be moved to a new home of choice as soon as possible.

Staff members and their Trade Union representatives had raised concerns in relation to redeployment opportunities. 1 to 1 meetings had been held with staff on site the first week in May to explore staff preferences and available options that may be open to them upon the closure of the home. A protocol for these meetings was agreed with the Trade Unions and Human Resources consistent with the Council Policy on redeployment of staff.

A social worker had been allocated at the request of all the relatives to undertake a review of the needs of all residents to facilitate the transfer of all long stay residents to new homes as a matter of priority.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and discussed:-

- It was felt that proposals relating to Rothwel Grange should have been addressed in the development of the Modernisation Strategy, as initially planned in 2004
- Had consideration been given to the staff currently employed at Rothwel Grange? Confirmation was given that this had not yet been dealt with and although there were currently vacancies in other areas, there would not enough to accommodate everyone. It was not felt that there would be any compulsory redundancies but the Director of Health and Wellbeing agreed to report back to members with more detail as soon as the position became clearer.

Resolved:- (1) That the closure of Rothwel Grange be finalised

(2) That the closure of Rothwel Grange by December 2009 be approved

(3) That the transfer of Intermediate Care Provision to a unit within one of the new residential care homes by December 2009 be approved

(4) That a further report be presented to the Cabinet Member in relation to relocation of staff following the closure of Rothwel Grange.

5. ACCESS ALL AREAS

Shona McFarlane, Director of Health and Wellbeing presented the report which provided an update on the 'Access All Areas' launch event which took place on 27th March, 2009 at the Silverwood Miners Welfare Centre in Dalton.

"Access All Areas" is a scheme which provides 30 day work placement opportunities to disabled people which can be worked either as 6 full

weeks or over a longer period on a part time/flexible basis depending on the needs of the individual and the Department. There were currently 46 placements available across RMBC and partner organisations.

The Access All Areas event was arranged following discussions between the Health and Wellbeing's Learning Disability Service and Strategic Human Resources. It was organised on a 'market stall' basis and people with a disability or supported disabled people were invited to attend the event on a 'drop-in' basis.

Stalls were operated by a range of organisations offering placements:

- All RMBC Directorates
- 2010
- NHS Rotherham
- South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- South Yorkshire Police
- Rotherham College of Arts and Technology
- Voluntary Action Rotherham

In addition the following organisations had offered placements but were unable to attend the event:

- Thomas Rotherham College
- Dearne Valley College
- Rotherham and Barnsley Chamber
- Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust

A number of other agencies attended the event to answer questions, provide information and promote their services:

- RMBC HR – showing people how to register and use the Recruitment Management System
- A4E
- Remploy
- Mencap
- Phoenix
- Job Centre Plus
- Access to Work
- Occupational Health (NHS)
- Health and Safety (RMBC)
- SpeakUp
- Adventure and Project 400 (Learning Disability Service)

Following expressions of interest, made on the day, assessments for each individual were made to determine which would be the most appropriate placement.

Members welcomed the report, but expressed concerns about whether

employers would take advantage of disabled people and asked whether there were measures in place to monitor them. It was confirmed that Strategic HR would be responsible for monitoring employers.

Members felt that it would be beneficial to receive regular updates in relation to this and it was agreed that these would be presented every six months.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be noted and the projects intentions supported

(2) That Elected Members commit to offering a range of work placement opportunities for disabled people across the directorate

(3) That the Cabinet Member receives 6 monthly updates in relation to this.

6. PERSONALISATION PLAN AND ACTION PLAN

Tom Sweetman, Innovation Manager gave a powerpoint presentation in respect of Personalisation.

The presentation drew specific attention to:-

- The Story So Far
- What its all about
 - Services
 - Quality
 - Partnerships
- Who benefits
 - Customers
 - Carers
 - Friends and families
 - Communities
 - Voluntary Groups
 - Local Economy
 - Cabinet Members
 - Rotherham Council
 - Common Sense
- Vision
- What it means for Members
- Key Role for Members
- Where did the Plan begin
- Guiding Principles
- Positive Feedback
- Rotherham – National Praise
- Sarah Carr – National Acclaim
- The Plan
- The Way Ahead

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and discussed:-

- How were staff responding to being asked to work differently? It was confirmed that they were very positive about the new way of working because it was the way in which they wanted to work.
- It was felt that it was necessary to link in with primary health care
- How long it would take to complete the plan. Confirmation was given that Rotherham were already ahead of the game as far as the Plan was concerned but it was likely that there would be no completion date for it as it would be an ongoing project.

Resolved:- (1) That the Cabinet Member support the Personalisation Plan and the work being undertaken in respect of it

(2) That further consultation be undertaken with customer to progress the Plan

(3) That a report be presented to the Adult Services and Health Scrutiny Panel in October/November 2009.

7. REVENUE OUTTURN REPORT 2008-09

Mark Scarrott, Finance Manager (Adult Services) presented the submitted report to inform Members of the Revenue Outturn position for the Adult Social Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate for the financial year 2008/09.

The 2008/09 approved cash limited budget of £69,738,124 included an additional one-off budget allocation approved by Cabinet of £997,000 to address services pressures reported earlier in the financial year.

The net Outturn for the service for 2008/09 was £69,697,361 which resulted in an overall net underspend of £40,762 or -0.06%. This represented an increase in the underspend compared with the last budget monitoring report which was largely due to additional income from Transport contracts and a further underspend on extra care housing.

The main variations within each service area can be summarised as follows:

Commissioning & Partnerships (+£34k)

There were a number of under and overspends within this service area, mainly around the income budget pressures in respect of performance and planning posts transferred from Neighbourhoods. These were offset by a number of management actions including additional income from health, non-recruitment to vacant posts and maximising grant funding.

Assessment & Care Management

Older People (Independent) (-£856k)

The overall underspend within this service area was in respect of a number of vacant social work posts, an overall underspend on the Intermediate Care pooled budget and an underspend on independent Home Care budget due to delays in the implementation of shifting the balance of domiciliary care from in-house provision, as a result of the extended consultation period with employees and Trade Unions.

Physical and Sensory Disabilities (+£265k)

The main pressures during the year were a continued increase in both number and cost of residential placements and a further increase in demand for direct payments, which was reduced by an additional one-off budget allocation as part of the revised estimates process.

Independent Living (-£129k)

The underspend within this head of account was a result of the reconfiguration of Extra Care Housing provision and the review of existing resources with the opening of the third unit at Bakersfield Court in February 2009.

Health and Well Being

Older People (In-House) (+£808k)

The main overspend during the year was within In-House Home Care services due to the delays in implementation of shifting provision to the independent sector to 65%, agreed as part of the budget process for 2008/09. As at the end of March the market share in the independent sector was 58%. This overspend was reduced by a one-off supplementary estimate, underspends within in-house residential care due to delays in moving to the two new units which opened in February 2009 and also an underspend within in-house transport services due to additional income from contracts.

Learning Disabilities (-£277K)

The overall underspend within the service was mainly as a result of delays in planned transition placements from children's services, increased income from Continuing Health Care funding and delays in the start up of new supporting living schemes due to difficulties in obtaining suitable accommodation.

Mental Health Services (+£113k)

The overspend within the service was a result of a significant increase in

demand for Direct Payments during the year. This overspend was partly reduced by the achievement of a number of efficiency savings including non-recruitment to vacant posts and reviews on a number of service level agreements with providers.

In addition to the one-off budget allocation a range of management actions totaling £310,000 across Adult Services were implemented during the year from the monthly finance performance clinics.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised and discussed:-

The Cabinet Member commented that the figures for residential care did not include a split between in-Authority and outside Authority and asked whether it would be possible for this split to be made available. It was agreed that the figures would be sought and passed on to him
Had there been an increase in the number of people with schizophrenia? Although it was felt that these numbers remained fairly consistent, this could not be confirmed. It was agreed that this would be checked and reported back

Resolved:- That the 2008/09 Revenue Outturn Report for Adult Social Services be received.

8. CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT 2008-09

Mark Scarrott, Finance Manager (Adult Services) presented the submitted report which informed Members of the Capital Outturn against approved budget for Adult Services for the 2008/09 financial year.

The Capital Outturn for Adult Services for the financial year 2008/09 was £8,687,786 against an approved budget of £9,112,781, which resulted in an overall underspend of £424,995. The main variations from budget were underspends on the two new residential care homes at Rawmarsh and Dinnington and slippage on developing supported living schemes in Mental Health Services.

The following information provides a brief summary of the Outturn position for each project:

Older People

The construction of the two new residential care homes was completed during the year and both homes became fully operational in February 2009.

The procurement of Assistive Technology equipment including lifeline connect alarms, low temperature sensors and fall detectors would enable more people to live independently in their own homes. The spending profile was revised during the year and the balance of unspent funding

carried forward into 2009/10 to meet future commitments.

A small balance was carried forward from 2007/08 from the specific grant for Improving the Care Home Environment for Older People allocated by the Department of Health to improve the environment within residential care provision. The grant had been allocated mainly across the independent sector however, a small balance remained and had been carried forward into 2009/10.

Adult Services - Learning Disabilities

The refurbishment at Addison Day Centre was completed during the year funded from the Council's Strategic Maintenance Investment fund. The refurbishment at REACH Day Centre was delayed due to insufficient funding and would now commence early in 2009/10.

Adult Services – Mental Health

A large proportion of the Supported Capital Expenditure (SCE) allocation had been carried forward due to difficulties in finding suitable accommodation for the development of supported living schemes. Suitable properties continued to be sought and spending plans were being developed with our partner, RDASH. Further options were being considered to provide more intensive supported living schemes with a range of providers and to fund a range of new assistive technologies for mental health clients, which would allow clients to live in the community with access to 24 hour support.

Management Information

The final balance of the Improving Information Management Grant was fully used during the year to develop Electronic Social Care Records working with the Council's Strategic Partner, RBT.

A new Social Care IT Infrastructure grant was awarded in August 2008. This grant had been carried forward into 2009/10 to also fund the development of Electronic Social Care Records which was scheduled to be completed by the end of July 2009.

Resolved:- That the 2008/09 Capital Outturn report for Adult Services be received.

9. THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE (SP) PROGRAMME

Tim Gollins, Strategic Commissioning Manager presented the submitted report in relation to the Supporting People (SP) Programme.

As part of the 2008/09 Local Government Finance Settlement Ministers announced changes to the funding of the Supporting People grant.

For 2009/10 the SP programme would be paid as an unringfenced named grant. Lifting the current ringfence from the grant meant paying funds to local areas without the current grant conditions.

As the grant remained a specific named grant for a further year (2009/10) there would be some grant conditions applied, although these would not state how the funding should be spent. Communities and Local Government were shortly to consult on the revised grant conditions.

A package of measures was being developed to support LAs during this period of change, including a financial modelling tool, which would provide evidence at a local level on the financial benefits of investment in housing support.

An Audit Commission report was due out in the spring of 2009 to inform LAs on the content of the transition package.

In 2010/11 the grant would be paid as part of the Area Based Grant which would mean the funding would be delivered in one single payment made to council's each month. From 2010/11 the SP programme would not exist as a separate named funding stream.

The implications of the changes meant that from April 2009 governance structures for the programme grant could change, and that there were opportunities to commission services that had previously been outside the remit of Supporting People.

SP Commissioners consider that current Commissioning Group governance structures should continue during 2009/10 to make sure that fair and transparent decisions continued to be made about allocations of funding available, and pursue delivery of the agreed 2008-13 strategic priorities.

Resolved:- (1) That it be noted that there will be a seamless transition to governance arrangements for the Area Based Grant from April 2009

(2) That it be noted that the currently established commissioning structures for Supporting People are to be maintained until March 2010 to deliver the 2008-13 Supporting People Strategy.

10. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR REVIEW

Tim Gollins, Strategic Commissioning Manager presented the submitted report which summarised the contract review process for the voluntary and community contracts held by Neighbourhoods and Adult Services and the recommendations and main findings.

The services identified at Appendix 1 were all contracted on a block basis. This meant that the council purchased the service on behalf of the

customer who was then offered a place on the service. This mechanism for customers accessing services was not personalised and in some instances needed to be changed. This was a recommendation for Sense Supported Living, Age Concern Handyperson Service and Crossroads Sitting Contract.

A second set of contracts needed their service specifications tightening to be outcome led, after which a tendering exercise would be undertaken in order to deliver better value for money. These contracts were Age Concern Advocacy, the Carers Forum, Alzheimer's Support Group, RNIB Information Service.

The contract for Sense required full renewal of cost and volume purchase basis because of the essential function of the service performed, RNID Communications Service needed to be re-contracted and the RNID equipment services needed to be re-organised as demand and complexity meant the current specification and operating model required updating. This would be done in partnership with RNID over the next year, resulting in a revised service which could be tendered.

A key factor in the review was strategic relevance of the services in light of personalisation in particular and the approach to deciding this as led by a set of working priorities. Over the next six months these working priorities would be revised and replaced by a comprehensive strategic commissioning approach, which was being developed in partnership with the Voluntary Sector led by Voluntary Action Rotherham.

Resolved:- (1) That the content of the report and the work being undertaken by each provider on their contract be noted.

(2) That the work being undertaken to develop a strategic commissioning framework for the VCS be noted.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

12. LAC (DH) (2009) 3 – CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION GUIDANCE - AMENDMENT NO 28 (HEREWITH)

Shona McFarlane, Director of Health and Wellbeing presented the submitted report in relation to charges for residential accommodation.

Resolved:- That the report be received and its content noted.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1	Meeting:	Health and Social Care Cabinet Member
2	Date:	22 June 2009
3	Title:	Annual Report of the Joint Learning Disability Service
4	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5 Summary

This Annual Report of the Joint Learning Disability Service outlines the continued strong performance of the service.

The service has been successful in a joint bid with the other Beacon Authorities and is on track to deliver this exciting and innovative new approach to working with people with learning disabilities. Performance against Local Authority Performance Indicator C30 People with Learning Disabilities Helped to Live at Home is currently in the fourth band, out of five, but is on track to return to top banding by the end of the year. The Partnership Board will use the Valuing People Now report to continue to challenge the service and partners to improve the quality of life of people with learning disabilities.

The Learning Disability Service links its services and priorities to those identified within the Neighbourhoods and Adults Service's Plan based on Strategic Objectives and the Outcome Framework.

6 Recommendations

- **That Members note the content of the annual report and the service objectives for 2009/10.**

7 Proposals and Details

Service Provision

One of the most significant events in the last year has been the negotiations for the transfer of social care funding from the PCT to the Local Authority. The funding will be transferred fully in 2011 and will be part of the Partnership Agreement – the amount currently transferred in 09/10 is £6,782,156 and will increase annually by an estimated 2% uplift for the next 2 years.

The service has appointed a new Contracts Manager and two Contract and Reviewing Officers, who have undertaken full contract monitoring on 28 providers during their first 6 months. The pooled budget currently spends over £16 million on the independent sector. The Contracts Manager has established regular provider forums where the cost of the service, developments, performance and issues are discussed.

The service completed an audit on behalf of the National Audit Commission on people with autism which has contributed to the National Autism Bill which is currently going through Parliament.

The Joint Learning Disability Service contributes to the improved health and welfare of people with learning disabilities in Rotherham. In providing targeted support to individuals with healthcare needs beyond those that can be met at a primary health care level, it helps people to stay well, supports independence and tackles health inequalities. It provides better care for people with learning disabilities by offering safe and effective services, and offering choice and person centred support. The Joint Service enables the maximisation of efficiencies, ensuring better value for all.

The Joint Service contributes to the health and well-being of people with learning disabilities, most specifically in increasing the choice and control of people through offering a range of services provided across statutory and voluntary services, and through enabling advocacy services to give people a voice and influence on the planning and delivery of services. This report outlines the main activities and success of the Joint Learning Disability Service.

Personalisation

The Joint Learning Disability Service is making an effective contribution to the NAS personalisation agenda, with several members of senior management on task and subgroups. Two service users recently appeared on a DVD made for one of the Visioning Days, where they spoke about the difference a personal budget has made to their lives. In addition, a social worker from the service has featured in an interview with Society Guardian.

Beacon Update

I'm A Person Too is a Beacon initiative for Valuing People with three other Local Authorities involved: Rotherham, Wiltshire County Council and the

London Borough of Greenwich. Rotherham is the budget holder and submitted a successful bid for £75,000 to extend the project. The further Beacon funding was for a project to raise awareness of the needs of people with learning disability with workers in public sector organisations such as the Police, Health staff, Job Centre and Housing. The training reminds the public sector of its duties under the Disability Discrimination Act and offers appropriate and realistic support and information so that agencies can make the right improvements to their services. The service is working with Rotherham SpeakUp on this project and is delivering the training to NHS and Job Centre staff

Customer Service Excellence Standard

The service contributed to the successful application of the above award and the final report gave a compliance plus for *“The Service demonstrates an excellent commitment to developing and sharing best practice especially in Learning Disabilities and Mental Health”*.

The Partnership Board

Within Valuing People Now a key priority is for the Partnership Board to be effective and the service held an away day with the current Board members on 23rd March 2009 and there is now an action plan in place to ensure the priorities are met. The subgroups are being realigned to reflect the priorities of Valuing People Now and the service is seeking to employ service user champions for each priority.

The Partnership Agreement was audited in October 2008 and there were no non-compliance issues or recommendations for action following its completion.

Performance

This annual update of the Joint Learning Disability Service outlines the continued strong performance of the service. The service successfully bid for further Beacon monies for a new project working closely with Speak Up, the Self Advocacy group.

Performance against Local Authority performance indicators in 2008/09 shows the following:

NI 145 Adult with a Learning Disability in settled accommodation has achieved first year target and is at maximum 100%.

NI 146 Adult with a Learning Disability in employment has achieved first year target of 3%, recording above double the rate at 6.03%.

PAF C30 Adult with a Learning Disability Helped to Live at Home has been maintained in top PAF banding at 3.02.

PAF C51 All Adults in receipt of Direct Payments has exceeded target rate of 165 with a year end score of 239 this would achieve PAF top banding and 159 all England 07 / 08 top quartile rate. Learning Disability component has improved from a score rate of 28 approx (54 people) in 07 / 08 to a score of 39 approx or 76 people.

PAF D40 % of All Adults receiving a review in the year has seen a slight drop to 72% from 75% for the Directorate which has failed to hit improvement target of 80%. Although Learning Disability has seen a similar slight fall to 88% from 90% this has achieved target rate and would be PAF top banding that sets ceiling at 90%.

PAF D39 % of people receiving a statement of need for All Adults has shown an improvement within PAF next top banding to 91.17% and Learning Disability continued high performance reporting at 97.92%.

Following the appointment of the two temporary Contract And Reviewing Officers, we commenced the audit monitoring programme from October 2008 and initially concentrated our efforts on the independent providers within Rotherham. All establishments and providers are scheduled to be completed within a calendar year ending September 2009.

	No of providers	No completed	% completed
Nursing	9	2	22.22
Residential	32	23	71.88
Supported living providers	4	3	75.00
Total	45	28	62.22

In addition to the above, there are currently 32 out of area providers which we are incorporating into our 2009/10 schedule, as appropriate, one of which we conducted a full audit visit following the raising of a contract concern.

Supported Living

Two service users who were living on the Churchfields site have been successfully relocated and both of them have been able to remain within their local communities.

A new scheme opened and this year one of our schemes will be for four young men who have autism. We contributed to the PFI bid made by the Housing Department. Work is currently being undertaken with one of our service users regarding joint ownership and we have increased our housing management portfolio offering greater choice to our service users.

Park Lea

The temporary facility used for the relocation of the service when Eastwood Day Centre was vandalised beyond repair is likely to be closed following a

consultation with service users and carers. A new outreach for our older service users has been opened, allowing them to access shorter days if they wish. The service users from Park Lea are currently being consulted on which community base they would like to be relocated to: the Elliott Centre or Addison and Oaks. Negotiations are now taking place to transfer the operational management of the Elliott Day Centre, situated on the Badsley Moor Lane site from the NHS to the Local Authority.

Health

The service has agreed with the GPs across the Borough the DES (Direct Enhanced Service) which means that service users on GP registers will receive an annual health check which is due to start in May. The PCT Commissioners are to fund two Health Facilitation posts, one of which will be line managed by the service. These posts will support the GPs to ensure health action plans are meaningful and the annual health checks are implemented. The post holders will work with staff in the acute services and will facilitate the implementation of the annual health checks, as well as providing training to GPs and their practise staff.

Consultation has commenced with NHS staff to develop two new teams from within existing resources - a multi-disciplinary team that will provide intensive support to service users, carers and families in the community and a small nursing team that will provide health support to those individual service users who are technology dependent and will also develop expertise with people with a learning disability and autism.

The NHS in-patient Assessment and Treatment Unit has generated income this year with 6% of its bed occupancy taken up by other Authorities and further interest has been expressed about purchasing a further stay for a service user from Oldham. The service operates an outreach service which will be supported by the new teams and aims to keep occupancy within the unit as low as possible by supporting Rotherham residents wherever possible within their own communities. This has resulted in the bed occupancy averaging 56% throughout the year and has meant that for those service users admitted needing single occupancy in a unit we have had the capacity to deliver this. The average stay within the ATU is 2 to 5 weeks.

Employment

The service recently supported the Access All Areas event that offered placements to disabled people within the council and other statutory employers. There are currently 46 placements available across the Council and our partner organisations.

Achievements

The Learning Disability Service had four teams nominated for team of the year in the Star Awards and the Oaks Day Centre team were awarded the Team of the Year award.

Ratings for the in-house respite and residential and nursing provision following CSCI inspections were:

- Quarry Hill and Treefields Respite Services and the Family and Friends Service all received 2 star: good services.
- Oaks Close Nursing and Residential Home received a 2 star: good rating.
- Parkhill Lodge Residential Homes, John Street and Cranworth Residential and Nursing Homes all received 3 star: excellent rating,

Other achievements include:

- The Assessment and Treatment Unit – achieved the second highest score from the Health Care Commission Inspection and have scored high in the PEAT (Patient Environment Assessment Team) Inspection.
- We have Improved our training in safeguarding all staff have received this training
- We have successfully implemented the new NHS electronic system known as System One.
- Learning Disability Service is included in the second phase for Electronic Social Care Records.
- We have developed a policy to support staff when they are supporting service users in personal relationships and are currently training the staff.
- In partnership with SpeakUp, we have revised the Learning Disability Employment Strategy.
- Our Assessment and Treatment Unit has generated significant income from other NHS Authorities who purchase beds within the unit.
- Every service user is offered a person centred plan and a health action plan. A further 84 service users received a person plan this year and person centred planning continues to be at the centre of transitional planning for young people and their carers. Quarterly transitional planning meetings involve all partners to ensure robust arrangements are in place. The PCP training has now been extended to some staff within Children and Young Peoples Services and families and carers. One special school has now embedded PCP into the curriculum from nursery to aged 19 plus.

Proposals and Concluding Comments

The Joint Learning Disability Service contributes to the improved health, welfare and independence of people with learning disabilities in Rotherham. In providing targeted support to individuals with health care needs beyond those that can be met at a primary care level, it helps people to stay well and through person centred plans and personalisation

What are our main Team Objectives for the next 12 months?

- Valuing People Now awareness
- Effective Partnership Board
- Access to and improvements in healthcare
- Housing Options
- Personalisation – person centred planning
- Increase employment opportunities
- Including everyone – complex needs
- Having a life

Our Developments for 2009/10

- Implementation of revised safeguarding systems and processes
- Further developments of Supported Living Schemes
- Newly established Intensive Support Service
- Newly established Health Support Team
- Continual development of contract and performance monitoring tools
- Improving access to health services for people with a learning disability

Value for Money

The Learning Disability service is high performing, high quality and high cost. Budgets are getting tighter and a greater focus on Value for Money is required. This year the service has commenced a review of all its functions to seek to achieve better value for money through service transformation. The first steps were described earlier in the report with the development of two new Health teams from existing resources that will provide support across the borough rather than be concentrated in one area and only available to a small number of service users. In partnership with South Yorkshire Housing Association we are about to start a review of three nursing and residential homes which are staffed by nurses employed by the PCT, to determine if a residential placement is the most appropriate to meet the service users needs and to secure a more realistic cost for the running of these homes. We will then review all residential placements to ensure that all service users are to benefit from Valuing People Now.

Further work to be undertaken to ensure that services are evaluated to ensure value for money is obtained while ensuring quality of outcomes.

Broad Performance Agenda for 2009/10

The service aims to maintain its longstanding reputation of being a high level performing service and will seek to improve any areas of the new National Indicator Set introduced in 2008/09. Progress will be measured within a Performance Management Framework, on an individual indicator basis in order that we can progressively demonstrate achievement of minimum milestones of better than national average performance progressing towards optimum achievement of all England top quartile performance.

The key performance measures will be identified from both current and past (PAFs) national indicator sets, plus any locally agreed indicators. These will then form a revised Learning Disability Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Suite for 2009 / 10. The suite of indicators will cover both Health and Social Care and be reported throughout the year to the respective Health and Learning Disability Service Senior Management Teams and Boards.

- 2008-09 PAF C30 number of people with a learning disability helped to live at home has retained for third consecutive year performance level within excellent top banding.
- 2008-09 First year targets for new national indicators NI 145 and NI146 on settled accommodation and employment achieved.
- 2007-08 CSCI Council Performance Assessment Notebook (PAN) summary identified Learning Disability as demonstrating 5 key strengths and zero areas for development.

In addition to the KPI suite, the service will also continue to roll-out and report on its performance monitoring of commissioned and in-house services via audits undertaken by Contracts Assurance and Reviewing Officers.

We will continue to ensure that the principles of *Valuing People Now* of:

- **Rights:** People with learning disabilities and their families have the same human rights as everyone else.
- **Independent living:** All disabled people should have greater choice and control over the support they need to go about their daily lives; greater access to housing, education, employment, leisure and transport opportunities and to participation in family and community life.
- **Control:** People with a learning disability being involved in and in control of decisions made their life. Having information and support to understand the different options and their implications and consequences, so people can make informed decisions about their own lives.
- **Inclusion:** Ensuring that people with a learning disability are to participate in all the aspects of community – to work, learn, get about and meet people, be part of social networks and access goods and services – and to have the support to do so.

All are embedded in our practise and delivered to all of our service users.

Response to National Reports - Valuing People Now

This report was published on 19th January 2009 and it sets out the strategy for people with learning disabilities for the next three years and now has a delivery plan which sets out the governance structure and actions with time scales and responsibilities at a national, regional and local level.

8 Finance

The total gross amount spent on people with a learning disability for the financial year 2008/09, from the joint pooled budget, was £30,143,029. This was funded by the PCT, the LA and additional income generated as follows:

FUNDING SOURCE	YEAR END SPEND
Rotherham Primary Care Trust	£9,634,649
Rotherham Borough Council	£16,182,291
Income from various sources	£4,326,089
TOTAL SPEND	£30,143,029

Income generated comes from a number of sources such as Government grants, independent living fund, supporting people allowance and continuing health care funding. Only a small amount of income is collected from service users due to the outcome of their charging assessment. Therefore maximising income generation is essential to continue to deliver high quality services.

Of this £30 million spend; almost £19 million (around 63% of the total spend) is spent on contracted services within the independent sector. Therefore essential robust contract and performance monitoring is essential to demonstrate value for money on an annual basis.

9 Risks and Uncertainties

Risks associated with finance relate to funding sources being available to maintain current packages of care which are in place for service users. Income generation must be maintained from the various sources, wherever this is eligible to be claimed. Funding from both partners needs to be committed and where risks are highlighted these risks should be shared by prior agreement. One risk highlighted recently relates to the transfer of revenue funding from the PCT to the LA for social care that was originally delivered by the Trust. This transfer of funds will be paid directly to LAs by April 2011 but much of this funding pays for NHS staff delivering 24 hour care within the independent sector. The risk associated with this, is that as funding only increases at around 2% each year the cost of salaries for these staff increases at a much higher rate.

These risks are contained within the joint risk register and a joint risk sharing agreement is being developed to cover those areas of concerns for the partnership in order to mitigate such risks.

10 **Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

The Learning Disability Service also contributes to the following Council Strategic Objectives:

Strategic Objective 1: To strengthen the approach we take to prevent adult abuse, working together with our partner agencies to reduce the number of cases of abuse and make people in Rotherham feel safer by 2012.

Strategic Objective 2: All customers will have choice and control over their own lives in a way that increases self-directed support by 2012.

Strategic Objective 5: Improve the range and quality of housing so that individuals are able to choose the type of affordable housing that they want and only move when they want to (NI 155) by 2011.

Strategic Objective 6: Vulnerable people are supported to remain in the home of their choice, maintaining their independence for as long as possible and enjoying a full and active life (NI 136) by 2011.

11 **Background Papers and Consultation**

Valuing People Now.

Putting People First.

Commissioning services and support for people with learning disabilities and complex needs.

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