

ROTHERHAM METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
Neighbourhoods and Adult Services
Health and Wellbeing

Quarterly Briefing Note to Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

- **Partnership Working**

Partnership working is a fundamental component of the joint NHS/RMBC Learning Disability Service.

We are half way through current 3 year partnership agreement with NHS Rotherham. Managers are now beginning to review its progress and consider what will need to be included in future agreements

Part of the agreement is a 3 year contract with RDASH to deliver the health part of LD Service. The contract and performance has been subject to monthly scrutiny and the review is underway for next year and beyond.

A Commissioning group has been formed, comprising of representatives from NHS Rotherham, the Director of Health and Wellbeing, RMBC Strategic Commissioning, RDASH and the Service Manager of the service. The group coordinates the overall direction for LD services in the Borough and links to the LD Partnership Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

- **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding is a key area for the Service, particularly following the Winterbourne scandal. The service is prioritising reviewing the 2 establishments in this Borough where they only have Out of Area placements and no-one from Rotherham.

Also ensuring continued accurate up to date information on all RMBC Out of Borough placements. RMBC has only 3% of our customers placed Out of Borough (compared to a regional average of 10%).

The Assessment and Treatment Unit is being reviewed – at high strategic level looking at its role, size, and purpose within the joint service in Rotherham.

Specialist Social Worker for Safeguarding has been appointed in the service - to maintain our high standards and to ensure consistency of approach in investigations with the NAS Safeguarding Team – where she will maintain very close links.

- **Performance**

LD has a good track record in achieving KPI's - in particular regularly achieving 95%+ for reviews. After a slow start to this year momentum is picking up and a similarly high performance is expected this year.

- **Day Services**

Major consultation exercise currently looking at savings to be made on the transport budget and closing the little used kitchens in the centres. This has caused a great deal of discussion, particularly with carers, the process has been extended because of this until the end of the year.

- **Employment**

Key performance measure for the service. LD Borough employment (multi agency plan) has just been endorsed by the LD Partnership Board which aims to increase the work opportunities for people with a LD.

- **Customer Feedback**

Annual 'Let's Talk' event – this is an annual consultation event which caters for all our LD carers and customers. This will be held early 2013 and will be consulting on the strategic direction for LD in the light of the financial and legislative challenges ahead.

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