

JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD (ADULT SERVICES)

TUESDAY, 6 JULY 2010

PRESENT:- Michelle Howard, Councillor Peter Mallinson (Chair), Councillor Andrew Bennett, Councillor Rochelle Russell, Nicola Dunn (PCT), Ian James (PCT), Ann Mooney (SUNS) and Paul Wilenius (Swindon Carers Network)

Apologies for absence were received from Lyndsey Scott (AWP)

89. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

90. **Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2010 be accepted as a correct record.

91. **Financial Position of the Mental Health Pooled Budget 2010/11 at 31st May 2010**

Claire Allen submitted a report concerning the 2010/11 financial position of the Swindon Mental Health Pooled Budget as at 31st May 2010. At the end of March 2010, the forecast position on the mental health pool is a forecast over spend of £0.254m, with the key pressure being from potential costs in the community care budget. These pressures have resulted in identified actions, which will be delivered through the joint specialist health and community care placement panel.

The Board discussed in detail the potential pressures on the Community Care budget.

- A number of clients currently supported by health who have improved to a point that they can be supported in a social care environment.
- Financial reviews currently underway on a number of full cost clients as their capital will fall below maximum charging limits.
- Demand pressures

Claire Allen advised that processes for the management of mental health placements have been reviewed over the past year in order to improve systems and timeliness of information, and that a further detailed report will be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

She advised that the following actions had been taken to address the financial position:

- Continued focus upon PICU threshold to ensure current position is sustained through out the year
- Completion of the contract with AWP related to the social work service
- Confirmation of the numbers of clients who have reach a point when transfer of costs from health to social care is appropriate
- Completion of the financial reviews related to clients capital

- Continued joint working to address specialist health placements and community care costs to achieve minimal costs across both budgets and effective transitions from one budget to the other.

Ian James commented that year-to-date expenditure figures based on accruals rather than cash accounting principles would provide a more realistic snapshot of the budget. Nicola Dunne undertook to investigate this.

Resolved – That the year to date and year-end financial position for the Mental Health Pooled Budget be noted, together with any detailed actions contained within the report.

92. Avon and Wiltshire NHS Partnership Trust Balance Score Card Report

The Board received a report (a) demonstrating AWP performance against the targets set out in the balance scorecard. The report highlighted the Trust's key performance target issues and actions taken by the Trust to improve performance where required in 2010/11. The report advised on those standards where performance had altered since the last report and those that had remained static, categorised as green, amber or red status. The report also highlighted the specific actions that had been undertaken to continue to seek improvements in overall achievement, and (b) a more detailed view of the waiting times target, including details of which waiting times are measured, the performance against the target and the actions taken or proposed to be taken to improve performance, if necessary.

Paul Welenuis expressed his concern at the high level of areas on the Balance Score Card that were currently marked as 'red'.

Claire Allen replied that some were new extremely challenging targets that cannot be compared to previous years targets. She advised that if targets were red or amber then AWP had detailed operational plans in place to rectify this.

Ann Mooney expressed her surprise at the high number of red traffic lights, as the feedback she had received from service users had been largely positive.

Resolved – (1) That the AWP's performance against targets set out in the balance scorecard, be noted.

(2) That measures taken to improve performance standards where required, be noted.

(3) That the waiting times performance and actions as set out in the report be noted.

(4) That the next Balance Scorecard report focus on 'Personalised Areas'.

93. Draft Budget 2010/11 & Financial Position to 31st May 2010 - Adult s75 Commissioning - Adult Community Services

Lisa Proctor submitted a report concerning the 2010/11 budget and month 2 monitoring for the Swindon Adult Community Services s75 Commissioning Budget as at 31st May 2010.

She advised that the current forecast was for a 10% increase in service use which would result in an overspend on the budget.

A number of actions are proposed to be implemented in 2010/11 to address the financial pressures and reduce the forecast over spend as set out below:

- Review of individual domiciliary care packages and implement

- standardised process across joint community teams
- Review of guidance to care managers regarding cost of care packages
- Review of cost of in-house services against market factors
- Redesign of in-house domiciliary care and implement re-ablement service
- Audit of external home care packages
- Development and implementation of a net cost policy
- Fully explore use of assistive technology to reduce cost of care packages and promote independent living.

Resolved – That the draft budget and the position as at May 2010 of the s75 Commissioning Budget for Adult Community Services be noted, together with any actions contained within the report.

94. Draft Budget 2010/11 & Financial Position to 31st May 2010 - Adult s75 Commissioning - Learning Disability Services

Lisa Proctor submitted a report concerning the draft 2010/11 budget of the Swindon Learning Disability s75 Commissioning Budget as at 31st May 2010.

She advised that the learning disabilities care budget remains a high-risk area given the significant unit cost of any additional unplanned new clients and the 'needs-led' nature of the service. Currently, the forecast commitments for the year end is £12.559m a net rise of £0.890m on the 09/10 outturn of £11.669m. The pressures come from high complexity and individual costs of care from transition cases and from the increasing number of new packages of care being agreed. The number of clients receiving care (domiciliary, supported living, nursing or residential) has risen by 29 between May 2009 and May 2010. This equates to a rise of 23.2%, which is well above normal demographic factors.

She advised that a number of actions are being implemented in 2010/11 to address the financial pressures and reduce the forecast over spend as summarised below:

- Options appraisal of day services to ensure that resources are used to maximum effect to promote personalisation and independent living thus reducing the need for local authority provided services.
- Work with community teams to ensure that care packages are the most appropriate for their needs and that person centred plans are fully utilised
- Improve the role and function of the funding panel through joint working with commissioners across health and social care.
- Continue to review residential placements and care home placements to ensure alternative supported living services are explored fully.
- Brokerage to use the LD Fair Pricing tool to challenge prices.
- Review of health placements (including continuing health care) to ensure health and social care plans are being implemented effectively and explore alternative service provision in Swindon in line with the principles of Valuing People.
- Work with local providers to ensure a high level of knowledge and skills across health and social care is achieved to meet the needs of the individuals of Swindon to avoid costly out of area placements.

Resolved – That the draft budget and the position as at 31st May 2010 of the s75

Commissioning Budget for Learning Disability Services be noted, together with any actions contained within the report.

95. Provider Organisational Form (verbal)

Lisa Proctor advised that, as part of the transforming Community Services Programme, the In-house provider would become a separate entity by March 2011

96. Additions to JCB Constitution

Iain Tucker reported that a request had been received from Carol McKinlay, Business Manager – Projects, NHS Swindon, that the Joint Commissioning Board add the following paragraphs to its Constitution.

1. You have the right to expect your local NHS to assess the health requirements of the local community and to commission and put in place the services to meet those needs as considered necessary.
2. The NHS commits to provide you with the information you need to influence and scrutinise the planning and delivery of NHS services.
3. The NHS commits to work in partnership with you, your family, carers and representatives.

Resolved – That consideration of adding the paragraphs set out above to the JCB Constitution be deferred pending legal advice on whether the Board can alter the wording of the paragraphs.