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West Glasgow Community Health Care Partnership Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 29 June 2006 in the Councillors' Corridor, City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow

PRESENT

Councillor Aileen Colleran (Chair)
Jessica Murray (Vice Chair)

Lorna Barr, Professional Executive Group
Terry Findlay, CHCP Director
Councillor Dr Malcolm Green
Baillie Dr Christopher Mason
Tam Munro, Public Partnership Forum
Dougie Taylor, Public Partnership Forum

Barbara Elliot, Professional Executive Group
Councillor Irene Graham
Paul Higgins, Professional Executive Group
Baillie Gordon Matheson
Prince Obike, Staff Partnership Forum

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Crichton, Head of Mental Health, W.G. CHCP
Pam Fenton, Head of Health and Community Care W.G. CHCP
Jeanne Middleton, Head of Finance W.G. CHCP
Dr John Nugent, Clinical Director, W.G. CHCP
Amanda Taylor, Learning Disability Operations Manager, W.G. CHCP
Karen Whyte, W.G CHCP (Minutes)

ACTION BY

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Matt Forde, Head of Children's Services W.G. CHCP, Margaret Joyce, Community Addictions Manager, W.G. CHCP, Chris Melling, Learning Disability Operations Manager, W.G. CHCP and Ray de Souza, Head of Planning and Health Improvement, W.G. CHCP.

Cllr Colleran gave apologies for the late attendance of the other Councillors as a previous meeting had run over.

2. MINUTE OF LAST MEETING ON THURSDAY, 6 APRIL 2006

The minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday, 16 March 2006 were agreed as accurate, subject to the amendment noted by Dr Nugent under the Financial Report on page two of the minutes under paragraph 5. The word 'predicated' should be changed to 'predicted'.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Jeanne Middleton gave a brief outline of her paper. Significant progress has been made towards understanding the budget in the early stages of the new financial year. Budgets from Social Work Services were still in progress and as yet, their report had not been received. Jeanne asked Members to note the table on page one of her report for the period ending 31 May 2006 for Health. Significant underspend in both Mental Health Services and Hosted Services were noted, although there was overspend in both Accommodation & Other and Learning Disability Services. Jeanne would produce a more accurate financial position for the next Committee Meeting but stressed that this would not include final figures from Social Work Services.

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Jeanne then commented on the capital programme detailed on page three. Capital schemes funded for West Glasgow CHCP within this financial years allocation was reported at £10,340 and a 3 year capital plan following the outcomes of a strategic review of CHCP service priorities is currently being progressed and will be presented to the Committee Members in October. The strategy has begun to build upon three multi-functional campuses: Drumchapel, Sandy Road in Partick and also Church Street in Partick. Terry confirmed that the Drumchapel campus includes the Health Centre, nursery and Social Work Department Residential Centre. Discussions would take place next week with the DRS on taking this forward. Jeanne also noted that £72,000 has been allocated for 2006/7 for the NHS Formula Capital which covers minor work and minor equipment.

JM**4. REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES****a) Professional Executive Group (PEG)**

John Nugent suggested that the Role and Remit of the PEG preamble should now be deleted from future Committee papers. He gave a verbal update on current PEG activities including the information that the CHCP Development Plan, Health for all Children and Child Protection had been discussed at the PEG meeting of the 24th May 2006. John also advised that Dr John Macdonald, Consultant in Medicine for the Elderly, of Gartnavel General Hospital, had joined the PEG. It was noted that Dr Roddy Shaw, GP member, had written to GP colleagues requesting nominations for the PEG. John would provide an update on membership at the next Committee meeting

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Jessica Murray asked how child protection now works for health services. John said that there had been a Medical and Nurse lead in the former LHCCs but, as yet, to his knowledge, no main lead had been established in the CHCPs, although Health Visitors were taking primary responsibility. Jessica had met with Rosslyn Crocket who had mentioned that a paper had been produced which indeed noted a formal structure. Terry confirmed that Health Visitors had been nominated in each area from the old structure and that Heads of Children's Services are responsible for Child Protection across all services.

Councillor Colleran noted that Child Protection would be the subject of separate committee report.

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John then gave a brief summary in response to Cllr Green's request at a previous Committee Meeting for summary of the key elements of the contracts of the Independent Contractor groups:

GPs

The contract for GPs commenced in April 2004 and they had now moved to a practice based contract. A quality and outcomes framework (QOF) that defines measure and targets has also been established. An After Hours Service was no longer required to be provided by individual doctors as part of their contract and in hours services were categorised as either essential, additional or enhanced. Paul Higgins stated that some of the Local Enhanced Services now had greater involvement of Nurses in their delivery. John confirmed that every GP Practice has had a visit to review aspects of the QoF. Some Practices had also received Post Payment Verification visits and or contract review visits. Reports from some of these visits are available to the public and may be used to assess or compare the quality of service provided.

Dentists

The contract for Dentists in Scotland is slightly different from that of their English counterparts. In Scotland there are higher levels of direct funding but Practitioners still seem to perceive a degree of polarisation into private/cosmetic areas, as against NHS/family dentistry. The latter bringing with it the possibility/promise of enhanced capitation for working in areas of high deprivation to deliver oral health education sessions for high risk patients.

Optometrists

The new Optometry contract started in April 2006 and had required Practitioners to undergo further education and training and to obtain new equipment. Also included in the contract is the ability to refer directly into an eyecare pathway for both primary and secondary levels of eye examination. Practitioners are now more involved in patient care and are delivering a higher level of service locally.

Pharmacists

The new Pharmacy contract should be up and running in the next few months. A Minor Ailments Services will be phased in first and this will require patients to register with a Pharmacist for the first time. This central ePharmacy, electronic registration system, will require patients to be registered and resident in Scotland and to be exempt from prescription charges, in order to benefit from treatment under this service. The service will include advice or onward referral for prescribed minor ailments.

Irene Graham asked about registration and John confirmed that people were now able to register with pharmacies in anticipation of the new service. There had been some IT teething issues that had delayed the implementation of this element of the new contract by a couple of months.

b) Public Partnership Forum (PPF)

Tam Munro gave an overview of the paper and the framework for establishing Public Partnership Forums. Steering Group meetings will contrive in July and hopefully work towards finalising the shape and constitution.

Dougie Taylor confirmed that there was a good voluntary sector network. A Representative was being sought who could be elected to go to both meetings of the PPF and the voluntary sector. Small groups were to be established through GCVS and it was also noted that a support post was to be established to give help to the CHCP and the voluntary organisation. There were at present 800 voluntary organisations in the whole of Glasgow. Cllr Colleran was pleased to learn that PPF is moving forward in conjunction with the Community Planning Partnership and looks forward to seeing the report.

RdeSc) Staff Partnership Forum (SPF)

Terry confirmed that invitations have been sent out to Unions to nominate members to the Forum and that Social Work Unison had been invited to attend as observers.

Prince Obike advised the Committee that the process would have to go through a democratic nomination and that this may take longer than had previously thought.

5. MATTERS ARISINGa) West Glasgow Community Health and Care Partnership CHCP Draft Development Plan 2006/7

Terry asked the Committee for approval to issue the Plan and the Summary for comments & discussion. He advised that the draft Plan has already been approved by Social Work Department and the NHS for circulation.

Cllr Colleran asked the Committee if they had any questions or comments? Prince asked if there was a shorter version or leaflet? Terry advised that there was a powerpoint presentation of a half a dozen slides and a leaflet to be produced. Cllr Matheson asked for changes to be made on page 7 of the summary document in the section on physical disabilities and in particular on sensory impairment services. Terry would make the changes suggested by Cllr Matheson. Cllr Colleran asked the Committee to agree the plan subject to these changes. The Committee agreed to issue the plans for discussion

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b) Establishing the Sub-Committee on Worklessness

Cllr Matheson advised that the Community Planning Partnerships and that some work is still being developed and being taken forward. Formal liaison with Cllr Matheson, Cllr Colleran, Tam and Dougie needs to be arranged to take matters forward and there currently needs to be a clear lead on who does what? Prince confirmed that he would like to become involved in this process. This item was then agreed.

TF/RdeS

6. REGISTER OF INTEREST & CODE OF CONDUCT

Terry asked the Committee Members to complete the declaration of interest and return these to Karen Whyte by the end of July. Dr Green asked if there was a nominated person who they could contact for advice on completing these documents. Members were advised that it would be John Hamilton at the Health Board and Karen would e-mail his contact details to the Members

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7. CHCP COMMITTEE MEETINGS – IN PUBLIC, DATES & VENUES FOR 2006/7

Cllr Colleran asked members views about moving the starting times of the Committee Meetings due to changes in Council Committee dates and times. Cllr Graham asked if the meeting could be set other than a Thursday. Cllr Colleran advised that she would identify appropriate dates once the new council committee schedule was issued. She will issue dates for the remainder of the year before the next meeting in August.

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8. REDESIGNING ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN WEST GLASGOW

Jim Crichton gave an overview of the paper which he had been produced. He advised the Members that within the national context tackling mental illness and promoting mental health is one of the 4 national health priority areas. The Mental Health and Wellbeing Programme is well established and there is also the new Mental Health Act which provides a framework for health and social care services to plan and deliver services. Mental Health is currently being integrated across the voluntary sector. Jim advised that currently 1 in 4 people which equates to approximately 30,000 in West Glasgow will have experienced a mental health problem.

The Primary Care Mental Health Team support, care and advise members of the public with mild to moderate mental health problems. The re-organisation now means that the West is currently establishing a new Primary Care Mental Health Team. This Team will be supported by the voluntary sector.

Community Mental Health Teams provide specialist assessment and care management for individuals with complex/severe and enduring mental health problems.

A new Crisis Services is currently being redesigned for the West CHCP. Key functions of this services will be to prevent avoidable admissions to hospital and to enable early discharge of patient from hospital into a supported environment in the community.

The In-Patient Admission Service provides short periods of intensive assessment and care. There is currently a £17 million investment on the PFI re-provision of Gartnavel Royal Hospital to ensure user/carer involvement in the project, best in class facilities are provided and equal access issues are addressed and integral to the project.

Cllr Mason asked that meeting the needs of the person in crisis should be the 1st point? Jim advised Cllr Mason that crisis can mean different things to different people and that meeting the needs of patients is a priority. Cllr Mason then raised the issue of spending money on a new facility when the other Wards on site were in a poor state. Jim asked if Cllr Mason had spoken to staff regarding his concerns and advised that the Wards are being refurbished and used for other patient groups. There was discussion of the role of committee members on advocating on behalf of service users and how these are communicated to management for action. Further discussion then took place and Cllr Colleran asked if they could continue their discussion outwith the meeting and explore as part of the development session in September.

9. LEARNING DISABILITY

Cllr Colleran welcomed Amanda to the Committee Meeting. Amanda advised the Committee that the Learning Disability Team has been operating as an integrated Health and Social Care Team for three years. They currently deal with specialist services for learning disability and also helping people access services.

Amanda then gave an overview on the paper produced. Services provided were currently living arrangements; day services; employment; local area co-ordination and respite. The service challenges were demographic changes; employment; families respite and team accommodation.

It was agreed that the respite service was of concern but that using some of the money for people to take advantage of package holidays was beneficial to all concerned. Tam highlighted that this should be encouraged and taken forward.

Amanda then spoke of a particular development involving staff from the Team and provider agencies. Nine people have been trained to deliver personal development training, validated by the Pacific Institute, and they will revise the materials to make them accessible to people with learning disabilities. It is hoped that this work will raise service user's self esteem and confidence, and enhance employability. Funding had been allocated from Communities Scotland. The cost of the course was £14,000. The participants are also planning to deliver this course to other staff and carers who they felt would benefit from it.

Cllr Mason raised various issues regarding point 2.2 of the paper concerning living arrangements. He commented that 2/3 of people live in supported accommodation (i.e. supported by their families) and that this change should be made to the report. He also stated that single parent families are finding it hard to cope.

Cllr Graham advised that the Local Housing Forum had met yesterday and there was no reflection in the papers produced for that meeting regarding housing needs for people with a learning or physical disability.

RdeS

Tam commented on the closure of Kelso House and that this was due to Care Commission compliance.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed for Thursday, 24 August 2006 at 3.30 p.m. at the Community Centre for Health, Sandy Road, Partick.

The meeting ended at 5.30 p.m.