

ITEM NO: 10

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	AGREEMENT WITH HAMPSHIRE PARTNERSHIP FOUNDATION TRUST FOR PROVISION OF INTEGRATED LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES		
DATE OF DECISION:	15 MARCH 2010		
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
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SUMMARY

Using powers under Section 75 National Health Services Act 2006, a partnership agreement is proposed between the Council and Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust (HPFT) to meet the needs of adults with learning disability and their carers. The Council will, under the arrangements, act as lead partner and have responsibility for the management and performance of the Integrated Team made up of HPFT and the Council staffs. The partnership agreement will be funded by the partners using individual aligned funds and will not involve commissioning of services on behalf of either partner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To approve the partnership arrangements between the Council and HPFT for a period of five(5) years from 1st April 2010 under Section 75 National Health Services Act 2006 and enable the Council to act as lead partner under the partnership arrangements and assume responsibility for the management and performance of the Integrated Team.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care to enter into partnership arrangements and approve future variations to the arrangements.
- (iii) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care to establish a Partnership Board to monitor and assist in the management of the partnership Arrangements and to agree the constitution and terms of reference for the Partnership Board.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The report proposes an appropriate partnership arrangement to support the joint working arrangement between the two partners to allow integrated and holistic service provision for this customer group. The arrangements are required under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 to enable HPFT to establish the integrated team with the Council.

2. It is the intention that the Council and HPFT enter into reasonable negotiations to include a pooled fund at a future date.

CONSULTATION

3. The setting up of this arrangement has been discussed, with the following partners and groups:
 - All staff included in the Arrangement
 - Service Users and Carers
 - Southampton City Primary Care Trust
 - HPFT Executive Board
 - Valuing People Partnership Board which included reps of customer and carer groups, voluntary organisations and all Health and SCC services relevant to people with a Learning Disability.
4. Consultation over the proposed contractual arrangement has taken place with the Council's finance, legal, property services, trades unions, Southampton City Primary Care Trust and HPFT.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

5. The proposed partnership arrangement is mandatory under Section 75 NHS Act 2006 to support the level of joint working proposed. Without this level of joint working Service Users and their carers would be unable to experience "seamless" services.

DETAIL

6. One of the main drivers for the changes was the publication of "Valuing People: A new strategy for learning disabilities for the 21st Century" (March 2001) This white paper sets out the Government's vision for people with a learning disability, across a range of services based on four key principles of people having:
 - their rights as citizens
 - inclusion in local communities
 - choice in daily life
 - real chances to be independent

The white paper's vision covered a range of issues including health, housing and employment and promoted the establishment of integrated services, where the local authority is the lead.

7. The "Our health, Our care, Our say": A New Direction for Community Services White Paper (January 2006) set out a vision to provide people with good quality social care and NHS services in the communities where they live. This also promotes the development of integrated service delivery.
8. The proposed contractual arrangements will enable the Council and HPFT to provide the following outcomes and benefits:
 - To provide a first point of contact with social care and health care learning disability services for people with a learning disability and their family carers.
 - To provide information and an initial assessment of need for people with a learning disability and their family carers.

- To support people with a learning disability and their family carers, who are eligible for a service,
 - To develop person centred solutions for their identified needs that draw upon both universal and learning disability specific health and social care resources. These resources will be co-ordinated by integrated services and this role may include:
 - the direct input of individual practitioners within the integrated service,
 - co-ordination of inputs from non-learning disability primary and secondary health care services
 - co-ordination of universal community services,
 - input from directly provided social care services within Southampton City Council
 - input from or referral to tertiary services within Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust
 - purchasing of specific health and social care support using continuing health care and adult social care funds.
9. The Council will manage the arrangements and staff from both HPFT and the Council within the integrated team who are co-located in one building. The services and functions provided by both organisations will continue to be achieved. There is no commissioning of services planned as part of the agreement. There may be a second layer of management providing management functions on behalf of both Partners.
10. The staff will continue to be employed and funded by their respective employer. Each partner will be responsible for any redundancy costs of the staff employed by them.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

11. None

Revenue

12. The council aims to enter into a 5 year agreement with HPFT and for 2009/10 this would involve the Council and HPFT making available the following revenue budgets on a non-pooled basis:

	SCC	HPFT	Total
Staffing Costs	£585,900	£888,470	£1,474,370
Accommodation	£45,400	£52,779	£98,179
Contribution to HPFT admin post	£9800		£9,800
Total	£641,100	£941,249	£1,582,349

Note: All figures based on 2009/2010 figures

13. It should be noted that this agreement does not incorporate the transfer of funds between either organisation and therefore there are no TUPE implications.

Property

14. The staff will provide the Service from Thomas Lewis House, 236 Empress Road, Southampton, SO14 0JY. Thomas Lewis House. This is owned by Hampshire Partnership Foundation Trust and is sub leased to Southampton City Council. The costs payable by each partner are identified as part of the financial/ resource details specified in Part 13 of this report.
15. There are no additional accommodation issues arising from this proposal.

Other

16. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

17. Section 75 National Health Service Act 2006

Other Legal Implications:

18. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

19. The implementation of the recommendation of this report is consistent with the following objectives:
- Valuing People White paper
 - Valuing People Now: From progress to transformation (2007)
 - Our Health Our Care Our Say
 - The Council's medium term plan objective of promoting Independence

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	None
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

Background documents available for inspection at: N/A

KEY DECISION Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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