

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel was held on 11 December 2008.

PRESENT: Councillor Dryden (Chair); Councillors Carter, Cole, Dunne, Lancaster, Purvis and P Rogers.

OFFICERS: J Bennington and J Ord.

****PRESENT AS OBSERVERS:** Emma Howitt, Chief Executive (Middlesbrough MIND)

****APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs H Pearson and Rehman.

****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

****MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 19 November 2008 and the Informal meeting held on 1 December 2008 (Informal) were taken as read and approved as a correct record subject to the deletion of 'or' in recommendation 3, page 2 under minute heading 'GP Practice East Middlesbrough' (19 November 2008).

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IN MIDDLESBROUGH – DRAFT FINAL REPORT

Further to the informal meeting of the Panel held on 1 December 2008 the Panel considered a revised draft final report in relation to the Panel's review into Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health in Middlesbrough.

In commenting on the content of the draft final report the following issues were highlighted: -

- a) further clarification was given in relation to paragraph 112 in that the £100,000 referred to in respect of the Mental Health first aid programme comprised £250,000 Big Lottery funding following an application by the Strategic Health Authority and £50,000 had been allocated jointly to Tees Valley and County Durham PCTs which equated to £300,000 over a three year period;
- b) it was acknowledged that given the time constraints it had not been possible to fully engage and complete work undertaken directly with young people and the BME community;
- c) it was agreed that paragraph 295 in the recommendations would be revised in order to be more concise;
- d) it was further clarified that in relation to paragraph 299 the mental health first aid training was currently only available in respect of adults and therefore it was suggested that the recommendation be revised to 'The Panel recommends that endeavours be made for the PCT and the Council to facilitate and develop mental health first aid training in respect of children and young people;
- e) it was suggested that a footnote be added in relation to paragraph 306 in the recommendations denoting that the Mental Health first aid programme currently relates to adults only;
- f) in commenting on paragraph 307 it was suggested that 'seeks to commission a comprehensive range of services' be replaced with 'commissions a comprehensive selection of services from a diverse range of appropriate providers';

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- g) the Panel discussed paragraph 310 and in particular the formulation of appropriate local performance indicators targeted towards GPs specifically on the basis if current mental health services were meeting the needs of patients;
- h) it was also suggested that within the conclusions of the report reference be made to the Panel's feeling that whilst it was acknowledged that much work was being undertaken in pursuance of Government direction and in meeting national targets there seemed to be less opportunities for developing innovative preventative measures to address local needs.

AGREED that the draft final report be approved taking into account the proposed revisions as outlined.

SCRUTINY REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

In a report of the Scrutiny Support Officer details were provided of progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of Scrutiny reports since the last update to the Panel.

It was confirmed that of the 75 recommendations, which should have been implemented by October 2008, 74 had been implemented and 1 had been partially completed.

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE

In a report of the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel, Members were advised of the key matters considered and action taken arising from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 18 November 2008.

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