

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Adult Services held at 10.00 am on
Thursday, 29 March 2018

Present:

Members: Councillor F Abbott (Cabinet Member)

Other Members: Councillor T Mayer (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

People	S Caren
Place	M Rose

Public Business

25. Declarations of Interest

There were no Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

26. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th January, 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.

27. Renewing the Section 75 Partnership Agreement for Mental Health Services

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People) regarding renewing the Section 75 (S75) Partnership Agreement for Mental Health Services.

This report sought permission to extend the existing Section 75 Partnership Agreement with Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) for the delivery of integrated mental health services. The City Council entered into a Section 75 agreement on 1 April 2014 following Cabinet approval initially for a three year period but with provision for annual extensions. The agreement was extended from 1 April 2017 for a period of 12 months and this report sought permission for a second extension of this agreement for a further 12 months.

The Section 75 Partnership Agreement provided the legal framework to underpin joint working in Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services. Under this framework, joint Health and Social Care teams delivered mental health services from a single line management structure led by CWPT with designated Council staff seconded, and the delegation of specific social care duties. Although the service delivery elements were integrated the financial responsibilities for health and social care remain separate with this separation to continue under the extended agreement.

Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and CWPT remained committed to integrated working practices as a means for delivering joined up support to people with mental ill health across Coventry and Warwickshire, the

S75 agreement continued to provide a suitable vehicle through which to deliver this.

Over the period of the previous extension a formal review of the agreement was undertaken. In summary the review had concluded that whilst there were pressures within the service that need consideration in order to enable staff and managers to deliver the integrated health and social care service and maximise the unique contribution each professional brings it remained the most appropriate way to deliver services in the City.

As an outcome of the review it was considered that seeking to continue the S75 arrangements as opposed to dissolving this and returning to single agency arrangements for mental health services was preferable. There were however a number of matters that arose within the review that needed to be addressed prior to committing to a new and longer term arrangement. The further 12 month extension enabled these changes to be made and then embedded in a revised S75 agreement from 1 April 2019.

The Cabinet Member and Shadow Cabinet Member discussed the following areas with the officer present:

- Contract options
- Partnership working
- Data

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member

1. **Approve that Coventry City Council extends the existing Section 75 partnership arrangement to provide Integrated Health and Social Care Secondary Mental Health Care Services commencing 1 April 2018 for a 12 month period.**
2. **Approve the progression of the improvement actions identified as a result of the review with a view to, subject to satisfactory progress being made entering into a new S75 agreement from April 2019**

28. **Outstanding Issues**

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) that contained a list of outstanding issue items that would be submitted to future meetings and summarised the current position in respect of each item.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities approves the future consideration of matters relating to the outstanding issue items listed in the report.

29. **Any other public business which the Cabinet Member decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at 10.30 am)