

**Report to**  
Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

15<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**Report of**  
Councillor O'Boyle

**Title**  
Report back on the work of outside bodies – Mental Health Partnership Board

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## **1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This reports sets out details of the work of Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board over the preceding twelve months and details of attendance by Elected Members at the Board.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the City Council continues to nominate two Elected Members to the Coventry Mental Health Partnership Board.

## **3 Information on Work of Outside Body – Background**

- 3.1 The overall responsibility for the monitoring and commissioning of Adult Working Age Mental Health Services within Coventry lies with NHS Coventry and Coventry City Council.
- 3.2 The Partnership Board for Mental Health is part of a wider range of partnerships which seek to engage people using health and social care services in Coventry with the organisations accountable for the commissioning and funding of those services. At a regional level it is recognised that Partnership Boards represent one of the key ways for local authorities and the NHS to hear the voice of users and carers. This is particularly important given the changes to the NHS and the role of the local authority in respect of the Health and Well-Being Board.
- 3.3 The role of the Partnership Board is to ensure that a prioritised, cohesive and co-ordinated approach is achieved to commissioning effective and efficient adult mental health services. The Board should ensure that a process and system for reporting back and disseminating performance management information to NHS Coventry and the City Council.
- 3.4 Examples of work undertaken by the Partnership Board during 2010/11 include:
- Review of policy, strategy and performance e.g.
    - National Mental Health Policy
    - Coventry Well Being Project
    - Eating Disorder Needs Assessment and plans for service development
  - Received feedback from Mental Health user and carer forums
  - Consultation events on a range of issues including:

- Helping shape future plans regarding accommodation needs for people experiencing Mental Health issues
- Single Point of Entry to Specialist Mental Health services, and updating telephone helpline provisions
- Improving Access to Psychological Therapies
- Update on Accessing Specialist Services

3.5 It is jointly recognised that the Partnership Board needs further development to ensure its effectiveness is maximised and active participation is encouraged across agencies, users and carers.

#### **4 Benefits to the City Council of the Appointment**

4.1 The City Council directly benefits from participating in the Partnership Board by maintaining a focus upon the following:

- Promoting mental health and well-being in Coventry
- Developing policy and strategy to ensure a recovery/personalised model of care is embedded
- Providing and shaping commissioning recommendations to NHS Coventry and Coventry City Council to meet the agreed strategies, policies and priorities

#### **5 Attendance Record and Remuneration for the Appointment**

5.1 Councillor Townshend and Councillor O'Boyle were the City Council's nominated representatives on the Board for the year 2010/2011. Councillor O'Boyle chaired the meetings of the Board in his role at that time as Cabinet Member (Community Services).

Elected Member attendance for the City Council's nominees is set out below:

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>In Attendance</b>
31 March 2010	Councillor Johnson Councillor Clifford
2 June 2010	Councillor O'Boyle
4 August 2010	Councillor O'Boyle

5.2 There is no remuneration associated with the appointment.

List of background papers

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