

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Adult Services held at 10.00 am on
Thursday, 6 April 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor F Abbott (Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

People S Caren

P Fahy

Place M Rose

Apologies: Councillor D Skinner (Shadow Cabinet Member)
B Day (Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust)

Public Business

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

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

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People), which sought approval to extend the existing Section 75 Partnership Agreement with Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) for the delivery of integrated mental health services.

The Council entered into a Section 75 agreement on 1st April 2014 following Cabinet Member approval, initially for a three year period, but with provision for annual extensions (Cabinet Member Health and Adult Services minute 25/13 refers). The report set out proposals for the first extension of this agreement.

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 Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust 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 remained separate with this separation to continue under the proposed extended agreement.

Coventry City Council, Warwickshire County Council and CWPT were committed to integrated working practices and considered the S75 agreement to continue to provide a suitable vehicle to deliver this. An extension was proposed but it was recognised that more fundamental changes may be required in years to come.

The service remained committed to integrated working practices, recognised the positive impact of this in relation to interventions and outcomes that the agreement supported.

In recommending the extension, some changes had been made to the Section 75 Agreement to improve governance arrangements, safeguarding protocols and systems and processes. The extension was to be agreed by the CWPT Board in April 2017 but in doing so the agreement of Coventry City Council and Warwickshire County Council was required.

The Cabinet Member discussed extending the agreement and performance management with officers.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Adult Services:-

- 1. Retrospectively approve Coventry City Council renewing the partnership arrangement to provide Integrated Health and Social Care Secondary Mental Health Care Services in the refreshed 12 month Section 75 Partnership Agreement commencing 1st April 2017.**
- 2. Delegate the responsibility to the Director of Adult Services for further annual extensions and the implementation of any further changes and amendments to schedules of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement, as required to ensure continued operational effectiveness.**

8. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues to report.

9. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 10.15 am)