
Meeting: Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date: 07 April 2014
Subject: Report of the Hospital Discharge Task Force
Report of: Cllr Rita Drinkwater, Chairman of the Task Force
Summary: The report updates Members of the implementation of the recommendations of the previous task force review of performance relating to the pathway for leaving hospital.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: NHS

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations contained in the task force report were primarily for NHS agencies and not the Council itself. The implementation of these recommendations will however support the Council by promoting health and wellbeing and protecting the vulnerable. The implications of these recommendations have not been identified but officers will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss their implementation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. That the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the recommendations of the task force and recommend to the responsible bodies that they be implemented.**
- 2. That appropriate NHS bodies submit an update to the Committee in two months outlining progress in implementing those recommendations agreed by the Committee**

Background

1. At the Social Care, Health and Housing OSC (SCHHOSC) on 27 January 2014 the Committee approved the final Task Force report of the review of performance relating to the pathway for leaving hospital. At the meeting it was noted that the content of the report was largely historical in nature due to the time taken to gather information and events that had overtaken the initial piece of work. The Committee recommended that:-
 - (a) That the recommendations contained in the report of the Task Force be endorsed
 - (b) That the appropriate NHS bodies submit an update to the Committee in two months time outlining progress in implementing the recommendations detailed in the Task Force report.

- (c) That the Committee receive regular monitoring reports on hospital discharge performance.
2. To support feedback to the Committee appendix B outlines the recommendations that have been agreed by the Committee. Where no update is provided officers will be in attendance to provide an update verbally.

Conclusion and Next Steps

3. The Committee are asked to consider the report and recommendations of the task force and agree that the recommendations be provided to providers for their implementation. It is also suggested that NHS providers provide an update on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the review within 2 months.

Appendices:

Appendix Update on the recommendations

Background papers and their location: (open to public inspection)

Final Task Force report

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/documents/s46985/Final%20Hospital%20Discharge%20Task%20Force%20report%20v6.pdf>

Minutes of the SCHHOSC meeting on 27 January 2014

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/documents/g4447/Printed%20minutes%20Monday%2027-Jan-2014%2010.00%20SOCIAL%20CARE%20HEALTH%20HOUSING%20OVERVIEW%20SCRUTINY%20COMMIT.pdf?T=1>