



# Notes of evidence

Name of meeting	<b>POLICY COMMISSION FOR CARE HEALTH AND HOUSING</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2008</b>
Venue	<b>COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT. IOW</b>
Commission	Cllrs William Burt, Erica Oulton (Chair), Lady Pigot, Margaret Webster and Colin West.
Cabinet	Cllr Dawn Cousins
Cabinet Secretary	None
Other	Nancy Ellacott and Robert Jones (Local Involvement Network - LINK)
Officers Present	Jonathan Baker (Committee Services), Sarah Mitchell, (Director of Community Services), April Ross (Democratic Services)
Stakeholders	Isle of Wight Primary Care Trust - Margaret Pratt (Interim Chief Executive), Carol Alstrom (Chief Nurse), Caroline Morris (Senior Commissioning Manager) Sheila Paul (Chief Operating Officer), Helen Shields (Director of Commissioning)
Apologies	None
1.	<b><u><a href="#">Notes of Evidence</a></u></b>
	1.1 The notes of the previous meeting were agreed.
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
	2.1 There were no declarations of interest received.
3.	<b>Directors Update</b>
	3.1 The Director of Community Services reported that the Budget within community Services and Housing had for the second year running come in under target and expressed gratitude to all staff concerned.
	3.2 Staff from the Homelessness Team was also acknowledged for their managing of the demand in residential places and that overall numbers had reduced. The Mental Health Team were also thanked for their handling of data recording.

- 3.3 It was also noted that from 2 June 2008 the Mental Health Strategy would be implemented.
- 3.4 The Commission were advised that the new LINK service was still at the tender stage and that the successful providers would be announced at the beginning of June 2008.
- 3.5 The Director of Community services announced that a presentation on performance indicators results would be given at a future Commission meeting.
- 3.6 It was also noted that a presentation would also be given to address the Investment in the "Warm Homes" scheme.

4. **Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust Operational Plan 2008/10**

- 4.1 The Director of Commissioning for the IWNHS PCT gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Operational Plan for 2008/10.
- 4.2 Key outcomes were highlighted from the World Class Commissioning project developed across all 9 PCT's in the South Central SHA, of which the Operational Plan was one.
- 4.3 It was noted that the Commissioning Strategy had identified areas that needed to be addressed which included a health needs assessment, a financial plan and promotion of Healthy Lifestyles.
- 4.4 It was also noted that the projected comparative population increase for 2007-12 for the Island would be double that of the national average.
- 4.5 Life expectancy on the Island was also shown to range from 77.3 years in some wards to 82 years in other. Parts of Ryde, Newport and the Bay area were amongst the lowest where the highest was predominantly in the West Wight.
- 4.6 It was stated that the top three causes of death on the Island were Cancers, Diseases of the Circulatory System and Diseases of the Respiratory System and that these were also the top three commissioning priorities. Mental Health was the fourth priority.
- 4.7 Key risk factors for these deaths were smoking, obesity and physical inactivity.
- 4.8 It was noted that key vulnerable groups on the Island included 5000 children who lived in low income households and 5000 adults who claimed incapacity benefit.
- 4.9 It was also noted that 1700 prisoners resided in the three prison sites.

- 4.10 Key actions for the service provider would include decontamination arrangements in HSDU/ Endoscopy, reducing Clostridium Difficile and Prison Health care.
- 4.11 Other Commissioning areas that needed to be addressed included choose and book increased usage/expansion of choice, reducing childhood obesity, increased access to dentistry and increased provision of primary care for prisoners.
- 4.12 It was noted that the Island Premium Costs would be for specialist areas such as extending the age of breast screening from 71 to 73 as well and the implementation of a Community Matron for the Care at Home initiative.
- 4.13 The Commission was advised that it was too early to comment on the implications of the fuel crises. It was however an area that would be monitored and a more fuller evaluation could be given when the winter months set in.
- 4.14 The Commission was also advised that IWNHS PCT Chief Executive was responsible for the delivery of the operating plan.
- 4.15 It was noted that the Isle of Wight has a larger problem than most other authorities in the region with the primary care of prisoners due to the number of prisons on the Island as well as the number of long term prisoners that have reached an older age.
- 4.16 The Commission was advised that the Isle of Wight was the only authority that was looking at prisoners' social care needs. It was reported that the need for prevention was as important within prison as much as it was anywhere else and that prisoners' health and security should be clearly identified and addressed.
- 4.17 The Interim Chief Executive reported that the recent loss of patient records within the Sandown Medical Centre was not the fault of the PCT but that of the courier service that was delivering the records back to the practice.
- 4.18 It was noted that a back up tape was held within the practice and that following a comprehensive review of the situation, it was identified that a courier service was still the best way to transfer data records, providing minimal risk.

## 5. **GP Surgeries**

- 5.1 The Senior Commissioning Manager reported that the Pre Qualifying Questionnaire was now finished and that a number of organisations and shown an interest to bid for the running of the new GP Led Health Centre.

- 5.2 The invitation to tender would go out in mid July 2008 and the successful applicant would be announced in late September / early October 2008.
- 5.3 It was anticipated that no existing clinics with the Newport area would close as a result of the new centre.
- 5.4 The Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Community Wellbeing stated that the new Health Centre in Newport was an exciting prospect for the Island people and that great progress was being made in local health care.

Meeting Closed at 19.24

CHAIRMAN