



Notes of evidence

Name of meeting	POLICY COMMISSION FOR CARE HEALTH AND HOUSING
Date and time	8 AUGUST 2007
Venue	THE BROADWAY CENTRE, SANDOWN
Commission	Cllrs Erica Oulton (Chairman), Deborah Gardiner, Colin West, David Whittaker
	Co-opted Members: Mr Robert Jones and Mrs Nancy Ellacott deputising for Mr David White
Cabinet	Cllr Dawn Cousins
Cabinet Secretary	
Other Councillors	Cllrs Heather Humby, Ian Stephens, Ian Ward
Officers Present	Jonathan Baker, Louise Biggs, Amanda Thomas
Stakeholders	Kevin Bolan, Capital and Estates Manager, PCT Gill Kennet, Acting Associate Director of Child and Family Health Services, PCT Ed Macalister-Smith, Chief Executive IW NHS PCT Mark Price, Project Director, Isle of Wight NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) Dr Peter Randall, Lead at Sandown Medical Centre David Shields, Podiatry Manager, PCT
Apologies	Cllrs Lady Pigot, Margaret Webster

1. **Notes of Evidence**

1.1 The Notes of evidence arising at the meeting held on [27 June 2007](#) were agreed.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

2.1 Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Gardiner, as the Local Member, and Cllr Whittaker as his wife had recently received medical treatment.

3. **Director's Update**

- 3.1 The meeting was advised that the Council had recently introduced free home care for people of 80 years old and above and statistics had shown that there had been an excellent take up. This service provided an opportunity to work more closely with health colleagues and also provided more choice of care options enabling the elderly to live at home for longer.
- 3.2 A new service had recently begun at St Mary's Hospital managed by Help and Care, a voluntary organisation, who worked with ward staff and the Council to ensure that information about returning home was available. This service provided everyone in hospital with a full range of options and independent advice and was not limited to those funded by the Council.
- 3.3 Under the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and the PCT, a joint commissioning approach was being developed. Models of care for vulnerable Island residents were currently being examined.
 - 3.3.1. The model for older people looked at those supported in their own homes as well as nursing home residents. A report would be taken to Cabinet in October 2007.
 - 3.3.2. A mental health service and learning disability service reviews were also being undertaken to ensure the highest quality and correct model of care.
- 3.4 The Council's Social Services had remained within budget whilst delivering a good level of performance.
- 3.5 The Supporting People inspection was due in October, led by the Cabinet Member for Adult Care. This service supported the most vulnerable in the community including drug and alcohol related problems.
- 3.6 The Cabinet Member advised that a report would be available soon about the Health and Wellbeing agenda, where the Government were giving greater emphasis to people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

4. **Potential Relocation of Services in Ryde and Sandown/Shanklin Area**

- 4.1 A [presentation](#) was provided by the Primary Care Trust regarding the proposed relocation of services in Ryde and the Sandown Bay area. This included the rationale behind the plans, the impact for patients and staff, issues of access and parking, as well as details of capital and revenue costs realised.

4.2 Members main concerns were:

- The availability of buses (particularly since Lake bus only ran a few times a day and had already been identified as being problematic)
- The impact on services for patients, particularly access and opening hours
- Utilisation of capital and revenue monies realised
- Consultation with the public.
- Members also referred to the “framework assessment”, which the PCT had completed for the Policy Commission. This document would be used for all future NHS proposals, in order to assess whether a proposal constituted a substantial variation in service.

4.3 The Commission was advised that the PCT would re-investigate the availability of buses with Southern Vectis. It was anticipated that all services would be enhanced by being co-located, in better premises, with increased parking space. The money realised from capital and revenue receipts would be reinvested in improved and increased services for the Island. A public meeting would be held in Lake and would be widely publicised using the Beacon and Lake Parish Council.

4.4 The Chairman invited members of the public to ask questions and these included:

4.4.1. Consideration of Lake Clinic patients suffering with phobias who may find moving to premises within a railway station difficult.

4.4.2. Potential problems with the development plans at Sandown railway station.

4.4.3. Further public consultation with the residents of Lake.

5. **Recommendations**

5.1 Following a vote by a show of hands:

5.1.1. THAT the Policy Commission considers that this is not a substantial variation in service, as per the legislation.

5.1.2. THAT the PCT should consider how to engage with the wider community in the localities, particularly Lake/Sandown, about the changes. This should include further consultation with Lake Parish Council.

5.1.3. THAT the PCT should investigate the contentious bus route in Lake with Southern Vectis.