

# North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 8 October 2012

## ITEM 6(f)

Title: Outcome of the  
Learning Disability Health  
Self Assessment Framework  
2011

Portfolio(s): Health and Adult Social  
Care

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Les Miller

Report from Directorate: Community Services

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Wards affected: All

### PART 1

#### 1.1 Purpose:

This report updates Cabinet on the outcome of the 2011 Learning Disability Self Assessment Framework as detailed in paragraph 1.5 of this report.

There is a requirement under the Self Assessment Framework that the outcome of this assessment is published and that the Local Authority Cabinet receives a report including details of the actions that are being taken locally to address the issues identified.

#### 1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet note the report and endorse the actions being progressed as detailed in this report.

#### 1.3 Forward plan:

This report appears on the Forward Plan for the period 1 September 2012 to 31 December 2012.

#### 1.4 Council plan and policy framework

The recommendations contained in this report are consistent with the following Council Strategic Plan 2012/15 priorities:

This report relates to Priority 1 in the Council Strategic Plan 2012-15 of Sustaining our front line services within the Council while only spending what we can afford.

#### 1.5 Information

In 2001, the Department of Health (DH) published "Valuing People Now" and has since issued further more recent publications continuing this government strategy for people with learning disabilities. The DH describe a "vision that all people with learning

disabilities are people first with the right to lead lives like any others, with the same opportunities and responsibilities, and to be treated with the same dignity and respect". Key partners in delivering Valuing People Now include the Strategic Health Authorities and Directors of Adult Social Services.

Each year over the last four years, the Strategic Health Authority has required Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to lead on the submission of the annual health self assessment framework document setting out what it has done over the previous year in relation to the government's Valuing People Now strategy. The Valuing People Now strategy also included details of plans for the forthcoming year. Whilst this is led by the PCT there is a multi agency approach to its completion and submission.

The annual self assessment comprises:

- A RAG (Red, Amber, Green) self assessment rating against each of the questions identified in the self assessment document, details of these questions are set out in the background papers at paragraph 1.10 to this report
- Information from Service Users, Carers, providers etc to show the information in the self assessment accurately reflects what is happening on the ground
- Evidence to support the self assessment is provided at the time the self assessment document is submitted
- A validation meeting between the Strategic Health Authority and representatives from North Tyneside (Primary Care Trust, Clinical Commissioning Group, Adult Social Care, Northumbria NHS Foundation Trust, Service Users and Carers) to verify the information supplied and seek any further evidence required in support of the self assessment.

There were five themes in the 2011 assessment:

- Theme 1 – Campus closure programme
- Theme 2 – Addressing health inequalities
- Theme 3 – Keeping people safe
- Theme 4 – Valuing people
- Theme 5 – Commissioning for quality.

The outcome of the assessment process for North Tyneside under each of the five themes is summarised as follows:

#### Theme 1 – Campus Closure

This theme ensures there are plans in place to meet the needs of former patients who are no longer receiving in-patient treatment following de-commissioning of long stay hospital facilities.

The RAG rating for Theme 1 improved from red in 2010 to amber in 2011.

Re-settlement plans for former long stay patients had been implemented, however as at 31 March 2011 one former patient's discharge had been delayed. That person's discharge was since completed when a new service to meet that person's needs was successfully commissioned.

## Theme 2 – Addressing Health Inequalities

This theme ensures that a variety of different agencies (e.g. Health, Local Authority, Voluntary Sector, Criminal Justice System etc.) are working with Partnership Boards to address health inequalities of people with a learning disability.

The RAG rating for Theme 2 was maintained at amber for 2010 and 2011.

An area of good practice identified in North Tyneside was having a Learning Disability Clinical Lead in the North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group, who also chairs the Learning Disability Commissioning Board.

However the areas for improvement were identified as follows:

- Service agreements with providers which demonstrate equality of access to healthcare for people with a learning disability
- Data collection and coordination
- Access to national screening programmes for people with a learning disability
- Increase in number of people receiving an annual health check.

## Theme 3 – Keeping People Safe

This theme ensures people with learning disabilities who are in services commissioned or provided by the NHS are safe.

The RAG rating improved from amber in 2010 to green in 2011.

Areas of good practice areas identified in North Tyneside were:

- Learning disability awareness training mandatory for all Acute NHS Trust staff
- Coherent policies and understanding in relation to Safeguarding Adults.

However the areas for improvement were identified as follows:

- Need to assure high levels of training on Safeguarding and Mental Capacity Act
- The Learning Disability Commissioning Board to scrutinise and monitor health action plans with best practice examples identified as evidence. The health action plans are personal plans agreed between GPs and their patients that set out key things the individual needs to do to improve their health and well being.

## Theme 4 – Valuing People

This theme identifies if progress is being made in implementing change and developments as described in Valuing People Now.

The RAG rating for Theme 4 was maintained at amber for 2010 and 2011.

Areas of good practice identified for North Tyneside were:

- Good progress made to support those with more complex needs to be healthy
- People with a learning disability and their carers can contribute to planning and discussion about local health services.

However, areas for improvement were identified as follows:

- Broader health needs of people with a learning disability are reflected in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, this is the overarching strategy between the PCT and the Local Authority about the current and future health and well-being needs of the local population. It provides an opportunity to look forward so that plans can be made to ensure the future needs of local communities can be met
- Closer collaboration with offender health teams to ensure Annual Health Checks are available for people with a Learning Disability who are in prison.

### Theme 5 – Commissioning for Quality

This theme relates to the commissioning arrangements for quality, safety, monitoring, transition, partnership and inclusion.

This theme was introduced in 2011 and assessed for all three areas across NHS North of Tyne (Newcastle, Northumberland and North Tyneside).

The SHA noted that out of area health placements are being reviewed by the PCT.

Areas for improvement were identified as follows:

- Establish a preferred provider list and undertake quality checks.
- On-going monitoring of placements, contracts in place and views of Service Users and Carers to be taken into account and fed into the overall monitoring and review process.
- Person centred outcomes identified for contracts and service specifications linked to the needs of individuals and vice versa.

In summary the SHA were pleased with the progress that had been made in North Tyneside from the 2010 self assessment and commented that “significant progress” had been made.

A copy of outcome letter from the SHA is appended to this report.

As part of the governance arrangements details on the outcome of the self assessment are required to be reported to:

- The local Partnership / Commissioning Board
- PCT Board
- Acute Trust Board
- Specialist Learning Disability / Mental Health Trust Board
- Local Authority Cabinet
- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Safeguarding Adults Board
- GP Consortia.

### Update and Actions

Within the overall outcome of the self assessment, there were two areas that were RAG rated as red. These were in relation to the following:

- The PCT has agreed with local partner agencies a long term “across the system” strategy to address services to meet the needs of people with a learning disability from ethnic minority groups and their carers.

The red rating was given as North Tyneside was not in a position to evidence with data from GP Practices that people with a learning disability from an ethnic minority group have equality of access to health care services as do the wider population of North Tyneside. The key issue here is in relation to data recording and the access to that data by the PCT from individual GP practices.

- The PCT and their partners are working with local and regional Offender Health Teams to ensure that offenders with learning disabilities have access to a full range of healthcare, in keeping with legislation, policy and best practice.

This also relates to equality of access to health care systems from people linked into offender services and the data / evidence not being available to support the statement that there are local and regional links in place.

Actions to date to address these two areas include:

- Data Access – An action plan has been developed by the PCT and submitted to the SHA on collaborative working and improvement of information sharing. The action plan covers three main areas:
  - Data extraction – achieve agreement with GP practices to share data
  - Clinical quality – ensure robust recording of information
  - Increased awareness amongst GPs.
- Links with Offender Teams – Working links have been established with Offender teams and the Probation Service to ensure the health needs of offenders with a learning disability with a forensic background are linked into the health system and have equality of access to health care services and provision. This work is identified in the Learning Disability Commissioning Board's work plan for 2012/13.

Work will be ongoing in relation to both of these items and the Learning Disability Commissioning Board will have oversight of progress.

Updates to these areas will be reported back to the Health and Wellbeing Board quarterly.

## **1.6 Decision options:**

There are no decision options as Cabinet is requested to note the report and the actions being progressed.

## **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

N/A

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Letter from the Strategic Health Authority detailing the outcome of the 2011 self assessment for North Tyneside

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

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## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the offices of the author:

- (a) Guidance information from the Strategic Health Authority on the learning disability self assessment process -  
[http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=538336](http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=538336)
- (b) Letter from the Strategic Health Authority detailing the outcome of the 2011 self assessment for North Tyneside  
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- (c) Easy read overview report on finding of the self assessments across the North East region.  
[http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=538341](http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=538341)  
[http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC\\_PSCM.PSCM\\_Web.download?p\\_ID=538337](http://october.northtyneside.gov.uk:7778/pls/portal/NTC_PSCM.PSCM_Web.download?p_ID=538337)

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial implications for the Council directly arising from this report. All Council actions against each of the recommendations in the report will be met from within existing Council/service budgets.

### **2.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

The completion of the self assessment submission to the Strategic Health Authority in 2011 was subject to consultation with Service Users, Carers and Providers to ensure there was sign up to the content and to the self assessed rating against each of the questions asked.

### **2.4 Human rights**

The actions contained in this Cabinet Report support the following Human Rights principles:

- Right to respect for private and family life
- Protection from discrimination

### **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

This report sets out the positive actions the Council, Health Agencies and other Partner Agencies are taking to meet the needs of people with a learning disability.

## 2.6 Risk management

The Learning Disability Commissioning Board and the Health and Well Being Board will receive updates and will monitor progress against the actions to manage and mitigate risks.

## 2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder issues arising from this report.

## 2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability issues arising from this report.

### PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Strategic Director(s)  x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)  X
- Chief Finance Officer  x
- Monitoring Officer  x
- Strategic Manager, Policy and Partnerships  x
- Chief Executive  X

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