

Report to South Cambridgeshire DC Council re Adult Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting 12th September 2013. Cllr B Smith

Agenda item 4. Delayed discharge review

A report from a member led review was presented and was responded to by representatives from the various NHS trusts, the County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group. The report was a response to the increase in overall numbers of Cambridgeshire patients whose discharge from acute hospital was delayed during winter 2011/12, especially from Addenbrookes.

- Delayed discharge from hospitals in Cambridgeshire has resulted in the cancellation of hundreds of operations in the past year.
- It puts patients at risk of infection and of losing their independence.
- It has serious financial implications as the CCC has to reimburse hospitals for delays that are attributable to social care.

85 % of delayed discharge was in patients admitted to A and E as emergencies. Most delays related to frail, older people but there was a serious issue surrounding delayed discharge of people with mental health problems, especially those under 65, either as the primary cause of their admission or as a secondary consideration.

The paper had made a large number of recommendations to improve the situation. The implementation of these recommendations varied with Peterborough appearing to be slowest off the mark. Improvements to inter agency communications was central to the recommendations as was resourcing services outside of acute hospital. A shortage of home care provision was identified especially in the south of the county and in Hunts. It was recommended that resources be directed to avoidance of emergency admissions throughout the county.

Agenda Item 5. Business planning for adult social care: Progress update for 2013.14 and approach for 2014/15

This began with a review of the financial problems facing the County in the next 5 years and the savings of £146 million that are required.

The performance update showed 7 indicators currently showing red:

- Delayed transfers of care from hospitals (see above)
- Reimbursable bed-day delays (see above)
- Carers receiving assessment. Carers are entitled to an assessment of their needs. There are estimated to be 60 000 carers in the county only 3000 of whom have been assessed.
- Proportion of eligible service users receiving self directed support (SDS). Performance is significantly below target due to work ceasing in order to move user's data to a new computer system.
- Proportion of eligible service users receiving direct payments. (see above).
- Adults in contact with secondary mental health service in paid employment. These figures are declining.
- Adults with learning disability in paid employment. These figures are declining.

