

INTERIM REPORT OF THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN MILTON KEYNES REVIEW GROUP

Background

Following a request by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee Planning Group, at its meeting on 9 July 2012 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee provisionally approved the establishment of a Review Group to consider the Provision of Mental Health Services in Milton Keynes, with a membership of 1:1:1 from the main political groups on the Council.

The formal establishment of the Review Group was confirmed by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee at its meeting on 31 July 2012.

The following councillors were nominated to serve on the Review Group:

Councillor Rita Venn (Labour)
Councillor Philip Wharton (Conservative)
Councillor Christine Zealley (Liberal Democrat)

At its meeting on 20 December 2012 the Review Group appointed Councillor Christine Zealley Chair and agreed the following terms of reference:

- To consider the provision, by the Council and other agencies, of mental health services in Milton Keynes.
- To consider the effectiveness and robustness of the existing provision and if there are areas for improvement
- To make appropriate recommendations on the provision of mental health services in Milton Keynes if required.

Work Programme

The Review Group held an initial planning meeting on 25 October 2012 which was attended by Councillors Venn, Wharton and Zealley, Anna Selby (Operational Director Joint Mental Health), Tracey Chapman (Senior Joint Commissioner [Mental Health]), Lyn Scott (Assistant Director Adult Social Care) and Elizabeth Richardson (Overview and Scrutiny Officer).

The meeting received a comprehensive presentation on the Provision of Mental Health Services in Milton Keynes from Anna Selby and Tracey Chapman.

Following discussion of the issues raised in the presentation, the Review Group agreed to look at the provision of dementia services and care in Milton Keynes as their first piece of work. In order to do this effectively, the Review Group agreed to carry out a series of site visits in order to review facilities and see service providers in action.

The visits took place as follows:

21 November 2012:

Memory Assessment Support Service (MASS)
Redwood Day Centre
The Older Peoples' Assessment Service (TOPAS)

22 November 2012:

Flowers House Sheltered Housing
Courtney Lodge

A report on the findings of the site visits was prepared and considered by the Review Group at its meeting on 20 December 2012. Having reviewed the findings the Review Group agreed to invite the Assistant Director (Adult Social Care) to attend its next meeting in order to address a range of questions / clarify points of information raised by the Review Group.

Cllr Christine Zealley

Chair

Provision of Mental Health Services in Milton Keynes Review Group