

**Minutes of the meeting of the JOINT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD
held on THURSDAY 31 JULY 2003 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber,
Civic Offices, Central Milton Keynes**

Present: **Milton Keynes Council (MKC)**
Councillors I Henderson (Chair) and Saunders

Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust (MKPCT)
M Brighton (Chair)
J Ablett (Director of Commissioning)
N Eisenstadt (Non-Executive Director)
R Weetman (Acting Director of Primary and Intermediate Care)
N Oldring (Director of Children's Services)

Milton Keynes General Hospital Trust (MKGHT)
M Rowlands (Chair)
J Rodney (Chief Executive)
L Wogan (Non-Executive Director)

Officers: K Page (Strategic Director Neighbourhood Services) - MKC
J Moffoot (Head of Democratic Services) - MKC
S Yapp (Acting Head of Integrated Commissioning) - MKC
D Moore (Head of Commissioning and Customer Care) -MKC
J Hainstock (Commissioning Manager- Older People's Services)-
MKC/PCT
A Gibbons (Head of Adult Social Care)- MKC
L Hudgell (Commissioning Manager Physical Disabilities)-MKC
P Sutton (Head of Children's Services)- MKC
W Marsden (Senior Committee Manager) -MKC
A Angeli (Committee Manager)- MKC

Apologies: Councillor Hoyle
Dr N Hicks (Director of Public Health)- MKC/MKPCT
B Kennedy (Chief Executive)- MKPCT
C Moody (Mental Health Manager)- MKC/MKGHT
Dr S Murthy (Executive Committee Chair)- MKPCT

Observers: J Palmer (Home Services Manager)- Age Concern
P White (Chair)- Milton Keynes Community Health Council
H Brown- M K Carers Project
H Kirkwood - M K Crossroads

A Payne (Service Development Officer)- MKC
R Medd- (Non-Executive Director)- MKPCT
L Kent -MKPCT and Chair of the Innovations Fund Panel
Various members of the public

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| 1 | Minutes RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2003 be approved as a correct record. | |
| 2 | Matters Arising It was stated that Mrs J. Bromley had not yet received a written response to the question regarding Children’s Services and Learning Disabilities posed at the Board’s last meeting, but that protocols were being set and a draft document had been produced that would lead to a flow chart for parents and a road map by the end of November 2003. A written reply would be forwarded to Mrs J. Bromley. | S Yapp |
| 3 | Questions from Members of the Public The following question was received from Mr C. Meredith: <i>“That the closing date for public consultation on the 36-page Report of the Best Value Review of Older People’s Services (plus the 78-pages of Appendices, listed but not yet included in the Report as presented) be extended, if possible, from 31 August to 31 October, in line with the usual 3 months allowed for important consultations and bearing in mind that August is a holiday month when effective consultation is likely to be difficult, especially for the scattered population of Older People who will be affected, whether they know it or not, by the outcome of the Initial Best Value Review.”</i> The Chair agreed to an extension of the closing date for public consultation to 31 October 2003. The following question was received from Mr P. Bromley: <i>“To ask whether the Thames Valley Health Authority’s share of the Department of Health funding allocated this year for learning disability services has been distributed to the Primary Care Trust</i> | |

in Bucks, Beds and Herts and, if not, what steps can be taken for its intended purpose?"

The Chair stated that a written reply would be forwarded to Mr P. Bromley.

S Yapp

The following question was received from Mr H. Brown:

"Current proposals to reconfigure health services at Bletchley Community Hospital have highlighted concerns about the provision of respite breaks for unpaid carers in Milton Keynes. What action is the Board taking to improve the identification of carers, the assessment of their needs and the provision of appropriate services to meet these needs, particularly in respect of respite care opportunities?"

The Chair stated that a written reply would be forwarded to Mr H. Brown.

S Yapp

4 Pooled Budget for Aids and Adaptations

Lynne Hudgell introduced her report which outlined the arrangements Milton Keynes Council and the Primary Care Trust needed to make in order to implement pooled budget funding for the Integrated Community Equipment Service, in line with Government regulations. The Board noted that the intended implementation date for the Pooled Budget for Aids and Adaptations was 1 October 2003.

Board Members made comments which included the exclusion of wheelchairs and children's services equipment from the pooled budget. It was noted that the pooled budget only covered the equipment and not other parts of the service.

The Board congratulated Lynne Hudgell for the groundbreaking work she had done and stated that this proposal would lead to a more effective and efficient service that would be hugely beneficial to the service users.

RESOLVED –

1. That, subject to the approval of the Council and the Primary Care Trust, the budgets to be pooled were the Adult Social Care budget, the PCT Medical Loans Budget, the Equipment Budget and the ring-fenced budget.
2. That the aids and adaptations elements of the Children's Social Care budget and Education budget be included in the pool at a later date.

3. That the Joint Equipment Board retain responsibility for ensuring a streamlined, coordinated process and properly accountable system.
4. That Milton Keynes Council act as the lead authority.
5. That the identified pooled fund manager be a joint commissioner physical disabilities in the integrated commissioning unit.
6. That service be commissioned and performance managed by the Joint Equipment Board who will report to the Joint Health and Social Care Board.

5 Pooled Budget for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Susie Yapp presented an update on the current position regarding the progress towards pooled budgets for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities.

The Board clarified that there would be separate agreements and budgets for each of the services and that this was ensured by the need to meet national standards.

RESOLVED –

1. That implementation of pooled budgets for Mental Health and Learning Disabilities be delayed until 1 April 2004.
2. That Finance Teams provide additional support to Service Managers to enable them to manage budgets more effectively in the interim.

6 Aggregated Audit Position of Agencies in Milton Keynes in Respect of the Victoria Climbié Inquiry

The Board noted and agreed the current audit position and the proposed actions of the agencies concerned following the Victoria Climbié Inquiry. Paul Sutton, Head of Children's Services, Milton Keynes Council, presented a report which outlined the audit process undertaken by the relevant agencies as well as the key areas for action identified by each.

7. Local Delivery Plan

The Board received a verbal update from Jeannie Ablett and Ruth Weetman on the Local Delivery Plan and the Enhanced Intermediate Care Model. It was stressed that the Local Delivery Plan was a living document and was constantly changing. The

recent instruction to balance the Local Delivery Plan's budget had forced the Primary Care Trust to make cost reductions, one of which was the reduction of beds at Bletchley Community Hospital. Ruth Weetman outlined the strategy and goals of the Enhanced Intermediate Care Model.

The Board then discussed the impact of these changes, the difficulty of culture change and the methods for measuring the success of the Model. There were many concerns and questions from the Board and members of the public regarding the model, including a critical lack of funding to meet Milton Keynes' growing population needs, the need for an evaluation model and the cost to the Council resulting from the loss of beds at Bletchley Community Hospital. The Board was critical that information was not shared by the Primary Care Trust, as the Joint Health and Social Care Board was a partnership arrangement, and strongly stated that consultation should have taken place on the Enhanced Intermediate Care Model prior to its implementation.

The Board noted the status of the Local Delivery Plan.

8. Mental Health Day Services Relocation

The Board noted that the day services would be moving to their new locations during the course of summer 2003.

9. Star Ratings for Primary Care Trust and Acute Trust

The Board received an update from Jeannie Ablett and Jill Rodney regarding the star ratings received by the Primary Care Trust and the General Hospital. Both organisations received a zero star rating but have made much progress since then, with improved waiting times and access to GPs. It was noted that star ratings were not reflective of the quality of care, as they were based on key targets mainly regarding access to services.

It was noted by the Board that the Mental Health Service, a joint venture between the Primary Care Trust and the Council, received a two star rating.

10. Proposal for Older People's Mental Health Integration Project

The Board received and noted the proposal for an Older People's Mental Health Integration Project.

11. Older People's Services Best Value Review 2003

Alastair Gibbons presented the Older People's Services Best

Value Review 2003, which he had led along with Jeannie Ablett. Work on the Best Value Review began in January 2003 and concentrated on the four Cs: Challenge, Consultation, Comparison and Competition. The Review looked at strategically improving the whole system by combining skills across organisations. There was a focus on increasing the independence of older people and providing rehabilitative, community-based care.

The deadline for public consultation had been extended to 31 October 2003.

The Board praised the work that had been done and opened the discussion to members of the public.

Comments included:

- Document in public domain, discussions should be held with a range of organisations.
- Concern about National Framework for Older People.
- Need to look at, and possibly consult with, comparator authorities.
- Nothing much in recommendations regarding promoting active lives for older people.
- No investment in intermediate care.
- More resources should be put into preventative care.
- Opportunity must be taken to move matters along in the Action Plan.

RESOLVED-

That the recommendations for change, as set out as an **Annex** to the minutes, be agreed.

12. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 11 September 2003 at 7pm in the Council Chamber.