

# Draft Annual PDS report to Council 2011/12

## 5. Report from Adult and Community PDS Committee

**Chairman:** Cllr. Judi Ellis  
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### Health Scrutiny Meetings of the Adult and Community PDS Committee

- 5.1 The changes to health care provision have led to a complex agenda, and holding separate meetings has given the Committee the opportunity to undertake in depth scrutiny; enabled closer working with Bromley Link and the opportunity for national and local changes to be fully reported and communicated to residents.
- 5.2 The first meeting in July 2011 was taken up with a statement from and questions to the Chief Executive of the South London Healthcare NHS Trust about the new trust and future plans.
- 5.3 The second meeting in November 2011 discussed -
- The proposed changes to Orpington Hospital and the Orpington Needs Assessment;
  - An update from Oxleas Foundation Trust including provision of older people's mental health in patient care;
  - A proposed model of care for cancer services;
  - A report from Bromley Link on discharge from the PRUH; and
  - An update from the Chief Executive of the South London Healthcare NHS Trust.
- 5.4 The third meeting in February 2012 covered –
- the Stroke Service provision at the PRUH;
  - the Dementia Needs assessment;
  - the action plan (following Bromley Link report) on discharge from the PRUH;
  - NHS, South East London – Bromley Intermediate Care Consultation; and
  - An update on the Orpington Health Services project.

### Adult and Community PDS Committee

- 5.5 We held seven meetings throughout the year looking at -

#### Housing issues -

- The Annual and mid year Housing and Residential Services Report on Social Housing;
- Housing related support for older people;
- Homelessness/Housing Need;
- Empty Properties;
- Private rental sector;
- Review of Registration on the Housing register; and
- GLA Pan London mobility scheme.

### **Learning disabilities**

- Short break services;
- Day Activities;
- Direct payments;
- Supported Living; and
- Integrated transition strategy.

### **Older People Strategies**

- Residential/Nursing Home Respite Care;
- Blue Badges – Criteria, process and complaints; and
- Provision of in-patient services [Oxleas];

### **Strategy Updates**

- Dementia;
- Transition;
- Adults with Autism;
- The impact of revised personal budgets and charging policy; and
- Safeguarding.

### **Budget Issues**

5.6 Each meeting of the Committee looked at a budget area in depth and this has been closely linked to commissioning issues.

5.7 The commissioning issues scrutinised were -

- Advocacy – providing a voice and signposting for people who have difficulties speaking for themselves;
- Brokerage – Services for people who do not meet the Council's criteria for social care;
- Information advice and guidance Services;
- Community Links Bromley – support for the third sector;
- Substance Misuse;
- Visual impairment – provision of equipment and books; and
- Services for people with physical disabilities.

### **Complaints**

5.8 This is an important report as it is an excellent scrutiny indicator.

### **Questions from the Public**

5.9 We have had a large number of questions from the public this year and would like to thank the questioners for their continued interest in and support for the work of the Committee.

### **Briefing papers**

5.10 Briefing papers have replaced Items for Information and are to help Members increase their background knowledge of items on the agenda or to update Members following a report redrafted to reflect their comments.

### **Conclusion**

5.11 My thanks go to all Elected and Co-opted Members for their dedication and commitment to Bromley in the last year. This has been another challenging year, and detailed information had to be absorbed and assimilated. This was needed to

ensure that the targeted savings could be made without the loss of quality control and clearly communicated.

- 5.12 All Members understand the economic climate and the need to scrutinise proposed savings to ensure that they do not have serious long term financial implications or severely damage the support given to the most vulnerable residents in the Borough.
- 5.13 The Committee has been directly supported by Anne Watts, Assistant Director, Strategic Development for the first half of the year and replaced following reorganisation by Angela Buchanan for the second.
- 5.14 Philippa Stone was the Democratic Services Officer for the first half of the year and then seamlessly replaced by Helen Long for the second. The Committee continues to receive good quality and timely reports and this has been appreciated by the Members of the Committee. Our thanks go to the supporting officers and to all the officers who write the reports and attend the meetings.

**Cllr. Judi Ellis**  
**Chairman, Adult and Community PDS Committee**