

Well-Being Partnership Theme Board

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Report Title: Update from Supporting People EMB

Report of: Chair, Supporting People EMB

Summary

To update Well-being Partnership Theme Board on Supporting People EMB Partnership Executive Board's strategies.

Recommendations

That the Well-being Partnership note progress and key issues.

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1. Briefing Notes from SPEMB held on 31st January 2006

- 1.1 The meeting was in two parts, where, in Part 1, matters of a confidential nature were discussed and decisions taken with regards to the outcome of Service Reviews and the future existence of Providers and their services.
- 1.2 Part 2 allowed for Provider representation and matters of a more general nature to be discussed and respective decisions reached.

2. Part 1 - Service Reviews

2.1 Service Reviews that had been completed in the following sectors; Single Homelessness, Domestic Violence, Young Persons and, Substance Misuse, were presented for recommendations. Interim reports on the Older Persons and Voluntary Sectors were also presented together with a progress (overview) report on all remaining service reviews.

2.1.1 Single Homelessness

- It was reported that standards were generally poor in this sector and that the services were not strategically relevant as they mainly comprised of shared housing which the SP 5 year strategy had indicated should be replaced with floating support services.
- It was recommended that 6 services be de-commissioned, with a 12 month notice being given in each instance, although Needs Mapping Research is to be undertaken to establish the strategic requirements in this sector and the necessary respective responses from (i) Homelessness Preventions and Options and (ii) SP teams.

2.1.2 Domestic Violence (DV)

- The recommendations of the SP team were agreed, to re-commission 5 DV services, with varying Action Plans and target deadlines; and to de-commission one DV service (which was with the agreement of the Provider, who conceded that the service was no longer strategically relevant).

2.1.3 Substance Misuse

- The report of one Provider was presented, with the express agreement that the service be given 12 months notice and an alternative Provider sought through re-tendering

2.1.4 Young Persons

- One Review was presented for this sector and following a robust discussion, it was agreed that this service would be re-commissioned despite being shared accommodation, due

to the ages of the client group and the need to be in shared accommodation to claim Housing Benefit.

2.1.5 An Interim Report on Older Persons services was presented with the full report promised for SPEMB on 22 February 2006.

2.1.6 An interim report on the Voluntary Sector was tabled, but not discussed at this meeting. The full report is expected at SPEMB on 22 February 2006.

2.1.7 The progress was report was received and using the 'traffic light system' all those reviews in progress which were indicated red were discussed and the members of the panel appraised of the present situation

3. Part 2

- 3.1 It was reported that the Well Being Theme Board in December had rejected the bids base process for SP projects, requiring instead a commissioned process
- 3.2 There was a discussion around how these should be prioritised and whether or not the bids themselves, actually, constitute a commissioned process.
- 3.3 Bids received, to date, for developing new SP services were discussed and a new deadline for completed bids was declared
It was agreed that a meeting would have to be convened to decide priorities and this should be before next SPEMB (22.2.06) as there would be budget implications for Directorates.
- 3.4 Consultation on the National Strategy and Distribution Formulas is under way and a Council response being considered (CEMB w/c 06.2.06)
PCT and Probation are being included for inclusive Partnership response.
SP Providers are meeting on 23 February 2006 to co-ordinate a Provider response.
- 3.5 Stephen Clark announced that he was standing down as Chair. This role was being handed over to Julian Higson.