

Extension of Supporting People Commissioning Body Terms of Reference to Cover Commissioning of Adult Social Care

Health & Wellbeing Board – 15th March 2012

1. What are we trying to achieve for our communities?

- 1.2 Clear process & governance for commissioning decisions:** With the appointment of the DASS in Torbay Council and the widened remit for the Care Trust provider arm to cover southern Devon, there is a need to locate the governance of adult social care commissioning within a defined structure reporting to the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. The Supporting People (SP) Commissioning Body (CB) was set up in 2003 to provide governance for the SP programme. It has been a successful joint commissioning partnership comprising, Torbay Council, Torbay Care Trust and Devon and Cornwall Probation. It is proposed the remit of this body is extended to include adult social care. The CB has already expanded its role in relation to commissioning substance misuse treatment services for children and young people.
- 1.3 Integration of commissioning care and support:** The Health and Social Care Bill proposes a model of fully integrated commissioning. GP consortia are currently being set up to take on this role. Expanding the remit of the Commissioning Body is the next stage in preparation for this because it makes the link between social care and housing, building on existing joint commissioning relationships with probation, public health and DPT.
- 1.4 Efficiency through single approach to commissioning and best use of staff skills/experience and senior officer meeting time:** The extended role of the Commissioning Body will be reviewed in April 2013. Review will take into account how community and service users have been involved in commissioning cycle and key decisions and the need for any further change following implementation of the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act in Torbay.

2. Relationship to Community Plan

- 2.1** The new structure will have an impact on many aspects of the plan, in particular:
- Improving adult safeguarding
 - Closing the gap
 - Delivering principles of early intervention and prevention in supporting communities
 - Jointly engage and involve communities to resolve local issues
 - Continue to provide value for money for our communities

3. Recommendation for decision

- 3.1** The Health & Wellbeing Board endorse the decision of Supporting People (SP) Commissioning Body (CB) on 16th February to extend the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and terms of reference (TOR) for the SP CB to include accountability for adult social care commissioning in Torbay. Summary of CB commissioning decisions will be provided to part 3 of future Health & Wellbeing Board meetings.

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