

## **SHEFFIELD FIRST FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP SUPPORT UNIT**

### **BUSINESS REPORT 2003/04**

In this business report from the Partnership Support Unit, I outline items for your information.

#### **Paul Plsek Event**

South Yorkshire Health Authority organised a morning session by Paul Plsek a leading exponent in Transforming Whole systems in a Complex Environment Paul has done extensive work with the NHS for a number of years on transformational change Sheffield NHS organisations were well represented

The senior officers present were asked to reflect on the five key aspects of organisational culture

- The Nature of relationships
- How decisions are made
- How power is defined, acquired and used
- How conflict is handled
- How learning is supported

Amongst the challenges he posed was to look at these five aspects not only within organisations but also between organisations in South Yorkshire. This might be a useful framework for looking any decision making in the city

#### **Ministerial Visit to Sheffield**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> February it is expected that the Minister for Public Health Melanie Johnson will visit Barnsley and Sheffield to look at how we are addressing Health Inequalities there is a draft timetable which proposes that she visit Wildlife café in Manor Castle and Upperthorpe HLC before an for Lunch She is interested in CHD and healthy eating issues and a varied programme will be pulled together to ensure we get across the breadth of the work being undertaken in Sheffield.

#### **Physical and Sensory Impairment Partnership Board development**

There will be a whole systems event 16<sup>th</sup> march to consider how best to build on the current partnership working and develop a co-ordinated approach to partnership working in relation to Physical and Sensory Impairment in Sheffield

Pre work for the day is being undertaken by ILS

Once proposals have been developed they will come to the Committee for agreement

## **Commission for Health Improvement review of Coronary Heart Disease**

The dates for the CHI visit to Sheffield are now agreed as the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

John Soady will be working on communication and co-ordination of the CHI visits to ensure an overview of the work is given

## **Report back Sheffield First Partnership**

The main focus of business was the mid-year review of the Local Strategy Partnership (LSP) by representatives of the Government Office (Isobel Mills and Carol Cooper Smith).

The review went well, the overall tone set in Isobel's opening remarks in which she noted, among other things:

- A good balance between the focus on city wide (and city centre) issues and identified neighbourhoods
- A balance between focus on the economic agenda and on the other parts of the agenda
- A good integration between the City Council's agenda and that of the LSP, and a partnership that is regarded as outward looking, with a national profile and a willingness to share
- Few areas where progress was assessed as needing improvement; it was more a case of building on progress to date, particularly in the areas of education (especially the younger age bracket), health (focus on health inequalities) and employment connections
- A family of partnerships that is working well; support in particular for making further progress in relation to children and young people, and in terms of the joint planning agenda
- In this last respect, the developing policy agenda covers a whole range of issues will strengthen the role, responsibilities and influence of LSPs; we need to be clear we are equipped to respond

In presentation and discussion the meeting rehearsed key areas of progress and successes within the agreed strategy, alongside identifying action still needed. Our focus on reducing the health gap, and commitment to the health inequalities strategy, was highlighted.

The Board also focused on developing our partnership approach to performance management and agreed proposals to clarify roles and responsibilities between the Sheffield First Board and partnership boards within the family, particularly around measuring and delivering targets. Consultation will take place with partnership boards and delivery agencies over the next 6 months with a view to a report being presented to the Board in September 2004.

## **Report back from Sheffield First for Social Inclusion**

Presentations have been received from

- The Environmental Street scene Theme
- Environment Regeneration Parks and Countryside Theme.
- Crime and Disorder Theme

Discussions had taken place with Sheffield First re SFfl  
It was agreed that SFfl needs more focus.  
SFfl to go back to Sheffield First in February to report on targets and work.

It was felt that SFfl needed to spend more time on Board roles and responsibilities, protocols etc. An away day was in principle agreed to carry forward these discussions.

### Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy

Gone to LSP Managers for comments.  
SF partnerships needed to discuss  
Sheffield First will discuss at February meeting.  
Transformation Projects were currently being identified and SFfl would receive paper at March meeting

NRF Theme spend plans reported back and presentations were received from

- Access to Learning
- Area Action
- Health

Issues were raised around Family Support, VCF sector angry about cuts.

Supporting people grant allocation (paper with agenda papers) and strategy update had been received.

### **Report back from Chief Officers Group (COG)**

The focus of COG since the last Committee has been the Service and Financial Plan (SFP) Group has been reporting to COG at each meeting to reach agreement in the community, linked with the consultation on Foundation Trust status. This will then move forward into the Local Delivery Plan for 2004/05. A submission needs to be with the Strategic Health authority by 14th January 2004.

COG has continued to receive an update at each meeting and presentation of data on older people's services.

In addition COG has reviewed the frequency of meetings and have agreed to meet monthly till the end of the financial year but with additional bilateral meetings across the health and social care community. COG has also discussed the future of the Partnership Support Unit

### **The Partnership Support Unit**

We say good bye and thank you to the following PSU staff for all their hard work in relation to Sheffield First for Health

Judith Anson seconded to the Children's Partnership  
Louise Brewins who has recently taken up post in Public Health West Sheffield PCT

Barbara Lee who has recently joined West Sheffield PCT as PA to the Director of Commissioning  
Doreen Best has recently joined the IT training unit across Sheffield

Support for the Sheffield First for Health Partnership is currently under consideration; proposals for future arrangements will be brought to Committee.

### **Dates of Future Meetings**

It has not been possible to suit all members on the dates for 2004. Further dates are still being sought

Frances Cuning, January 2004