

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.

IT Links

Social Services and Sheffield Children's Trust have taken excellent strides forward by establishing a link between the two IT networks. This is an exciting and innovative work that helps deliver better care and services to Children in the city.

Health and Voluntary Sector Compact

The principles underpinning the COMPACT are now in final draft form and have gone to VCF organisations and NHS Trusts for discussion it is aimed to have a signing event in March to finalise this stage of the COMPACT.

SFP Time out

A useful productive timeout was held on 20th June 2003 reviewing the LDP process and planning for the future. An action plan is currently being formulated to determine our approach to the delivery plan process

Commission for Health Improvement review of Coronary Heart Disease

One of CHI's statutory functions is to monitor and review the implementation of standards set out in the National Service Frameworks (NSF). CHI is currently undertaking a major review of the CHD NSF in Sheffield.

The Sheffield review started in October and is being co-ordinated by Sheffield West PCT. The review will focus on local progress, priorities for improvement, quality of care and areas of good practice. As such the emphasis is on services for the local population not just patients with CHD and will be concerned with overall experience of services rather than individual organisations. HAZ projects in relation to CHD are featured in this review and results will be published in 2004

The Power of Local Action: the 2003 International Healthy Cities Conference, Belfast, 19-22 October 2003

A strong healthy cities initiative has much to offer Sheffield in 'closing the gap', and in making sure health and health equality is achieved through all the city's key strategies. The 2003 International Healthy Cities Conference in Belfast, attended by Councillor Jean Cromar, Cabinet Adviser on Health and Social Services, and Julia South, Acting Coordinator Healthy City Team, celebrated 15 years of healthy city initiatives. It marked the end of Phase III of

the European Healthy Cities Network (1998-2002) and launched Phase IV (2003-7). A report from Jean Cromar and Julia South (attached) outlines the growing evidence for the social determinants of health. It discusses the need for high levels of political engagement and support for healthy cities initiatives to be effective, and the importance of getting the organisational structure right.

Health Scrutiny

Andy Buck and Frances Cunning attended the Care Health and Protection Scrutiny Committee on 18th November. Frances had been asked to do a presentation on the role of Sheffield First for Health. An interesting and useful discussion took place and we have been asked to return to the scrutiny committee in February 2004 to provide more in depth health analysis in wards and neighbourhoods and trends in the population. They were also used to highlight transformational projects in relation to health.

The **Dorothy Dixon Barrow Award 2004**. Following its successful launch last year, Sheffield First For Health partnership has initiated the process for the Dorothy Dixon-Barrow Award 2004 for tackling health inequalities in Sheffield. In the first year a total of £25,000 was awarded to eight initiatives ranging from vulnerable young people, black and minority ethnic community issues, to older people and mental health. We are looking to support further work in 2004 as part of the city's overall approach to "closing the gap".

A flyer, note and an application forms are attached

Sheffield First Partnership Annual Report Event

The Annual report event for the Sheffield First Partnership took place on 3rd November 2003, the event brought together the family of partnerships for the first time. During the morning, progress on the city strategy was discussed and priorities for the future highlighted by each partnership. In the afternoon there was an opportunity for stakeholders and members of the public to hear Professor Michael Parkinson from Liverpool talk about his work for the core cities on what makes a European City successful. at the Crucible Theatre and to hear plans, have a chance to debate and comment.

One key issue that came out in the morning was the need for the family of partnerships to work more laterally and join up agendas for

Joint Strategic planning across the LSP

Sheffield was asked to contribute to an HDA, LGA And NHS Confederation conference and document Planning with a Purpose Local Authorities and the NHS, delivering joint strategies for Health and well being. Louise Brewins pulled together a response to the questionnaire on behalf of the LSP and In October attended the day and did a presentation. In reading the report, you

will note that Sheffield compares favourably with the other case studies. The report can be accessed on www.hda-online.org.uk/documents/planning_with_a_purpose.pdf

Report back from Sheffield First for Social Inclusion

A video, **Voices of Young People** was shown which features young peoples views of Sheffield. The key issue is the connection between the different strategies in the city.

Positive Activities for Young People funded by the single pot replaces the summer plus programme Splash, Splash Extra and Community Cohesion Now. The focus is on 9 neighbourhoods with key workers (6 pre 13 years and 10 posts for over 13 years). 330 young people have been nominated for PAYP activity of which 70 have returned to school 40+ in further education 20+ in employment and training

SFfl Feed back from LSP event three key points to note

- Board needs to focus on a few issues to make a perceptible difference
- To appoint a dedicated officer to support the Board
- Request membership of Sheffield First

Single Pot projects and 12m spend has been agreed (Schedule will be available at the Committee meeting). There are concerns that small organisations have not been funded and some SRB 4 projects are vulnerable.

Report back from Chief Officers Group (COG)

The focus of COG since the last Committee has been on older people's services and the work underway to examine the key issues, both for older people themselves and in terms of the health and social care community. In view of the importance of these issues, COG has been receiving an update at each meeting and presentation of data. The Service and Financial Plan (SFP) Group has also been reporting to COG at each meeting to reach agreement in the community, linked with the consultation on Foundation Trust status. This would then move forward into the Local Delivery Plan for 2004/05. In addition COG has considered the Commission for Health Improvement (CHI) visit to coronary heart disease services in the city in the New Year. Agreement has been reached on the continuation of the Clinical Priority Setting Advisory Group (CPSAG). The last meeting also received a presentation on how services for patients with mental health problems who arrived at A&E could be improved.

Items for information:

Health Action Zone

The 6 monthly report on the Health Action Zone will be circulated separately.

Dates of Future Meetings

It has not been possible to suit all members on the dates for 2004. Members are asked to agree the attached list of dates.

Frances Cunning, 17th November 2003