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Sent: 01 February 2011 15:51
To: XXXXXXXXX
Subject: RESPONSE - Freedom of Information Act Request 11/0081

Attachments: Written statement for the cabinet scrutiny Jan 11 - Karen Baldwin.doc
Dear Ms. Baldwin

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000– REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I am pleased to be able to provide the following answers to your questions;

1. Did the Cabinet Member consider the impact of the closure of Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, in his decision?

The reports presented to the Cabinet member did include reference to the closure of the Sidcup hospital and how the additional money allocated to promote re-ablement services could address some of this impact. Further consideration was also given to the individuals from Sidcup who would want services closer to home and the London Borough of Bexley would have a duty to provide services for those individuals in partnership with their Health colleagues.

Additional consideration was given after reviewing data on the numbers of referrals to The Limes which was broadly consistent to previous patterns and showed no additional impact from the closure of the hospital.

2. Could a copy of the proposal for the service at Sutton Court be shared with front line staff at The Limes?

The Vicar at Sutton Court contacted opfutures offering space and service development for the individuals at The Limes. A meeting has taken place to discuss the potential development of services and to provide assurances that services could be delivered at that venue, if that is what the individuals would like when The Limes closes.

The service specification has yet to be developed; once it has been developed, it can be shared.

The service could not be put in place before the decision was made as it would pre-judge the decision of the Cabinet member. The work that will take place now is to talk with service users, understand what their needs are and identify services for them that meet those needs and what is important to them. The staff that will be doing this are KCC staff and will need support from staff at The Limes to ensure that the service users are supported individually and positively.

I hope the information we have been able to provide satisfies your request. If you have a query with the information provided, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

If you are unhappy with this response, and believe KCC has not complied with legislation, please ask for a review by following our complaints process; details can be found at this link http://www.kent.gov.uk/your_council/have_your_say/complaints_and_comments/complaints_procedure.aspx on our website. Please quote reference FOI/11/0081.

If you still remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner, who oversees compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Details of what you need to do, should you wish to pursue this course of action, are available from the Information Commissioner's website http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx

Yours sincerely

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Sent: 20 January 2011 12:37
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Subject: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Freedom of Information Act Request 11/0081
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Baldwin

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000– REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information. Your request has been passed to me in my capacity as Information Governance Co-ordinator for the Adult Social Services Directorate to co-ordinate the response.

I acknowledge your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Assuming we hold this information, I will endeavour to supply the data to you as soon as possible but no later than 14th February 2011 (20 working days from date of receipt -17th January 2011).

I will advise you as soon as possible if we do not hold this information or if there are exemptions to be considered and/or any costs for providing the

information. Please quote our reference - FOI/ 11/0081- in any communication regarding this particular request.

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