

Delayed Transfers of Care Update

Background – Extract from Minutes relating to Meeting of 6 February 2009.

Extract from minutes of meeting 17 October 2008:

(55) RESOLVED That the Chairman and Spokesmen would agree recommendations based on the issues raised during the discussion.

The following recommendations on the issue of delayed transfers of care following the meeting of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 October 2008:-

1. The Committee congratulates social services and the NHS on their partnership working in tackling delayed transfers of care and, once the different pilots have been fully assessed, the Committee asks that the Trusts and KASS look at the possibility of spreading best practice across the whole county, as well as looking closely at best practice in other areas of the country.
2. The Assessment Beds Pilot in East Kent has the full support of the Committee and requests an update by July 2009 containing an evaluation of the pilot and details as to how it has been taken forward.
3. The Committee supports the aims of the Discharge Planning Pilot in West Kent and requests an update by July 2009 containing an evaluation of the pilot and details as to how it has been taken forward.
4. The Committee commends the establishment of a joint agreement on non-weight-bearing patients in West Kent and asks to be informed by the three parties involved whether, at the end of its first year of operation, it will be continued.
5. The Primary Care Trusts in Kent and KASS shall be asked to provide a yearly written update to the Committee containing the numbers of community, nursing and residential beds available to people in Kent so as to provide information on capacity in the county.
6. The Committee shall request further information from KASS and NHS Trusts in Kent regarding existing patient advocacy service provision.