

Title of Report:	Actions from previous meetings
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	1 December 2015

Purpose of Report: To advise the Commission of the actions arising from previous meetings

Recommended Action: To note the report

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1 Introduction

This report provides the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission with an update on the actions arising from the meeting held on 15 September 2015 .

2 Actions

- 2.1 Resolution:** Volunteers for the West Berkshire Parking Task Group should contact David Lowe.

Action/ Response: The Task Group had been established and two meetings have taken place since then. Members include – Cllr Mike Johnston, Cllr James Fredrickson, Cllr Rick Jones and Cllr Lee Dillon.

- 2.2 Resolution:** Tandra Forster would confirm the percentage of agency staff versus permanent staff used within Council owned care homes

Action/ Response: Own Staff appointed and in post 88.6 % versus Agency staff used 11.4%.

- 2.3 Resolution:** Tandra Forster would discuss the availability for readmission statistics with Health Partners and report her findings to the Commission.

Action/ Response: The question was raised specifically about the work of the Joint Care Provider project which is one of our locality initiatives in the Better Care Fund and only relates to West Berkshire residents. The project has involved development of an integrated care pathway which has allowed us to work more proactively with patients to support timely hospital discharge. Since the project went live in July it has received 65 referrals, 61 of which have been successfully supported to recover and remain at home. There have been 4 re-admissions, these were quite early on in the project, resulted from the quality of the referrals provided and have been addressed.

- 2.4 Resolution:** Melanie Ellis would confirm the remaining value of the risk reserve

Action/ Response: Total remaining: £220,000.

- 2.5 Resolution:** Tandra Forster would be requested to detail whether activities within Adult Social Care had been re-profiled in order to increase the forecasted underspend

Action/ Response:

The ASC underspend forecast as period 5 had arisen purely as a result of the decisions to capitalise the spend on equipment and release some of the Risk Fund to help the position in Children's Services. Excluding these items, the service was forecasting a drop in both expenditure and income and a net position of 'on-budget'. No specific activities have been re-profiled although the service is part way through a transformation programme that is looking to support people in a new way that focuses on their strengths and the support available in the wider community. This is already showing a positive impact with more residents being helped without them becoming dependent on the council for long term services. It must be stressed that whilst the £527k drop in expenditure is a significant sum, with some clients costing in excess of £250k per annum the situation can change very quickly.

- 2.7 Resolution:** Members would receive finance awareness training.

Action/ Resolution: Complete. Members Development Session took place on 4th November 2015.

Appendix

None