

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD	AGENDA ITEM: 10
<p>DATE OF MEETING: 29th October 2013</p> <p>REPORT OF: The Head Of Policy And Performance</p> <p>REPORT AUTHOR & CONTACT NUMBER: Bert Siong – Tel 01582 546781</p> <p>SUBJECT: Scrutiny Task & Finish Group – Discharge from Hospital Review</p>	

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To consider and note the recommendations of the review and how partners are dealing with them.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **That the Board considers and notes the recommendations of the Scrutiny Task & Finish Group and how partners are dealing with them.**

BACKGROUND

3. Discharge from Hospital was identified as a topic for review by the Scrutiny Health & Social Care Review Group, as a result of a number of issues, including the increase in emergency admissions to hospitals, concerns about incidences of inappropriate hospital discharges and the lack of a joined-up approach from services to manage post-discharge care.
4. The Task & Finish Group comprised five elected Members, chaired by Councillor Keir Gale. A Luton LINK member was co-opted on to the group and continued to sit as a member of Healthwatch Luton after 1st April 2013.

REPORT

5. The review assessed and identified the needs of Luton patients treated in hospitals locally and outside Luton and reviewed provisions to meet those needs, in terms of the level of integration between services to prevent admissions/ re- admissions, ensure a smooth discharge process and good quality of care after discharge.

6. The findings identified services were generally performing well, but where they were not, there was an acceptance of the key issues of concerns and were taking steps and introducing measures in all areas to make improvements, including ensuring good patient experience.
7. In making its recommendations, the Task & Finish Group was intent on ensuring services maintained their momentum with measures already introduced to address areas for development, as well as consider further actions in some areas to make improvement.
8. A list of the recommendations is provided in Appendix A. Those wishing to read the full report can access it through the following link to the Council's website: http://consult.luton.gov.uk/portal/lbc/scrutiny/tf_discharge_hosp
9. The recommendations were positively accepted by all services and work on them is progressing through the 'Better Together' Programme, led by Luton Borough Council Adult Social Care and Luton CCG. A co-ordinated detailed progress report is expected to be provided to the Scrutiny Health & Social Care Review Group on 9th January 2014.

IMPLICATIONS

10. None.

CONSULTATIONS

11. Not applicable.

APPENDICES

Appendix A - List of Recommendations of the Scrutiny Task & Finish Group - Discharge from Hospital Review

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

Final Report and Recommendations of the Scrutiny Task & Finish Group - Discharge from Hospital Review

(http://consult.luton.gov.uk/portal/lbc/scrutiny/tf_discharge_hosp)