

# Adult Services Standing Committee Meeting

*The first meeting of the Standing Committee on Adult Services took place on 20th June 2007 and was chaired by Alan Bunting. A summary of issues discussed appears below.*

## **Outcomes Framework**

Each ADASS region looked at one or more of the Social Care Outcomes and either how existing performance measures could be extended/expanded or options for new indicators for the performance round in 2008/9 and onwards.

Of the 200 performance measures identified for all Government Departments and Local Authorities, 40 are applicable to Health and Social Care - which are likely to link into the 2008 Self Assessment Survey (SAS) and future Local Area Agreements (LAA's), with a very small number i.e. D55, for example, relating to social care. It is proposed to review and evaluate the 40 health and social care indicators to ensure appropriate coverage and the 'practicality' of the proposals.

## **User Experience Survey**

It was confirmed that the next DH Personal Social Services Survey will be on equipment, and is to take place in February 2008.

## **SAS Spring 2007**

The issue of "supporting evidence" was discussed, as some Authorities in the North West had said that they wanted to include more

evidence as well as the SAS document itself - e.g. in areas where there are, say, just two PIs - but had been told by CSCI that that was not allowed. Nobody from other regions had been involved enough to compare views.

## **Business Relationship**

**Managers** (BRM's) have been given a handbook to help them judge Council with Adult Social Services Responsibility (CASSR's) performance, based on each of the 48 descriptors contained within the 7 (plus 2) outcomes. The SAS is the evidence to help them decide on that.

## **The Annual Review**

**Meetings** (ARM's) will take a whole day this year and will involve the BRMs meeting senior management initially. Following this, they can request meetings with various service staff to help them judge things, and also with carers if they are given adequate notice. All of that will then determine the star ratings.

## **Reference Groups**

Alan had updated Estelle's structure charts, showing how various groups inter-relate and where SSRG have representation. These were

circulated at the meeting and are correct as of May 2007.

## **Possible Role for SSRG?**

If Local Authorities need to do more surveys, then SSRG will have a larger role to play, to help ensure that LAs have got the skills and information they need to do that properly.

## **Research Governance**

There was a discussion concerning what is "research" and what is "evaluation", as the requirements differ, and therefore what LAs and PCTs need to do differs too. There was also discussion around the Central Office for Research Ethics Committees (COREC) - although they might have changed their name now, we believe - and the Comprehensive Research Network (CRN), and the differences. (For the National Equipment Survey, for example, LAs would need to go through the CRN.) Jo Cooke will liaise with the CRN to try to clarify things a bit more.

**The next meeting** of the group is scheduled to take place in September. If you wish to participate or contribute, please contact Alan Bunting [alan.bunting@salford.gov.uk](mailto:alan.bunting@salford.gov.uk)