



Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes - 7 May 2014

Attendance

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr Mrs Sandra Samuels (Chair) – Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Cllr Val Gibson - Cabinet Member for Children and Families
Ch. Sup. Simon Hyde - West Midlands Police
Christine Irvine - Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Partnership
Ros Jervis - Director of Public Health, Community Directorate
Bob Jones - West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
Sarah Norman - Strategic Director for Community, Community Directorate

Employees

Glenda Augustine	Consultant in Public Health, Community Directorate
Noreen Dowd	Chief Operating Officer, Wolverhampton City Clinical Commissioning Group
David Kane	Head of Finance, Delivery Directorate
Michael Murphy	Interim Assistant Director, Older People and Personalisation, Community Directorate
Carl Craney	Democratic Support Officer, Delivery Directorate
Observer	
David Elliot	Public Health England (Observer)

Part 1 – items open to the press and public

Item No. *Title*

- 1. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Steve Evans (Wolverhampton City Council), Viv Griffin (Wolverhampton City Council), Professor Linda Lang (University of Wolverhampton) and Dr Kiran Patel (NHS England – Local Area Team).
- 2. Notification of substitute members**
Professor Linda Lang had indicated that either Angela Clifford or Ranjit Khutan might represent her at the meeting, subject to availability.
- 3. Declarations of interest**
No declarations of interest were made in relation to items under consideration at the meeting.
- 4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the addition of "Sarah Norman – Director of Community" in the list of members present.

5. **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2014.

6. **Summary of outstanding matters**

Carl Craney reported that the report relating to the Summary of outstanding matters had been omitted from the papers circulated for this meeting and undertook to ensure it was included in the published Document Pack and circulated separately to Members.

7. **Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan 2014/15**

Carl Craney reported that the report relating to the Health and Wellbeing Forward Plan 2014/15 had been omitted from the papers circulated for this meeting and undertook to ensure it was included in the published Document Pack and circulated separately to Members.

8. **Wider Determinants of Health**

Ros Jervis presented a report which outlined progress on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority relating to Wider Determinants of Health. She referred to the inequalities in Wolverhampton, the key strands that made up the wider determinants, and the progress to date with key issues, including:

- Obesity;
- Looked after Children prevention;
- Establishment of a Healthier Place Team;
- Transformation Fund and
- Challenges to delivering the wider determinants priority.

With regard to the key work strand in respect of Obesity, she reminded the Board of the challenge which had been posed to Wolverhampton by Dr Liam Donaldson on 28 June 2013 at the launch of Wolverhampton Healthwatch to target one of the many problems facing the local population. Following this challenge obesity had been selected as a target and would form the key topic of the Annual Public Health report for 2014. This would include a call to action to all partners to respond to the problem.

With regard to the key challenge regarding prevention of Looked after Children she reported on a multi- agency summit which had been held on 6 May 2014 with a view to all partners working together to address the issue of the increasing Looked After population which had long term effects on the outcomes for those children. A further Summit was planned for 25 June 2014 at which partners would be invited to sign up to an Action Plan.

A further 8 strands for action had been identified and a report on progress would be submitted to the next meeting of the Public Health Delivery Board and to this Board at the July meeting. She also advised the Board of the expansion of the Public Health service with the integration of the Sports Development Team, the Parks and Countryside team and the Healthy Schools team. This would not only increase the

capacity of the Public Health Team but would also bring an additional perspective to addressing the various issues.

Christine Irvine reminded the Board of the role of the Voluntary Sector in addressing many of the topics now under consideration and enquired as to whether the subject of healthy eating was still addressed within schools and, in particular, through Children's Centres. Ros Jervis reported that Healthy Eating and the "Food Dudes" initiative continued to be very popular in schools but emphasised the need for families as a whole and not just children to be targeted if long term success and/or progress was to be achieved. Increasingly, there was a demonstrable need to target children at an earlier age as it was now not uncommon for children to enrol at Reception Class with obesity issues. Children's Centres continued to play an important part in communicating the importance of healthy eating and the nutritional value of particular food. She opined that the return of responsibility to for Health Visitors to local government in October 2015 would also assist in the provision of a whole systems way of working with the associated benefits.

Cllr Val Gibson referred to the approach being adopted through the Families First initiative and on the work being undertaken with Essex County Council with a view to reducing the Looked after Children population within the City. She enquired as to any progress on working with the Planning and Environmental Health Services to address the issues relating to the proximity of fast food establishments to schools, and in particular, secondary schools, where pupils were often to be seen using these establishments during lunch breaks. Ros Jervis explained that this issue was addressed specifically within the Public Health Annual report and that use was being made of the Transformation Fund to encourage the proprietors of such establishments to offer healthy alternatives and / or to increase the nutritional value of food offered.

The Chair, Cllr Sandra Samuels, commented on the production by the Local Government Association on the role of Health and Wellbeing Boards in town and country planning matters including steps to reduce the proliferation of fast food establishments close to school premises. She also enquired as to whether any targets had been set with regard to the prevention of children entering care. Sarah Norman advised that targets for this subject were not set as the needs of the child were always paramount and if being taken into local authority care was the most appropriate action that is what would occur. Work was, however, being undertaken to establish the reasons behind the high level of children in care in the City and the Family is First Team were working with colleagues from Essex County Council on this issue. Accordingly, "ambitions" rather than "targets" would be established. Emma Bennett was leading the work in this area. Viv Griffin informed the Board of the dangers of setting targets in this field and outlined the experiences of the London Borough of Lambeth.

Resolved:

1. That the workstreams that made up the wider determinants of health priorities of the Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy be noted and endorsed;

2. That further consideration be given to the challenges to working and ways of enhancing these workstreams, including formulating suggestions on how to promote “whole systems” approach to reduce traditional “silo” working which can hinder the partnership working needed to improve health and tackle health inequalities through the wider determinants of health;
3. That the selection of obesity as the subject of the Director of Public Health’s 2013/14 Annual Report, which can only be tackled successfully through an approach that has the wider determinants of health at its heart, and receives a presentation on the Annual Report at the July 2014, meeting be noted;
4. That a report be presented to a future meeting which investigates further reasons for the increasing health inequalities gap in life expectancy in Wolverhampton.

9. **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for 2014/15**

Ros Jervis presented a report which recommended priorities for updating the Joint Strategic Needs assessment (JSNA) in 2014/15.

Resolved:

That the themed update for 2015 focus on children and young people and especially the following vulnerable groups:

- Children in Need / Child Protection and Looked After Children;
- Troubled Families;
- Special Educational Needs;
- Children with Disabilities;
- Youth Offending;
- Children and Adolescents with Mental Health Needs.

10. **Health and Social Care Strategic Overview Group to inform local intelligence**

Glenda Augustine presented a report on Terms of Reference and governance arrangements for the Health and Social Care Information Group to inform local intelligence in relation to performance reports for integrated initiatives which had been established at the meeting held on 31 March 2014.

Ros Jervis advised the Board that the governance arrangements for the Better Care Fund were still under discussion. Dr Helen Hibbs commented that she was confident that these arrangements would be formalised by the next meeting of the Board.

Resolved:

That the Terms of Reference and governance arrangements for the Health and Social Care Information Group, as detailed in the report, be approved subject to a further report to the next meeting on the governance arrangements for the Better Care Fund.

11. **Better Care Fund - Finalised Submission**

Noreen Dowd presented the final submission in relation to the Better Care Fund which had been subject to a number of minor amendments since the last meeting of

the Board. She reported that the submission had been signed off by the Local Area Team of NHS England and that Wolverhampton was now classified as a “low risk health economy”. She reported that the first meeting of the Interim Delivery Board had been held and that leads and governance issues had been identified. Interviews for the post of Programme Manager were due to be held on 7 and 8 May 2014.

Sarah Norman drew to the attention of the Board an article which had appeared in that morning’s edition of The Guardian newspaper with regard to proposals abolish the Better Care Fund. This assertion had been refuted by Brandon Lewis from the Department of Communities and Local Government. She also advised the Board that the submissions of some neighbouring authorities had either not yet been signed off or had been “red” rated.

Dr Helen Hibbs acknowledged that the metrics would be difficult to deliver in the short term but would have long term benefits. Maxine Bygrave enquired as to the steps proposed to engage with the public in respect of the proposals contained within the submission. Noreen Dowd advised that one public engagement event had been held and further similar events were planned. A Communications Plan was being developed and the voice of the patients were integral and essential to the success of the proposals. Public Engagement would form part of the Delivery Plan.

Resolved:

1. That the final submission in relation to the Better Care Fund and the feedback and recommendations of the Local Area Team of NHS England be noted that the submission be approved be noted ;
2. That the next phase of work to ensure the delivery of the Plan be noted.

12. **Feedback from Sub-Groups**

- **Children’s Trust Board**

No meetings of the Children’s Trust Board had been held since the last report.

- **Children’s Delivery Board**

The Board was advised that the Children’s Delivery Board reported to the Children’s Trust Board to this Board.

- **Public Health Delivery Board**

Ros Jervis presented a report which informed the Board on the current work of the Public Health Delivery Board and, in particular, matters arising from the meeting held on 8 April 2014.

Maxine Bygrave enquired as to whether there were any areas with a similar profile with regard to Infant Mortality and as to whether any examples of good practice could be utilised to address this issue. Ros Jervis cited a number of possible comparator Authorities but explained the reasons that such comparisons would not be meaningful. She advised that a more realistic approach would be to adopt a regional approach within the West Midlands for meaningful comparisons to be made.

The Chair, Cllr Sandra Samuels, referred to the Black Country Emergency Preparedness and Resilience and Response service and enquired as to any steps taken with regard to Scarlet Fever and Polio. Ros Jervis advised that Polio was an international issue and that Wolverhampton had a good record on immunisation. In

relation to Scarlet Fever, Wolverhampton was currently suffering from a high level of cases and that joint working with Public Health England was being undertaken to address the concern.

13. **Chair's Announcement**

The Chair, Cllr Sandra Samuels, advised that in the absence of Dr Kiran Patel, Medical Director, Local Area Team, NHS England and in the absence of a report it would not be possible to consider the current position on Capital Programme Projects – NHS England.

Resolved:

That consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Board.