

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 27 October 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor R. Martin (Chair)
Councillor A. Ditta
Councillor E. Hughes
Councillor C. Jones
Councillor I. Robertson
Mr. K. Skerman, Interim Executive Director Adult Services
Dr. U. Viswanathan, Public Health (sub)
Ms. A. Potts, Assistant Director, Children's Services (sub)
Dr. A. Gill, Clinical Commissioning Group representative
Mr. S. Fogell, Healthwatch

In attendance: Ms. C. Boneham, Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager

252/15 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor M. Arif, Councillor I. Shires, Mr. D. Haley, Dr. B. Watt and Mr. J. Wicks.

253/15 Substitutions

For this meeting only:

Ms. A. Potts for Mr. D. Haley, Executive Director, Children's Services
Dr. U. Viswanathan for Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health

254/15 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2015 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor I Shires and Councillor C Jones on the list of members present

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255/15 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

256/15 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

257/15 Healthy Walsall website

A report was submitted which outlined the developmental process for the “Healthy Walsall” website and the steps undertaken to establish it as fit for purpose:

(see annexed)

The Public Health Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, David Neale, summarised the report and gave a demonstration of the website which was currently being consulted upon.

Board members considered the website to be a useful addition to helping people to access advice and support. However, some improvements were suggested especially around ensuring that the site was easy to navigate and referenced other sites, such as the Council’s new Community Living site which was also aimed at helping people to access services in Walsall, in order to avoid duplication.

The Chairman thanked Mr Neale for his presentation and it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the ‘Healthy Walsall’ website.
- (2) That Health and Wellbeing Board members facilitate appropriate links to partner websites
- (3) That Health and Wellbeing Board members note the period of consultation as part of the website’s development and encourage others to try the website and feedback views to the report authors by Friday 20 November 2015.
- (4) That members of the Health and Wellbeing Board use the website and promote it to residents and through other relevant networks.

258/15 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Sustainable places and communities dashboard

Ms. C. Boneham, Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager presented a report which provided a performance dashboard for the priority identified:

(see annexed)

Ms Boneham introduced Mr J Holding, Public Health Programme Development & Commissioning Manager, who presented the performance update for the priority *“ensure that we provide land and space for healthy living and that the health impacts of developments are properly assessed”*. Mr Holding responded to questions and points of clarification from members, during which time he confirmed that part of the process will be to identify those groups which need additional support, including those with mental health issues, those from different faiths and languages and those who were in social housing, in order to provide a targeted offer. He also confirmed that a package of activities was being offered to schools which included both physical and emotional (mental) health and wellbeing.

Councillor Robertson mentioned that the Ofsted inspection framework now recognised the link between pupil health and wellbeing and attainment which he hoped would make a significant difference.

A brief discussion took place around the measure on the number of Health Impact Assessments being carried out. It was explained that lack of capacity had meant that Health Impact Assessments could not be completed for all decisions, but that they were part of all Sustainability Appraisals undertaken. It was noted that the current Site Allocation Document and Town Centre Area Action Plan had both had a sustainability appraisal; and that another example was the Goscote Lane Corridor Regeneration project where Public Health services had commissioned a Health Impact Assessment from IMPACT (Liverpool University) which was due to report in the next couple of weeks and could be submitted to the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Public Health Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, David Neale, presented the performance update for the priority *“Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs”* Mr Neale explained that it was not unusual for there to be a dip in performance over an 18 month period when services were re commissioned and the focus of the new service was changed, however this was being mitigated by increased monitoring of the indicators with regular monthly meetings with the provider.

Ms Boneham presented the performance update for the priority: *“encourage ways to involve local people and communities in efforts to improve their health”*. She mentioned that the Council was currently undertaking a review of Area Partnerships as part of a wider review of locality working and that a report would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board in due course. Following a short period of discussion about the health work of Area Partnerships, it was noted that there would be a report on the provision of ‘outdoor gyms’ to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Resolved

- (1) That the performance dashboard at Appendix 1 provides sufficient information to give members assurance that either adequate progress is being made or that the named lead Boards have adequate corrective action plans in place to tackle poor performance.
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the linkages with partner strategies and/or references to shared priorities shown in this performance dashboard and is satisfied that all partners are taking the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities relating to Healthy, Sustainable places and Communities into account when considering commissioning priorities.

259/15 Public Health Transformation Fund

Dr. U. Viswanathan, Public Health presented a report which set out progress with regard to the implementation of the Public Health Transformation programmes:

(see annexed)

The report was discussed during which time; Mr K Skerman commented that this was new commissioning rather than commissioning already in place. He expressed his concern that whilst there was understandable investment in prevention in relation to Children, there should be more emphasis on Adults especially older people bearing in mind the population make up of Walsall.

The Chairman highlighted the progress report on Page 7 of the report in relation to interventions around substance misuse and especially that police referrals had dropped off. She asked Dr Viswanathan to look into this and provide her with an update on the position.

Councillor Robertson said that this was an ideal opportunity for service areas to put forward ideas to incorporate health and wellbeing into their areas and he stressed the importance of all elected members understanding the programme.

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the approach taken to embed public health across all directorates of the Council through the Public Health Transformation Fund.

260/15 Walsall Inter-Board Protocol on safeguarding children with 6 Boards

A report was submitted recommending that further boards be incorporated into the Inter-Board Protocol on Safeguarding Children approved in April 2015:

(see annexed)

Members considered the report and the following comments were made:

Working together:

- **Item 3:** should read – as appropriate
- **Item 4:** should include Adults Safeguarding Board
- **Item 5:** Mr K Skerman as Interim Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Mr D Haley, Executive Director for Children's Services were already a member of the Safeguarding Boards and would therefore be the named leads for Safeguarding on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- **Item 6:** Safeguarding roles and responsibilities of the Board were implicit in all of the Board's work, was included in the Boards Terms of Reference, and would be evidenced through reporting mechanisms (including as set out in the reporting template for the Board) and shown in the Board's Work Programme.
- **Item 8:** Mr K Skerman advised that the costs associated with this should be modest and would therefore be found in safeguarding budgets of the Council and its partners under the expected duty of co-operation.

Process

- The Health and Wellbeing Board does not have an annual report and so **Item 1** should simply read: Each Board chair to report on progress (5 minutes).

Resolved

- (1) That the Board agrees the new 6 board protocol set out in the report, as amended.
- (2) That the Walsall Annual summit on safeguarding will cover both children and adults safeguarding.

261/15 Work programme 2015/16

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

The Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager, Mrs C Boneham presented the work programme and pointed out that the Development Session scheduled for 9 November had been planned to update on the Better Care Fund. However, some new government guidance was being produced and it was considered appropriate to postpone this subject until this guidance had been published.

Members considered that the time together was important and it was suggested that the subject matter for the development session should be around Safeguarding.

Resolved

- (1) That the work programme 2015/16 be noted.
- (2) That the Development Session scheduled for 9 November consider Safeguarding as a subject matter.

262/15 Key Promotional messages

The following matters were identified:

- Health and Wellbeing Board Review

263/15 Date of next meeting

7 December 2015 – 6.00 p.m.

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm

Chair:

Date: