

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 7 July 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor B. McCracken (Chair)
Councillor M. Arif
Councillor C. Clews
Councillor P. Lane
Councillor I. Robertson
Councillor I. Shires
Councillor P. Smith
Mr. J. Morris, Executive Director Neighbourhoods
Mr. K. Skerman, Interim Director Adult Services
Ms. R. Collinson, Interim Director Children's Services
Dr. I. Gillis, Director of Public Health
Dr. A. Gill] Commissioning
Ms. S. Ali] Group representatives
Mr. M. Bennett, Healthwatch

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

120/14 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Dr. D. Nair and Dr. A. Suri.

Mr. M. Bennett attended in place of Ms. D. Lytton, Healthwatch.

121/14 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2014 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

Mr. J. Morris, Executive Director Neighbourhoods reported on the following actions from the last meeting:

115/14 – Building capacity in communities: Progress reports would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board on Area Partnership health initiatives as relevant rather than at each meeting.

118/14 - Health and Wellbeing Board membership: As mentioned at the recent development session, the Council was embarking on a piece of work with the Local Government Association to review what the Health and Wellbeing Board has already done and areas for improvement, this would include looking at membership. In view of this, a report would be submitted to the September meeting.

122/14 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

123/14 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

124/14 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman advised that this would be Dr. Gillis's last meeting before retiring and took the opportunity to thank Dr. Gillis for her hard work and valuable contribution to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Dr. Gillis presented a report which updated on engagement with other partnership boards concerning the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and recommendations for action 2014/15:

(see annexed)

The Chairman commented that she was keen to sharpen the focus of the Board but to avoid introducing further tiers of administration, therefore the arrangements for gaining mutual assurance from other boards must have a clear remit and criteria and meaningful feedback to enable a supportive, collaborative approach to benefit the people of Walsall.

Members discussed the report during which time the following comments were made:

- Each indicator should show its basis and how it was being measured. This information could be drawn from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- A simple performance dashboard should be produced to focus on key areas. The Healthwatch representative, Mr. M. Bennett offered to help in this respect.
- Engagement must be at all levels to gain commitment. Area Partnerships had already honed in on particular areas affecting the wards in their remit.

Following a further short period of debate, it was **moved** by the Chairman, duly seconded and:

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the work already undertaken to engage with partnership boards on Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy recommendations for action, gain agreement that the recommendations for actions are priorities shared by both sets of Boards and agree that we will work together to gain mutual assurance from each other of progress being made.
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the revised arrangements for obtaining assurance on implementation and impact set out in this report.

125/14 Urgent and emergency care strategy

In attendance: Andy Rust, Head of Joint Commissioning

Mr. Rust presented a report which provided an overview of progress made to develop a strategy for Walsall:

(see annexed)

In response to questions about the consultation process, Mr. Rust confirmed that he had attended between 40 and 50 local events, articles had been placed in all local newspapers, Area Partnerships had been fully engaged and local questionnaires had been circulated with responses received both electronically and by hard copy. Members provided further suggestions for public consultation and communication.

Members discussed the options for the future provision of walk-in centres and the following comments were made:

- The public were confused with the terminology used to describe different treatment centres and facilities and this needed to be considered as part of the review.
- The walk-in centres provided a better service for smaller children. The urgent and emergency care unit did not as children would be waiting for some considerable time.
- Account should be taken of those parts of the borough which border other hospital areas. A single unit at the Manor Hospital would be difficult for those residents to get to.
- A walk-in centre in the Bloxwich area would be beneficial and would meet a number of health and wellbeing indicators.

It was noted that the Clinical Commissioning Group Board would be making a decision on the outcome of the consultation on 16 August and therefore recommendation 4 should be amended accordingly.

It was **moved** by Jamie Morris, duly seconded and:

Resolved

- (1) That the programme overview set out in the report be noted.
- (2) That the formal public consultation period of 23 May to 14 August 2014 be noted.
- (3) That a further report be received on the outcome of the public consultation in September 2014 and the decision of the Clinical Commissioning Group on the longer and short term strategy.

126/14 Commissioning winter capacity 2014/15

In attendance: Mr. A. Rust, Head of Joint Commissioning

Mr. K. Skerman, Interim Director Adult Services presented a report outlining proposals to commission beds in care home settings as part of an overall joint capacity plan for winter 2014/15:

(see annexed)

Mr. Skerman stressed that the proposal would not involve the standing down of either staff or the service and asked for the Board's endorsement of the way forward.

The Clinical Commissioning Group's Accountable Officer, Ms. S. Ali, supported the proposal, however, she emphasised that this was a complex move which needed a substantial amount of work to implement. Ms. Ali commented that risk assessments were being undertaken which would include the longer term funding element of the ward. She added that mitigation plans were being worked on as the funding would need to be met by the CCG and was not currently budgeted for.

Mr. Skerman, Ms Ali and Mr. Rust responded to questions and points of clarification from members and gave assurances, particularly around the type of care accommodation which would be offered to patients, the need to have engagement from a public health perspective and the capacity within the in-reach and community nursing services. Mr. Skerman also confirmed that there would be no costs to the patient or their families who would normally have been placed in the ward. It was noted that a multi-disciplinary team was being developed to support this move.

Resolved

- (1) That the Executive Director for Social Care and Inclusion commission between 34 and 40 beds in care home settings as support for people being discharged from hospital unable to return to their homes immediately, or to provide an alternative to a hospital admission.
- (2) That Cabinet in September 2014 be recommended to approve the award of contract(s) arising from the procurement exercise.
- (3) That the Board recommend to the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group the amendment necessary to the Section 256 Agreement on joint funding for this capacity with Walsall Council.
- (4) That the Board note the requirement on NHS and local authority commissioners to ensure funding of 2014/15 winter plans incorporates the costs of this proposal spot purchase of community bed capacity and the additional costs of the residual 34 hospital beds (previously Swift) within planned budgets by the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group and Council.
- (5) That the requirement on commissioners to undertake an impact assessment of this proposal on the joint funding in 2015/16 under the Better Care Fund, be noted.

127/14 Feedback from Health and Wellbeing Board development session

The notes and proposed actions from the session held on 3 July 2014 including “future development of the Health and Wellbeing Board” were submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the recommendations for action be agreed.
- (2) That those members wishing to volunteer to champion recommendations contact the Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager, Cath Boneham.
- (3) That a further development day later in the year be supported.

128/14 Health and Wellbeing Board work programme 2014/15

The Health and Wellbeing Board work programme 2014/15 was submitted

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board work programme 2014/15 be noted.
- (2) To note that the Healthwatch Annual Report would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

129/14 Impact of welfare reform in Walsall

The resolution and report from the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel were submitted:

(see annexed)

The Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Mr. J. Morris introduced the item and pointed out that the Cabinet had agreed to the recommendation of the Corporate Scrutiny and Performance Panel and the Council to establish a Welfare Reform Forum. This would be chaired by the Leader of the Council in his role as portfolio holder with responsibility for the revenues and benefits service.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

130/14 Date of next meeting

The next meeting to be held on 8 September 2014 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: