

Health and Wellbeing Board

7 December 2015

Notes from first meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group

1. Purpose

This report is intended to inform the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the outcomes from the first meeting of the Strategic Advisory Group that took place on 20th October 2015 at the Visitor Centre, Walsall Arboretum.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board note the outcomes of the discussions during the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting, actions arising and suggested future agenda items.

2.2 That the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board consider the possible options for future Strategic Advisory Group meetings given in section 3 and indicate their preferences.

3. Report detail

Appendix I contains the notes from the October Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting that were compiled and sent out to all the participants and SAG members alongside the slides from the 3 presentations and an electronic copy of the 14/15 Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) Review. Also included is a list of all the organisations and forums that sent a representative to the meeting. In total, 29 people attended the meeting from 19 different organisations.

The Strategic Advisory Group is intended to bring together an identified group of key providers and partners to provide strategic input and support into the development and implementation of the work of the HWB. The objectives are to:

- To support the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- To contribute to the development of, and support the implementation of, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its identified priorities
- To support the development and implementation of the Better Care Fund and other pooled funds as appropriate
- To contribute to discussions about barriers to implementation of the work of the HWB and contribute to the development and implementation of local whole systems solutions

- To support the HWB in communicating and engaging with Walsall residents and service users about the work of the Board and how individuals can improve their own health.

In recognition of its intended purpose, an agenda was developed for the meeting that covered the list below and allowed time for discussion:

- The purpose of the group
- The needs and priorities identified by the HWB
- The main challenges facing Health and Social Care and the 3 year Strategic Plan
- Community Development Agenda

Considerations for future SAG meetings:

Participation in the SAG meeting ranged from senior managers of NHS and Social Care organisations to members of the public representing their voluntary sector forums.

Participants acknowledged that it was difficult for those who had no previous knowledge of the issues being discussed to fully understand some of slides and discussion. During future meetings those issues can be addressed by those providing input, but it raises the question of how we enable those representatives to fully engage their forum members in discussions about the issues and how the HWB receives that feedback from the wider public

Some possible options have been suggested for discussion at the HWB. All the options have resource implications that need to be borne in mind when considering the way forward:

1. Current members of the Strategic Advisory Group continue to meet once a quarter to discuss and prioritise issues raised. Wider public engagement in identified issues is sought through commissioning specific engagement activities, targeted as appropriate.
2. The current members of the Strategic Advisory Group continue to meet once a quarter to discuss and prioritise issues raised and, in addition, the HWB runs a wider public event once/twice a year where prioritised issues are discussed. Involvement of the wider public is facilitated through the SAG members.
3. The Strategic Advisory Group membership becomes much wider and the meeting is run along the lines of a public event.

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

The Health and Wellbeing Board members fully recognise that in order to make progress in achieving the priorities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and identify future needs, we must involve and engage with our providers as well as our wider public. The Strategic Advisory Group is intended to involve key providers and partners in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board, thereby increasing the resource 'out there' to tackle the identified priorities.

All the options for future Strategic Advisory Group meetings, suggested in section 3, have financial implications. Dependent on the agreed format for those meetings, resources are required in terms of staff and budget. Resources are needed to hire venues and manage planned events effectively and also commission any agreed engagement activities.

5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

The Strategic Advisory Board brings together an identified group of key providers and partners to provide strategic input and support into the development and implementation of the work of the HWB. This obviously involves all of the Health and Wellbeing priorities.

Background papers

The presentations that were given during the Strategic Advisory Group meeting can be made available electronically by contacting Cath Boneham, contact details below.

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Notes from Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) meeting held on 20th October 2015 at the Visitor Centre, Walsall Arboretum.

Present

Rep from Walsall HWB	
Age UK Walsall	St Giles Hospice
Black Country Consortium	Walsall Citizen's Advice Bureau
Carers User Support Partnership	Walsall College
Dudley & Walsall MH NHS Trust	Walsall Service User Empowerment
Healthwatch Walsall	West Midlands Police
Learning Disability Partnership	WHG/Walsall Strategic Housing P'ship
Local Pharmacy Committee	WM Fire Service
Local Medical Committee	Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group
Mencap	WMBC: Public Health, Social Care and Inclusion,
Patient Rep Group Forum	WM Care Home Forum and Home Care Forum
Ryecroft Community Hub /	
Community Associations Network	

Apologies

Walsall Healthcare Trust
Local Optometry Committee
Black Country Foundation Partnership Trust
WM Ambulance Service
Walsall Disability Forum
Patient Representative Group Forum

Notes from meeting

Purpose of group:

No issues raised by the group regarding the terms of reference.

Questions raised about representation from Children's Services and Probation Services (particularly in relation to mental health issues).

A number of possible future agenda items were suggested throughout the meeting and will be listed at the end of these notes.

Outlining needs and priorities identified by HWB:

Dr Barbara Watt, Director of Walsall Public Health, delivered the presentation – *slides attached to these notes*.

Walsall College reps described the contribution they make in terms of skills training and support for young people and offered to do a presentation about their work at a future SAG.

The point was also made about the Health and Social Care economy and the need to ensure our residents have the skills to be able to access job vacancies in the field.

Police reps talked of the impact that poor mental health has on their services and linkages with substance misuse and domestic abuse – the ‘toxic trio’. (References to services such as the Early Help Offer and Troubled Families Programme). They emphasised that the strategy makes specific reference to child mental health but needs to be followed all the way through

Cllr Martin also talked of the toxic trio and links to maternity care where trust needs to be built up by services.

Rep from St. Giles emphasised the need for joined up services and real engagement of children and young parents. The valuable role of the voluntary sector in support services was also mentioned.

Whg rep talked of the housing sector and their role in the regeneration agenda. They talked of early support interventions throughout the life course and the need to engage effectively with residents.

Rep from Carers User Support Partnership emphasised that loneliness was an issue and its impact is increasingly being felt with older residents.

Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust rep suggested that 19 priorities were too many and we needed to be more specific in order to focus and have greater impact.

Police suggested that a mature, strategic discussion needs to be had with partners to agree who is in a position to lead on certain of the priorities and then leave that to them so that the HWB can concentrate on the other priorities.

Fire Service rep talked of how the Marmot principle have been integrated into their plans and the work they do such as *home safety checks* and *safe and well visits*. They offered to do a presentation about their work at a future SAG.

Rep from Black Country Consortium (LEP) talked of the economic environment and the need to present our arguments in such a way to influence the private sector where we could do much more.

Community Development Agenda

Keith Skerman, Exec Director of Social Care and Inclusion in Walsall, delivered the presentation - *slides attached to these notes*.

Police emphasised how important informed consent was and when info has to be shared, without consent. Providers need the confidence and support to know when this needs to be done.

Carers User Support Partnership rep raised two issues: the sometimes very difficult transition from children’s services to adult services - particularly regarding children with autism and access to respite care.

Whg rep referred to the power of self determination and referred to the agenda around personalised care and individual budgets. It was suggested that this could be another future agenda item for the SAG.

Carers User Support Partnership and Age UK reps raised the issue that people ‘on the ground’ don’t know where to go to access services or even what support services are

available. Where we have that information in an accessible form, it is vital it is serviced regularly and kept up to date. We should also ensure our providers signpost individuals to other relevant services

The main challenges facing Health and Social Care and the 3 year Strategic Plan

Salma Ali, Accountable Officer for Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, delivered the presentation - *slides attached to these notes*.

Cllr Martin asked how the CCG promotes use of the bowel cancer screening toolkit to local residents and whether local GPs are involved in encouraging participation.

St. Giles rep suggested tel calls to patients might help to boost participation and commented that the language used in the campaign might be an issue.

Learning Disability Partnership Board rep talked about how important it is for people with learning disabilities to be able to cope with the language involved in the promotion. He described the 'Easy read' initiative and how more providers should know about it and be able to offer the service.

It was recognised within the group that there are barriers to accessing healthcare services for people with severe learning disabilities and autism. Individuals with dementia are also facing barriers that need to be removed. All services should be patient friendly and provide a quality experience.

The point was made that presentations for future SAG meetings need to be more accessible. We need to ensure we don't assume a level of knowledge and try to reduce the amount of information being presented in one go.

Actions arising from meeting

- Electronic copies of all presentations to be circulated to group members
- Electronic link to 14/15 Health and Wellbeing Board Review to be circulated to group members
- Offer of new Walsall College hub to be used for a future SAG meeting

Suggestions for future agenda items

- Walsall College offer for Young People contributing to Walsall Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities
- Fire Service and their contribution to Walsall Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities
- Black Country Consortium (LEP) and their contribution to Walsall Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities
- A demonstration of Walsall Health and Social Care website for service users
- Personalised budgets/individual budgets agenda
- Transition between Children and Adult Services
- The toxic trio: domestic abuse, mental health and substance abuse
- Voluntary sector opportunities (and providing support at an early stage)