

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Robertson
Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Services
Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
Dr. A. Rischie, Clinical Commissioning Group representative
Ms. A. Fareer, Healthwatch Walsall (sub)
Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall
Mr. R. Beeken, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
Ms. S. Woodall, Walsall Housing sector (sub)
Ms. A. Williams, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership
NHS Trust (sub)

657/19 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor M. Longhi, Councillor R. Martin, Ms. S. Shingler, Ms. E. Learoyd, Ms. F. Shanahan, Mr. M. Axcell and Ms. J. Holt.

Dr. A. Rischie (Vice-Chair) in the Chair

658/19 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

- Ms. A. Fareer, Healthwatch Walsall for Ms. E. Learoyd
- Ms. S. Woodall, Walsall Housing sector for Ms. F. Shanahan
- Ms. A. Williams, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust for Mr. M. Axcell

659/19 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

660/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

661/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

662/19 Walsall “On the move” priority

In attendance: Ms. C. Griffiths, Director of People and Culture,
Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

Ms. Griffiths presented the report updating the Board on the scope of the work-stream, progress to date and future actions planned on the priority:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report, during which time Ms Griffiths responded to a number of questions and points of clarification and advised that meetings with partners had already taken place, with workshops involving wider range of partners being arranged for January 2020 to look at outcomes, key actions and resourcing needs. Members suggested that this work could link to the ‘Rethinking Parks’ project through the Walsall Economic Board and also staff travel which would inform future infrastructure.

Ms Griffiths said that anyone interested in joining the workshops could e-mail her and she would send invitations.

The Chairman thanked Ms Griffiths for her presentation.

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update report and note the scope and outcomes.
- (2) That all agencies reassure themselves that they have the right leads to support the delivery of the action plan.
- (3) That the Health and Wellbeing Board note that the scope for Walsall on the Move has been set for the workforce of each of the partner organisations and that the Walsall Together Partnership plan addresses the wider health and wellbeing priorities for the Borough of Walsall.

663/19 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment new delivery model

In attendance: Emma Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager

Ms. Thomas presented the report updating the Board relating to progress of process improvements and re-establishing partnership working for Walsall’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA):

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report and supported the use of the asset based approach for the JSNA which was an approach which valued the capacity, skills, knowledge, connections and potential in a community. It was noted that the data would be both qualitative and not just quantitative. With regard to the five themes proposed, the Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther confirmed that the 'healthy start' theme would range from 0-19yrs rather than the usually understood 0-5yrs. He agreed to make this more clear. The Housing sector representative, Ms S. Woodall offered to share learning on housing elements. It was suggested that Walsall Together would be the starting point for ensuring the joint approach to the JSNA.

Resolved

- (1) That Health and Wellbeing Board note the JSNA related material, available on the Walsall Insight topic page.
- (2) That the suggested planned direction for future JSNA updates be supported
- (3) To agree to an asset based approach to the structure

664/19 Public Health Outcome Framework

In attendance: Emma Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager

The report to Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was submitted:

(see annexed)

Ms. Thomas presented the report and urged members to use the performance matrix as context to inform future conversations to improve outcomes, for example in Walsall Together actions.

Members discussed the report and commented on some specifics, including the prevalence of smoking outside the hospital, mental wellbeing of schoolchildren and school readiness; and increasing numbers of hip fractures. Members stressed the importance of preventative measures. The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther advised that work around hip fractures was ongoing and would be submitted to the Board in due course.

Resolved

To note the report.

665/19 Annual report of the Director of Public Health 2019

In attendance: Dr. Uma Viswanathan, Consultant in Public Health
Ms. A. Beaumont, Nurse Consultant, Health Protection

The report was presented:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report during which time it was noted that services for Tuberculosis (TB) were similar to other Black Country neighbouring authorities and that Walsall linked into regional TB networks. With regard to the prevalence of anti-microbial prescribing, Ms. Beaumont advised that data in this respect was fed back to acute trusts and at GP level. She said that the statistics showed that Walsall could be better and she reported that a steering group met on a three-monthly basis to consider the data. Mr Beeken suggested that the steering group should include consultant microbiologists.

Ms. Beaumont also confirmed that screening took place to identify non-English speakers to enable provision of own-language communications and access to interpretation facilities so that language was not a barrier to healthcare.

With regard to Air Quality, it was noted that a report was to be submitted to the next Council meeting which summarised actions that the Council was taking in this respect.

Resolved

- (1) That the Board note the report and are assured that residents are being protected in a proactive and effective way.
- (2) That the recommendations detailed in the action plan of the report are enacted by the relevant partners, and reported on to the Health Protection Forum.
- (3) That the report to Council be submitted to Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

666/19 Infant Mortality strategy

In attendance: Ms. E. Higdon, Senior Programme and Development Manager, Public Health
Dr. Uma Viswanathan, Consultant in Public Health

Ms Higdon presented the report on progress towards reducing infant mortality and outlining the future approach:

(see annexed)

The Board discussed the report. The Board continued to be very concerned at the trajectory and urged more focussed work in this area, linking with for example drug and alcohol services, midwifery services; and charities such as foodbanks. Ms. Woodall, housing sector representative said that she could look on the Safer Homes checklist and would circulate data to help inform this work. It was noted that this work was feeding into the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership

and also joined up to the support offer around pre-birth from the crime and disorder perspective via the 'Best Start' Long Term Plan.

Resolved

- (1) To note the progress made towards the reduction in infant mortality in Walsall.
- (2) To endorse the partnership activity identified that needs to be continued to reduce the risk factors for infant mortality.
- (3) To note the intention to embed infant mortality strategy actions within the Best Start in Life Children and Young People long term plan

667/19 Work programme

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

It was noted that a report on the Special Education Needs and Disability statement of Action would be presented to the January and April Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

668/19 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was Tuesday 21 January 2020.

The meeting terminated at 7.15 p.m.

Chair:

Date: