

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Monday 22 June 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 I. Robertson  
Councillor P. Smith  
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health  
Mr. A. Rust, Head of Joint Commissioning (sub)  
Mr. A. Griffin, Assistant Director, Children's Services (sub)  
Dr. A. Gill ] Clinical Commissioning  
Dr. R. A. Suri ] Group representatives  
Ms. S. Ali ]  
Mr. R. Pandaal, Healthwatch

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

### **217/15 Welcome and introductions**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place. She took the opportunity to thank the previous Chairman, Councillor Robertson and the previous members of the Committee for their work.

### **218/15 Apology**

An apology for non-attendance was submitted on behalf of Councillor I. Shires, Mr. D. Haley and Mr. K. Skerman.

### **219/15 Appointment of Vice-Chair**

It was noted that the constitution of the Board required the Vice-Chair to be a member of the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group.

Accordingly, it was:

#### **Resolved**

That Dr. Amrik Gill be appointed Vice-Chair of the Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board for the Municipal Year 2015/16.

## **220/15 Minutes**

Councillor Robertson took the opportunity to refer briefly to the filming of the previous meeting and commented that whilst the recording of the whole meeting was not of sufficient quality to broadcast in total, there may be opportunities to use short clips as “podcasts” to broadcast key messages

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 April 2015 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

## **221/15 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **222/15 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

## **223/15 Better Care Fund**

The Head of Joint Commissioning, Mr A Rust, presented a copy of a report which had been considered by the Joint Commissioning Committee

(see annexed)

Mr Rust pointed out that the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, the Council and the NHS were working together to reduce the target for emergency admissions to hospital and that this would be reported in more detail to the Board in due course.

Mr. Rust responded to questions and points of clarification from members during which time he confirmed that there was a communications and engagement plan in the Better Care Fund programme which would involve Healthwatch Walsall. Mr Rust also advised that a report showing revised targets and current financial activity would be submitted to the next Board meeting.

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted

**224/15 Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy “Give every child the best start in life and enable them to make the most of who they are”.**

The Assistant Director, Children’s Services, Mr. A Griffin presented a report which provided a performance dashboard for the priority identified:

(see annexed)

Mr Griffin introduced Mrs. Karen Marcroft, Head of Service for Children’s Quality and Performance, who presented the report in more detail. She circulated a revised priorities scorecard which provided up to date figures in relation to the metrics around infant mortality levels.

A discussion took place, particularly around the correlation between levels of obesity and the socio-economic position of individuals. Mrs. Marcroft confirmed that there was a significant link between poverty and obesity and that Public Health England was undertaking a piece of work to understand the causes of this in more detail. Members were advised that as levels of obesity had been identified as a priority in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, more comprehensive information would be presented to the Board in due course. The Director of Public Health, Dr. Barbara Watt commented that schools were key to helping children in this respect however, they did not appear to have a co-ordinated approach.

**Resolved**

That the report be noted.

**225/15 Task and Finish Groups**

**(a) 2014/15**

**(i) Alcohol Group**

The Head of Social Inclusion, Public Health Services, Mr. A Roche, presented a report which updated the Board on the progress made by the Alcohol Work Group and consequent action plan.

(see annexed)

A discussion took place, particularly around the importance of ensuring clear public health and prevention messages were given about sensible and safe alcohol limits, and the consequences of sustained drinking, in order that individuals could make informed choices.

In supporting the actions set out in the Action Plan, members were concerned at the proliferation of off-licenses and requested officers to look at the possibility of recommendations to Licensing Committee around thresholds and saturation points. Councillor Arif suggested that St Matthews Ward could be a pilot area for this approach and that this could be in conjunction with taking a tougher stance

with traders, working in partnership with Trading Standards officers. Members were concerned to learn that traders near to the Manor Hospital were selling alcohol to individuals who were clearly patients and asked for a concerted effort by all agencies to ensure that traders behaved more responsibly.

The Chairman thanked the group for their work and also ex Councillor Patti Lane who had been the Champion for this priority.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the content of the report from the Alcohol Work Group including the appendices covering the needs assessment summary, hospital high volume users report and the action plan be noted
- (2) That the Board approves the identified areas for action and agrees to monitor the progress in 6 months time.

### **(ii) Healthy Weight Group**

The Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, Healthy Weight, Susie Gill presented a report which updated on the progress made by the Healthy Weight Work Group and consequent action plan:

(see annexed)

A discussion took place during which time it was noted that in addition to the actions already in the action plan, there was work ongoing with schools around healthy travel to school i.e. the 'A stars' programme, which had been taken up by 56 primary schools and which was being rolled out to secondary schools; and the Healthy schools programme in general which would be part of the Ofsted judgements. In addition, work was ongoing with planning officers in relation to the prevalence of 'takeaways' and with existing takeaways themselves around providing healthy alternatives.

In response to questions from members, Mrs Gill confirmed that there was a definite link between obesity and poverty and especially in the school reception to year 6 age group.

The joint chair of Healthwatch, Mr. R. Pandaal informed the meeting that over 500 responses from around the borough had been received in relation to obesity strategies and that he would report to Health and Wellbeing Board identifying outcomes in due course.

The Chairman thanked the Group for their work.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Board note the content of the report from the Healthy weight task and finish group, including the appendices, include the Workplace Wellbeing Charter, presentation presented the previous Board meeting and the action plan.

- (2) That the Board approves and supports the Health Weight and Physical action plan and agree to monitor the progress in 6 months time.

**(b) 2015/16**

A report which suggested priorities for task and finish groups for 2015/16 was submitted

(see annexed)

Members noted that the Health and wellbeing Board had previously identified Infant Mortality as a Task and Finish Group priority for 2015/16 and accordingly, a presentation to the Board had been arranged in order to assist deliberations.

Mrs. U. Viswanathan, Consultant in Public Health Medicine gave a presentation to explain in more detail why tackling infant mortality should be a priority. She highlighted the areas most at risk, being areas of deprivation, and explained the actions already being taken to address the problem. Members noted that the responsibility for providing Health Visiting Services was now with the Council and that this would be a good opportunity to influence how the service was provided and its role in helping to address the issues leading to the high levels of infant mortality. Mrs Viswanathan responded to questions and points of clarification during which time she confirmed that this would be a joint priority with the Children and Young Peoples Board. Members supported the establishment of a task and finish group to look at this priority.

A further discussion took place on other priorities for consideration by task and finish groups and it was:

**Resolved**

That the following task and finish groups be established for 2015/16 to report on progress after 6 months:

**(a) Infant Mortality**

Councillor Robertson (Champion)

Councillor Martin

A representative of Healthwatch Walsall

Salma Ali, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group Accountable Officer

**(b) Diabetes**

Councillor Arif (Champion)

Councillor Ditta

Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group representative (Dr Askey)

## **226/15 Strategic Transformation of Health and Social Care Services in Walsall**

A report was submitted which briefed on the development of a joint programme of work between Health and Social Care leaders across the health and social care system in Walsall

(see annexed)

The Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group Accountable Officer, Ms S. Ali, presented the report which was aimed at involving the Health and Wellbeing Board early in the process of developing a local system to provide a sustainable approach to redesigning services for people and meeting the needs of the local area, bearing in mind the rising demand for health and social care services in Walsall.

Members noted that a meeting of the Strategic Transformation Group, being the Chief Executives of the Walsall Healthcare Trust, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, the Council and Cabinet portfolio holder, had been arranged for 2 July 2015 to look at the case for change and the integration agenda.

### **Resolved**

To note the report and that a progress report, including governance arrangements, would be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board in due course.

## **227/15 Strengthening the Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager, Mrs C Boneham, presented a report which set out the terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board (as set out in the Council's Constitution) and the terms of reference for each of the groups within the new Health and Wellbeing infrastructure:

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategic Advisory Group be approved for consultation with key partners and providers with a view to the first meeting of the Group being arranged for sometime in October 2015.
- (2) That the Terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board Task and Finish Groups be approved
- (3) That the terms of reference for the Joint Commissioning Committee, Integration Board and Health Protection Forum be noted.

## **228/15 Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme 2015/16**

The Health and Wellbeing Programme Manager, Mrs C Boneham, presented the work programme:

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the work programme be noted

## **229/15 Communications**

The Board identified the following three key messages from the meeting:

- Task and Finish Groups 2014/15 – outcomes and actions
- Task and Finish Groups 2015/16 – new priorities
- Strategic Transformation of Health and Social Care system in Walsall

## **230/15 Stocktake of Health and Wellbeing priorities across the region – headlines**

A report by Improvement and Efficiency West Midlands (IEWM) to the West Midlands Integration Leadership Group was submitted for information.

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the report be noted.

## **231/15 Date of next meeting**

Monday 7 September 2015 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting terminated at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: