

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 10 June 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Z. Ali (Chair)
Councillor R. Andrew
Councillor R. Burley
Councillor D. James
Councillor P. Lane
Councillor D.A. Shires
Councillor P.E. Smith
Mr. J. Morris, Executive Director, Neighbourhoods
Ms. R. Collinson, Interim Director Children's Services
Mr. A. Rust, Head of Joint Commissioning (sub)
Dr. I. Gillis, Director of Public Health
Dr. A. Gill]
Dr. D. Nair] Clinical Commissioning
Dr. R. Mohan] Group representatives
Mr. P. Griffin (sub)]
Ms. D. Lytton, Healthwatch representative

In attendance: Matt Bennett, Chief Executive, Healthwatch

19/13 Welcome and introductions

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions took place.

20/13 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Mr. J. Bolton, Dr. A. Suri and Ms. S. Ali.

21/13 Minutes

The Chairman responded to points of clarification following which it was:

Resolved

That the minutes of the meetings held on 15 and 29 April 2013 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as correct records.

22/13 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/13 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

24/13 Process for the refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis, presented a report which set out a plan to refresh the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA):

(see annexed)

Members discussed the plan and considered that the JSNA should be refreshed on a rolling basis and should be the driver for planning the Clinical Commissioning Group strategy and the Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Resolved

That a report be submitted to the next meeting which explained the overall cycle and the process to refresh the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on a rolling basis.

25/13 Action plans

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis presented a report which contained the actions plans for key recommendations within Sections 5, 6, 7 and 10 of the Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy:

(see annexed)

Dr. Gillis pointed out that there were errors in the numbering of the appendices and gave the corrections.

The Board commented on the actions plans both specifically and generally around the need for more emphasis on emotional health and wellbeing; a systematic and joined up approach to interventions to reduce inequalities; the inclusion of key dates; representation from all community groups; more co-ordinated diary with Scrutiny and Performance Panels; and robust and timely evidence of success.

It was also suggested that more training for members should be offered in respect of the "making every contact count" (MECC) initiative. In addition, it was suggested that an e-learning course be established for both Councillors and staff to enable them to disseminate health and wellbeing information.

Members considered that engaging “hard to reach” groups needed further debate.

The Chairman confirmed that he would ensure that comments were reflected in the action plans as appropriate and accordingly it was:

Resolved

That the action plans as amended be approved.

26/13 Links between Health and Wellbeing Boards, other groups/boards and children and young peoples agenda

Ms. R. Collinson, presented a report which responded to challenges to the Health and Wellbeing Board in respect of children, young people and families, presented the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2013:

(see annexed)

A discussion took place during which time the Clinical Commissioning Group representative, Mr. Griffin, confirmed that the Clinical Commissioning Group had already undertaken a self assessment and had identified an action plan for areas needing improvement.

The Chairman asked to be advised of what the proposals were for further effective engagement with youth groups.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

27/13 Process for the review of Commissioning Plans

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis presented a report which recommended a process for review of commissioning plans for the Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS Commissioning Board and the Local Healthwatch:

(see annexed)

A lengthy discussion took place during which time Dr. Gillis and the Council's Head of Joint Commissioning, Mr. A. Rust responded to points of clarification around the commissioning cycle, how linkages to other plans and strategies could be made; arrangements for collaborative work between partners, with work programme of Scrutiny and Performance Panels and work programmes for local Healthwatch.

The Clinical Commissioning Group representative, Mr. Griffin gave reassurances in respect of the CCG plans, commenting that the plans were scrutinised by a number of agencies including NHS England to ensure that they were in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Chairman was concerned that not all members were clear about the process and it was:

Resolved

That representatives of relevant partners meet to agree a common approach to the process and that a further report be submitted to be the Board.

28/13 Health and Wellbeing Board Work programme

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis presented a report which provided the work programme for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

29/13 Health and Wellbeing Board and Scrutiny and Performance Panels – Working relationships

The Executive Director, Neighbourhoods, Mr. J. Morris, presented a report which responded to a request of the Shadow Board to clarify the working relationships between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Scrutiny and Performance Panels:

(see annexed)

In response to a question from Councillor Smith, Mr. Morris commented that whilst there were different and clearly identified functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Scrutiny and Performance Panels and Healthwatch, all had a role to play in the way local services were planned and delivered and there should be scope to better work together to add value to each other's work.

He suggested that one way of doing this would be for the Health and Wellbeing Board to see the work programme of Scrutiny and Performance Panels to better align each other's work. This way of working was essentially informal and operational and therefore would not need approval of Council.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

30/13 **Launch of Public Health England’s “Longer Lives” website**

The Director of Public Health, Dr. I. Gillis informed the Board of the initiative by Public Health England called “longer lives” which makes information available about the health of the nation to everyone via their website:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Public Health England document entitled “Longer lives” be noted.

The meeting terminated at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman:

Date: