

BRIEFING NOTE

Agenda Item no. 10

TO: Social Care and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Panel

DATE: 12 July 2012

RE: Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board Update Report

Purpose

To provide Social Care and Inclusion Overview and Scrutiny Panel with an update of the progress of Walsall's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) following their meetings on the 16 April and 11 June 2012.

1. Political change following May 2012 elections

Representation on the Shadow Board has changed following the local elections; Councillor Robertson has been replaced by Councillor James.

2. Informing the Board and setting the work programme

April Meeting

Trusts Updates – Briefings were presented to the Board from Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust and Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust on proposals for Foundation Trust status.
Governance Discussion – A discussion regarding the relationship between the Children's Safeguarding Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board generated Board members' request for a paper for the June meeting to suggest a governance model which would ensure safeguarding remained a high priority.

June Meeting

JSNA Update – The Director for Public Health (DPH) briefed on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and proposed approach to developing a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Walsall.

Public Health Transition – An update was given by the DPH regarding the Public Health Transition Plan, and Walsall's current position.

Local Healthwatch Progress – An update regarding the current position in relation to the procurement of the new Local Health Watch was provided, Consultation will be undertaken, and following which the outcome and next steps were requested to come back to the Board.

Interim Governance Proposals – A paper was presented on governance arrangements between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Boards whilst in shadow form. The proposal was agreed, with further work continuing through the shadow year to ensure the effectiveness of the proposal and allow time for revision prior to February 2013.

The work programme was revised accordingly to reflect further actions and updates required.

Board Development – A range of board development opportunities were presented, ranging in cost and formality. The Board has provided a steer which is mindful of the current economic climate and makes use of existing skills and resource within the Borough.

Next meeting – The next meeting of the Board will take place on 23 July

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