

Special Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 21 August 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Robertson (Chair)
Councillor D. Coughlan
Councillor James
Councillor Shires
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning
Dr. C. Lesshafft] Clinical
Mr. M. Abel] Commissioning
Dr. A. Rischie] Group
Prof. S. Brake] representatives
Ms. S. Roberts]
Mr. S. Fogell, Healthwatch Walsall
Chief Supt. J. Clews, West Midlands Police
Mr. D. Benge, One Walsall

In attendance: Ms. J. Rowley, Public Health

428/17 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors P. Bott, Martin and Washbrook and Ms. P. Furnival, Mr. P. Tulley, Mr. D. Baker, and Mr. A. Boys.

429/17 Substitutions

The Committee noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Social Care
Ms. S. Roberts for Mr. P. Tulley, Clinical Commissioning Group
Mr. D. Benge for Mr. A. Boys "One Walsall"

430/17 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

431/17 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

432/17 Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19

A report setting out the Integration and Better Care Fund planning requirements as issued by the Department of Health on 4 July 2017 was submitted together with a summary document.

(see annexed)

Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning presented the report in detail and pointed out that government guidance had been expected in April however it had only just been received. She said that she hoped that the plan did not hold surprises as it mirrored the Walsall Together Plan which was the mechanism for delivering this. It was noted that significant work to understand demand was being done as part of the Council's Transformation programme.

A lengthy debate took place during which time Ms Allward responded to questions and points of clarification particularly around the conditions attached to the funding, the timetable and the governance process. She confirmed that a more comprehensive risk plan would be contained in the S.75 agreement. In respect of the 2018/19 profile, Ms Allward advised that this was in draft until later in the year and so was indicative at the moment.

Ms Allward confirmed that there was a commitment to ensure that the services were for Walsall residents and were provided as seamlessly as possible. She said that there had been a positive working relationship between the Council and the CCG in this respect although the untangling of risks and responsibilities in relation to joint commissioning was complex. It was noted that the national conditions had set out a minimum level of funding which should be passported from the CCG to Social Care services however the figure had been based on incorrect historical figures and so the funding allocated did not reflect the actual amount required.

Further discussion took place on performance management and governance. Ms S. Roberts confirmed that Terms of Reference had been drawn up for a new Board to replace the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) which would report progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board. She gave assurances in respect of the new Board's governance processes.

Members welcomed the report and the mechanisms and detailed planning to deliver the services however, it was felt that clarity on how residents access the services needed to be more detailed. It was also suggested that in relation to Delayed Transfers of Care performance targets, these should be given high priority so that additional costs were not built in and that in order for the Board to have a practical understanding of the issues, a breakdown of how these targets are to be met should be provided.

Professor Brake commented on the importance of getting patients home quickly and providing the wrap around service however he stressed that the hospital should not be given perverse incentives to discharge patients quickly only to lead to readmission.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions and it was:

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board recommends to Cabinet:

- (1) That the Walsall Integration and Better Care Fund narrative plan as attached at Appendix 1 be approved for submission to the Department of Health.
- (2) That the BCF Expenditure Plan as set out in Tab 3 of the attached Better Care Fund planning template at Appendix 2 be approved for submission to the Department of Health.
- (3) That the target metrics for the Better Care Fund as set out in Tab 4 of the attached Better Care Fund planning template at Appendix 2 be approved for submission to the Department of Health.
- (4) That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Accountable Officer for the CCG in consultation with the portfolio holder for Health and the portfolio holder for Social Care to make minor amendments to the plan on receipt of the assurance feedback from the Department of Health.

The meeting terminated at 7.15 p.m.

Chair:

Date: