

Health and Wellbeing Board

Tuesday 5 March 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Longhi (Chair)
Councillor Martin
Councillor Robertson
Mrs. S. Rowe, Executive Director Children's Services
Ms. K. Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
Prof. S. Brake] Clinical Commissioning
Mr. P. Tulley] Group representatives
Supt. S. Parker, West Midlands Police
Ms. J. Malone, West Midlands Fire Service
Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch Walsall
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall
Mr. R. Pickup, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership

584/19 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Ms. P. Furnival, Dr. A Rischie, Chief Supt. A. Parsons, .Mr. R. Beeken, Ms. F. Shanahan and Mr. M. Axcell.

585/19 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Ms. K. Allward for Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Social Care
Superintendent S. Parker for Chief Supt. A. Parsons
Mr. R. Pickup for Mr. M. Axcell, Dudley and Walsall Mental Partnership Trust

The Chairman welcomed Ms J. Malone as a new member representing the West Midlands Fire Service.

586/19 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2019 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

587/19 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest however, with regard to item on Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group's Commissioning and Spending Plans, the Chairman asked for it to be recorded that, as Walsall Council's Mayor, he fundraised for a small charity in Walsall, WPH Counselling, which received funding from CCG for commissioned services.

588/19 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

589/19 Adult Social Care outline commissioning intentions 2019/20

Ms. K Allward, Head of Integrated Commissioning presented the report setting out the commissioning intentions of the Adult Social Care directorate:

(see annexed)

Ms Allward highlighted key points and pointed out that the government's green paper on the NHS 10 year plan had been delayed. She confirmed that the plans aligned with new three priorities in the Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy and gave examples.

The report was discussed and Ms. Allward responded to a number of questions and points of clarification, during which time she confirmed that with regard to:

- Better Care Fund (BCF) - there had been a significant gap in capacity which had slowed progress however, a BCF manager was now in place and the programme was now back on track to meet the outcomes.
- Community Alarm Service – this service had now been decommissioned with a number of good providers available in the market who offered the latest assistive technology.
- Quality and care – the business case was progressing well however, the membership of the Quality and Care Board was something which needed improving.
- Payments – methods of paying providers was myriad and complex and a new system had been introduced. A task and finish group was working with providers.
- Impact on citizens of Savings and Efficiency plans – this was likely to have little impact on service users. A new charging policy had been introduced to collect contributions in a timely manner and reducing overprescribed care would mean more independency. This would be reducing in a managed and safe way with service users being supported through this process.

Members discussed contributions to the Resilient Communities fund. Ms. Allward commented that whilst the investment from Adult Social Care was small, it needed to be a whole system partnership approach and the ambition

would be to generate efficiencies in early intervention and prevention through Walsall Together Alliance and the Walsall Proud Programme to reinvest in Resilient Communities. There was a significant concern that the risk would be for assumptions to be made about the capacity of the community and voluntary Sector to undertake activities to mitigate the reduction in over-prescription. Members asked for next year's report to make specific reference to Resilient Communities.

Resolved

That the Board note the content of the document at Appendix 1 and confirms alignment with the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities.

590 /19 Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) commissioning and spending plans 2019/20

Mr P. Tulley, Clinical Commissioning Group presented the report updating on the CCG's commissioning and spending plans for 2019/20:

(see annexed)

Mr Tulley highlighted the main points in the report and emphasised the requirements of the NHS Planning guidance with regard to the CCG commissioning and spending plans. He explained that whilst the allocations were known, the amount of spend depended upon contracts with partners which would not be completed until the end of March. With regard to Resilient Communities funding, he said that progress was being made through the Walsall Together Alliance and the detailed design of the operating model. He said that he would report the spending intentions to the next Health and Wellbeing Board.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Prof. Brake explained that with regard to alignment with the new Walsall Plan priorities, the NHS planning guidance was formulaic and precise and so was not easy to align however, the report to the next meeting would be a good opportunity to contextualise the guidance around those priorities.

Mr Tulley responded to further questions, during which time he advised that the investment in general practice enhanced services needed further clarification. Mr A. Boys offered the support of the community and voluntary sector around social prescribing. With regard to the Walsall Together Alliance, Mr J. Taylor suggested that a workshop on this could be useful to look at future budget, themes.

Resolved

That the report be noted.

591/19 West Midlands Fire Service – update

The report was postponed to the next meeting.

592/19 Infant Mortality Oversight Group – Smoking in pregnancy

In attendance:

Dr Uma Viswanathan, Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Dr Paulette Myers, Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Ms. E. Higdon, Snr Programme Development and Commissioning Manager, Public Health.

Dr Viswanathan, Dr Myers and Ms Higdon presented the report which updated on partnership actions undertaken to reduce infant mortality and improve maternal health across the borough and initiatives in place to reduce smoking in pregnancy:

(see annexed)

The report was discussed during which time the presenters responded to a question from the Chairman about closing the gap on infant mortality rates in Walsall and advised that, broadly speaking, the infant mortality rate (Fig.1) was almost parallel with the England average and better than the West Midlands average however, intervention was needed to close the gap. It was noted that no one thing would solve this and it was common for there to be a number of initiatives which would all contribute to the agenda. Members were advised of some innovative local partnership actions which had been introduced in this respect, including 'smoke free school gates', through the Healthy Schools Programme, working with schools, teachers and governors to be influencers; and in secondary schools, creative lesson planning was encouraged to include the effects of smoking across the curriculum rather than it being isolated during the PHSE lesson. In addition, members noted that the public health team worked closely with a number of partner agencies, including the blue light services on intervention and prevention messages.

Members thanked the presenters and it was:

Resolved

- (1) That the content of the report from the Infant Mortality Strategy Oversight Group be noted.
- (2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the partnership activity identified in the report to support a reduction in smoking in pregnancy.

593/19 Teenage pregnancy reduction strategy

In attendance: Dr Uma Viswanathan, Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Dr Viswanathan presented the report asking the Board to support the actions in the strategy and informing of progress made by the multiagency teenage pregnancy strategy group to reduce teenage pregnancy in Walsall:

(see annexed)

Resolved

- (1) That the Board supports the Teenage Pregnancy Strategy and provide a collective voice to shape and influence the links the teenage pregnancy reduction agenda has with other issues concerning children, young people, families, health and education.
- (2) That the Board receive an update about the progress made in the delivery of the teenage pregnancy strategy.
- (3) That the Board support the strong partnership of key organisations who are needed to implement a successful integrated strategy, recognising that teenage pregnancy reduction cannot be tackled by one organisation alone.

594/19 Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The report relating to the following priorities was deferred:

- Priority 4: Maximise emotional wellbeing and resilience of adults
- Priority 5: Reduce loneliness and isolation and increase support through social networks

595/19 Work programme

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

It was noted that the next Development session was scheduled for Tuesday 16 April 2019. The theme of the session was to be confirmed.

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

596/19 **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 17 April 2019 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting terminated at 7.40 p.m.

Chair:

Date: