

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 10 September 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Longhi (Chair)
Councillor James
Councillor Martin
Councillor Rasab
Councillor Robertson
Councillor Shires
Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health
Ms. P. Furnival, Executive Director Adult Services
Dr. A. Rischie] Clinical
Dr. C. Lessshafft] Commissioning Group
Mr. M. Abel] representatives
Mr. P. Higgitt, Healthwatch Walsall
Mr. B. Diamond, West Midlands Fire Service
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall
Mr. R. Beeken, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
Mr. M. Axcell, Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership
Mr. J. Driffill, Walsall Housing Partnership/Walsall Housing Board

535/18 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Prof. S. Brake and Mr. J. Taylor

536/18 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitution for this meeting only:

Mr. P. Higgitt for Mr. J. Taylor, Healthwatch

537/18 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 July 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record,

538/18 Declarations of interest

Item 7 – Walsall Children and Young People Mental health and Wellbeing Strategy and Transformation Plan:

Councillor Longhi advised the Board that reference in the report was made to the Walsall Psychological Help counselling service (WPH), a charity which he supported in his role as Mayor. He declared that he had no pecuniary interest however, he asked for this relationship to be recorded.

539/18 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

540/18 Transforming Care Plan (TCP)

In attendance: Ms. S. Shingler, Chief Nursing Officer/Director of Quality, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Ms. Shingler presented a report detailing the need to transform care in adult learning disability services across the Black Country and the current position with regard to transforming care plans:

(see annexed)

Ms Shingler highlighted the main points of the report and drew particular attention to the trajectory for Walsall which she said the CCG had acknowledged as being an outlier in the Black Country.

During a lengthy discussion, Ms Shingler responded to questions and challenge in relation to the trajectory. She said that the CCG recognised that in the past, agencies had not worked as coherently as they could have done but that this was being addressed. With regard to accessibility of assessment and treatment beds in the future and the standard of training in care situations, Ms Shingler said that part of the TCP was to work with private providers and work creatively with partners to ensure that there was the skills and expertise to enable those with learning disabilities to be cared for at home. She also provided assurance that should the community provision for these beds not be available, there was a contingency plan to enable spot-purchasing of beds across the West Midlands. With regard to accessibility of the service, Ms Shingler provided reassurance that transport needs were taken into account and supported on an individual basis.

In response to a question from the Chairman in relation to the new clinical model, Ms. Shingler explained the rationale for contracting with the Black Country Partnership foundation Trust and the need for the organisation to have a commitment in order to reduce its financial instability.

The Board noted that in relation to Health and Care Plans, Ms Shingler and Ms. S. Rowe were working to make sure that the right support was in place for the child and that plans were in place to join up commissioning were being considered.

With regard to the recommendations, the Chairman pointed out that the Health and Wellbeing Board did not have the authority to approve the model of care however it could indicate its support.

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (1) Notes the reduced numbers of Walsall adult learning disability patients now placed in hospital and the reduced need for beds in future years;
- (2) Supports the Black Country model of care, adopted and localised from the national clinical model for adult learning disability; reducing inpatient provision and offering improved community services;
- (3) Notes the work undertaken on the children and young peoples work stream.

541/18 Walsall Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Transformation plan - progress

In attendance: Ms. S. Shingler, Chief Nursing Officer/Director of Quality, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Ms Shingler presented a report which provided an update on the progress of the strategy and implementation of the transformation plan:

(see annexed)

The Chairman pointed out that the report did not effectively explain what had progressed from the original strategy and asked that this be addressed in future reports.

Ms Shingler responded to questions and points of clarification. Of particular note was concern regarding the high number of referrals relating to behavioural/conduct issues, with many of these young people not developing a diagnosable problem and therefore slipping between options. Ms Shingler said that work was being done to address this gap in services, including a review of the out of hours service, and that this would be included in the next iteration of the strategy. With regard to tackling the stigma attached to mental health, Ms Shingler said that she was working with Healthwatch Walsall to target key young people.

Other comments included the potential to include street triage as part of the car triage service and also a potential to take advantage of a government pilot in relation to tackling mental health in schools. Ms S. Rowe was keen for Walsall to make a bid for pilot status and said that she was meeting with head teachers to discuss this. She said that she was impressed with the work in schools, particularly

primary schools, with the local authority providing support to schools in behaviour management and emotional wellbeing.

Resolved

That Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (1) Notes the progress made to date in the implementation of the strategy and transformation plan
- (2) Confirms support for the future intentions to further transform mental health and wellbeing services for children and young people in Walsall.

542/18 “The Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy”

Dr. B. Watt, Director of Public Health presented the report setting out proposals to refresh the Walsall Plan with the aim of agreeing a smaller number of more focused priorities:

(see annexed)

The proposal was briefly discussed and supported. Members were keen to ensure that priorities were outcome-focussed and were also linked to the locality model, particularly the work recently done to consult on priorities by the Strategic Locality partnership boards.

Resolved

- (1) That the Board approve plans for developing a refresh of the Walsall Plan to be in place by February 2019.
- (2) That members note that a further report will be presented at the December meeting of the Board which will set out the agreed priorities.
- (3) That the Board agree a proposal to focus on the added value that member organisations can bring to the following priority areas over the next 6 months (up until February 2019)
 - Homelessness/rough sleeping
 - Air quality/sustainable travel

543/18 Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020” – Priorities 4 and 5

In attendance: Ms. Angela Aitken, Senior Programme and Development Manager, Public Health.

Ms Aitken presented a report providing progress on the following priorities since February 2018:

- Priority 4: Maximise emotional wellbeing and resilience of adults

- Priority 5: Reduce loneliness and isolation and increase support through social networks

(see annexed)

The report was discussed, during which time it was requested that future reports should include a breakdown by ethnic minority.

The Chairman thanked Angela for her work and it was:

Resolved

That the Board note the progress made towards these priorities.

544/18 Task and finish group “Improving health and wellbeing through planning/development control

In attendance: Mr S. Fleet, Group Manager – Planning

Mr Fleet presented a report which updated members on the action plan of the task and finish group and relationship with the Council’s “Shaping a Sustainable Health Environment” Transformation Programme:

(see annexed)

The report was discussed at length. Members commented in particular on the need to ‘future-proof’ housing stock by installing electric charging ports on all new builds and to accelerate the building of sustainable housing generally.

Mr Fleet responded to questions and explained the use of s.106 monies which applicants were required to pay to mitigate the impact of development on the community and infrastructure. He explained the requirements in the Council’s Supplementary Planning documents upon developers which currently require one electric charging point per 10 parking spaces; and commented upon the improved attitudes to sustainable and passive housing. He also confirmed that planning guidance emphasised the role of design on development to lessen impact including in terms of landscaping.

Resolved

That the Board notes the update on delivery of the planning action plan and agrees that this work will now be mainstreamed as part of normal Council processes via the Council’s ‘Shaping a Sustainable Healthy Environment’ Transformation Programme.

545/18 Antimicrobial Stewardship strategy/Walsall Health Economy Healthcare Associated Infection strategy/Health Protection annual report

In attendance: Ms A. Beaumont, Nurse Consultant Public Health
Dr. U. Viswanathan, Consultant, Public Health

Ms Beaumont presented the report informing members of the Walsall Antimicrobial Stewardship and Health Economy Healthcare Associated Infection strategies and providing an update on work undertaken in relation to the Health Protection annual report. A slide presentation was also given which provided more detail in relation to the Annual report and strategies:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report and presentation, particularly around the tuberculosis (TB service) and the targets in relation to E.coli. Mr Beeken explained the current position of the Trust regarding the risks set out in the report and provided assurances accordingly. Ms Beaumont undertook to reflect this in the final version of the report.

It was noted that the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be commencing a series of debates around Air Quality, the first of which the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board had been invited to.

Dr Barbara Watt thanked the presenters for their work and explained the role of the Health Protection Forum.

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the strategies and actions contained therein be noted.
- (2) That the proposal to review the Healthcare Associated Infections Steering Group be noted.
- (3) That Board support the Walsall Health and Social Economy approach to tackling the issue of antimicrobial resistance and of reducing the risk of infections.

546/18 West Midlands Police intervention and prevention activities

Chief Supt. A. Parsons presented a report which highlighted areas to prevent crime, protect the public and help those in need in support of the wider Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the activity undertaken by West Midlands Police in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

547/18 Work programme 2018/19

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

548/18 Key promotional messages

“Walking out of Darkness”: Ms P. Furnival circulated information regarding an event to raise mental health awareness, suicide prevention and end mental illness stigma.

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Chair:

Date: