

Health and Wellbeing Board

Monday 12 February 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

in a Conference Room at the Council House, Walsall

Present: Councillor Robertson (Chair)
Councillor P. Bott
Councillor D. Coughlan
Councillor A. Ditta
Councillor Hughes
Councillor James
Councillor Shires
Ms. S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services
Dr. P. Myers, Consultant in Health Medicine
Mr. M. Thom, Head of Community Care (Partnerships)
Dr. C. Lesshafft]
Mr. P. Tulley] Clinical Commissioning
Prof. S. Brake] Group representatives
Mr. M. Abel]
Dr. A. Rischie]
Mr. S. Fogell, Healthwatch Walsall
Chief Supt. A. Parsons, West Midlands Police
Mr. A. Boys, One Walsall

477/18 Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Martin, Councillor Washbrook, Dr. B. Watt and Ms. P. Furnival

478/18 Substitutions

The Board noted the following substitutions for this meeting only:

Councillor Hughes for Councillor Washbrook
Mr. M. Thom for Ms. P. Furnival
Dr. P. Myers for Dr. B. Watt

479/18 Minutes

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2018 copies having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record

480/18 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

481/18 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985

There were no items to be considered in private session.

482/18 Annual reports of Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards

In attendance: Mr. A.Critchley, Walsall Safeguarding Board Chair

The Independent Chair of the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards, Mr. A. Critchley presented the annual reports for 2016/17:

(see annexed)

Mr Critchley explained that the reports were valid until 31 March 2017 and therefore they were reports 'at a point in time'. He went on to explain the actions since the reports had been prepared and also mentioned that the work arising from the extra funding received in January 2017 from the Local Authority and Clinical Commissioning Group was in hand but was not in place yet.

Mr Critchley advised members that this would be the last full year of the Safeguarding Children's Board as the Children's and Social Work Act changed the safeguarding arrangements. He gave assurance that the local Safeguarding Partnership was strong and had the right membership.

The reports were discussed and Mr Critchley responded to a number of questions and points of clarification. With regard to how agencies could link together about drug rehabilitation, it was noted that there was a range of opinion across Social Care, the Criminal Justice System and the Police and Crime Commissioner and as such the plans are reviewed regularly. With regard to the numbers of missing children and children who were home learners, Ms Rowe confirmed that the numbers reported were from data at a snapshot in time and there were various legitimate reasons why this may not reflect the current position and appear higher than actual numbers.

Mr Critchley confirmed that the funding for the safeguarding partnerships was adequate to fulfil statutory responsibilities both now and with the new safeguarding arrangements.

It was suggested that updates could usefully be shared with the Strategic Locality Partnership Boards.

Resolved

1. That the annual reports of the Adult and Children's Safeguarding Boards 2016/17 be noted.
2. That the reports be submitted to the Strategic Locality Partnership Boards

483/18 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018

In attendance: Ms. E. Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager

Ms. Emma Thomas presented the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) report for approval by the Board:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report, particularly in respect of the consultation responses and it was suggested that it would be useful to look at the PNA in more detail at locality level via the Strategic Locality Partnership Boards to inform future Assessments. Mr Boys also offered the services of the voluntary sector to engage and consult with service users in the future.

During the discussion, a question was raised about the way in which prescription fraud was monitored. Dr. Rischie and Prof. S. Brake gave assurances that such fraud did not go unnoticed and large scale exercises on data matching were undertaken with notices and fines being served accordingly. Prof. Brake said that he would circulate information with regard to this to Board members for information.

Resolved

- (1) That the final version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 be approved.
- (2) That the Strategic Locality Partnership Boards be recommended to consider the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to inform future Assessments.

484/18 Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19

Mr. M. Thom, Head of Community Care (Partnerships), presented the report providing an update on the resubmitted Integration and Better Care Fund Narrative Plan and financial monitoring:

(see annexed)

Mr. M. Abel commented on the membership of the Walsall Together Board and suggested that it should include a representative from the Voluntary sector, which members of the Health and Wellbeing Board supported. Mr Abel said that he would raise this at the next meeting of the Walsall Together Board and report back to Health and Wellbeing Board members.

Resolved

That the contents of the report be noted.

485/18 Health and Wellbeing Board priorities

- (a) **Priority 3: Enable and empower individuals to improve their physical and mental health**
Priority 9: Develop an environment to enable healthy lifestyles

Dr. P. Myers, Consultant in Health Medicine presented the report updating on progress towards priorities 3 and 9:

(see annexed)

Ms. Myers responded to questions and points of clarification. With regard to the relationship with Strategic Locality partnership Boards on these priorities, she advised that locality managers had been involved in the approach. With regard to the use of outdoor gyms, and parks in general, Ms Myers said that there was some joint work being done to look at the possibility of Community Liaison Officers working with Sports Development officers to make maximum use of this underutilised resource to deliver health activities. Mr A. Boys mentioned that One Walsall engaged with businesses which would provide an opportunity to access corporate volunteering activities.

Resolved

That the progress made towards these priorities be noted and that the programme of work be approved.

- (b) **Priority 4: Maximise emotional wellbeing and resilience in adults**
Priority 5: Reduce loneliness and isolation and increase support through social networks

In attendance: Ms. A. Aitken, Senior Programme Development and Commissioning Manager

Ms. A. Aitken presented the report setting out progress since the September 2017 report relating to priorities 4 and 5:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the progress made towards these priorities be approved.

486/18 Health and Wellbeing Board – Planning Workshop update

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

Mr. S. Fleet presented the report on the action plan developed to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Walsall specifically through developing and influencing the Council's planning policies and procedures:

(see annexed)

Members discussed the report during which time it was suggested that there could be mileage in getting consistency of approach across the West Midlands through the West Midlands Combined Authority (CA) Wellbeing Board Task and finish groups and also through the CA Overview and scrutiny Committee looking at Housing and land and the sustainability of communities. Mr Fleet responded to questions around plans to alleviate air pollution and said that the Black Country Core Strategy was being reviewed which placed a duty to co-operate on transport and movement beyond the Black Country. He said that whilst the action plan would not resolve this, it could influence the core strategy.

The Chairman said that the Board needed to be aspirational and suggested that a Health Charter would be a good way forward and intended to initiate a further discussion on this with the Board in due course.

Resolved

That the identified actions be progressed by officers as stated in the action plan attached to the report

487/18 West Midlands Fire Service – overview of prevention activities in Walsall

Item deferred to next meeting.

488/18 Healthwatch updates

(a) Walsall Accident and Emergency (A&E)

Mr. S. Fogell, Chief Officer of Healthwatch presented the report on the findings of research and engagement with the public relating to Walsall A&E:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the report be noted.

(b) Access to primary care services

Mr. S. Fogell, Chief Officer of Healthwatch presented the report on the findings of research and engagement with the public relating to access to primary care services:

(see annexed)

Prof. S. Brake responded to the key recommendations on page 6 of the Healthwatch report, particularly in relation to the take up of the new GP appointment system which had generally been more in the evenings but less at the weekends. With regard to the monitoring and reporting of GP appointment availability, he explained that NHS England did not currently monitor this. He went on to explain that to obtain this information was complicated and there was no reliable technical way of to do this at the moment as it would need to be initiated nationally and therefore, any statistics he was able to produce locally would not be reliable.

In response to a suggestion from Mr Fogell to alternatively report the work of commissioners on contracted hours, Dr. Rischie explained that this would also be difficult to obtain until the national tool to do this was available.

Mr Fogell remained concerned that the data was unavailable. Prof. Brake said that the CCG was equally keen to understand capacity and demand but would need a national tool to do so. He said that he would raise the matter through the Primary Care Committee. Mike Abel undertook to do this.

Prof Brake requested that responses to the recommendations be included in the Healthwatch report before it is formally published.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That the Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group and Healthwatch Walsall work together to look at ways of sharing data and to lobby nationally to facilitate data collection relating to GP waits for patients.
- (3) That the matter be raised with the Primary Care Committee.

489/18 Combined Authority Wellbeing Board

The Chairman presented a report to the West Midlands Combined Authority Board on 19 January 2018 relating to WMCA Wellbeing Priorities:

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the report be noted

490/18 Work programme 2017/18

The work programme was submitted:

(see annexed)

Air Quality report – The Board noted that a report to the Board had been delayed, albeit because of work outstanding across the Black Country, and asked that the Work Programme be amended to reflect this as ‘not achieved’.

Resolved

That the work programme be noted.

491/18 Key promotional messages

The Council's communications officer, Mr R. Bolton reported on current messages:

(see annexed)

492/18 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting was 10 April 2018.

The meeting terminated at 8.58 p.m.

Chair:

Date: