

Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board held on 11 June 2013.

Present:-

Chair

Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Warwickshire County Councillors (In addition to the Chair)

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke

Councillor Bob Stevens

Councillor Heather Timms

Clinical Commissioning Groups

Juliette Hancox – Coventry and Rugby CCG

Andrea Green – Warwickshire North CCG

Dave Spraggett – South Warwickshire CCG

Warwickshire County Council Officers

Monica Fogarty – Strategic Director, Communities Group

John Linnane – Director of Public Health (WCC/NHS)

Mike Taylor – Interim Strategic Director, People Group

Borough/District Councillors

Councillor Michael Coker (Warwick District Council)

Councillor Derek Pickard (North Warwickshire Borough Council)

Councillor Gillian Roache (Stratford District Council)

Councillor Roma Taylor (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

Councillor Claire Watson (Rugby Borough Council)

Healthwatch Warwickshire

Phil Robson - Chair

NHS England

Sue Price

Guest speakers

Ron Ball – Police and Crime Commissioner

Glen Burley – Chief Executive, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

Nicola Wright – Locum Consultant in Public Health

Justine Richards – Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust

1. (1) Apologies for Absence

Wendy Fabbro – Strategic Director, People Group

(2) Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Councillor O'Rourke – Item 4 as employee of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2013 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.

2. Overview and Future Ways of Working

Councillor Izzi Seccombe (Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board) informed the meeting of her vision for the way the Board would work in the future. An emphasis was placed on partnership working, behaviours, equality and professionalism.

Integration of services will bring about a number of challenges including the transfer of funding and the development of a common understanding of what is required. There is no need to pool all resources but it is important to ensure good outcomes for all.

Councillor Seccombe concluded that she is keen to encourage all agencies to come forward with ideas and concerns.

3. The Police and Crime Commissioner and Collaborative Work with the Health and Wellbeing Board

Ron Ball the Police and Crime Commissioner echoed the need for co-operation between agencies. He had observed good working relationships within Warwickshire informing the meeting that such good relationships were not to be found in all parts of the country.

His three priorities with a link to health were given as,

- Mental health and offending
- Alcohol and its impact on behaviour and health
- Children's protection and the need to address the threat of grooming

The meeting was informed that Public Health England's recently published statistics showed that Warwickshire has a high level of liver disease.

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke highlighted the impact of domestic violence. She was informed that work is already underway on this with the Community Safety Partnerships. On this matter.

Councillor Derek Pickard highlighted the role of district and borough councils in addressing alcohol-related issues through licensing. The role of schools in education was also recognised.

Community safety ambassadors are being recruited to act as the eyes and ears of the Commissioner.

John Linnane (Director of Public Health) noted that there is a need to serve vulnerable communities. He expressed his support for the Commissioner and stated that he looked forward to working with him.

Councillor Izzi Secombe highlighted the need to look out for the interests of serving and ex-servicemen and women. This was acknowledged.

4. (i) South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust – Key priorities and Challenges
(ii) Integrated Long Term Conditions – Pioneer Site Application

Glen Burley, Chief Executive of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust gave a presentation on the challenges and opportunities facing the Trust. Challenges include,

- Pressures on A&E services
- Demographic changes and in particular the aging population
- People's lifestyles

Ward capacity is a problem with most beds being occupied by elderly emergency cases.

To help address these and other challenges the Trust has five key objectives. These are,

- High quality service – Being accessible and friendly
- The development of services – An expansion of the rehabilitation hospital in Leamington Spa, increasing ward capacity at Warwick, growth at Stratford, the introduction of electronic healthcare records and seven day operation
- The development of people – Focus on improving appraisals, enhancing staff wellbeing, health visitor recruitment and the appointment of apprentices
- Integration of services – New models of “discharge to assess” and “assess before admission”, and support for patients with long term conditions

- A sustainable future - Encouraging income from outside sources, carbon reduction and ways of ensuring the long term economic sustainability of a local general hospital

Sue Price from NHS England informed the meeting that work was being undertaken to address concerns over pressures on emergency care.

The meeting then turned to digital records. It was agreed that wherever possible systems should be developed in consultation with partners. Chris Lewington (People Group) proposed that as work is commencing on the Care Plus system the timing for this was good.

Councillor Gillian Roache (Stratford District Council) sought assurance over patient transport. She was informed that work is being undertaken with West Midlands Ambulance Service and volunteer drivers to ensure a good level of service.

Turning to the Integrated Long Term Conditions Pioneer project Glen Burley informed the meeting of the aim to make person-centred coordinated care an support the norm across the health and social care system. He explained how areas were being invited to bid for pioneer status to roll out the nationally agreed principles into localities. The meeting acknowledged the value of integration of services and supported the idea of a bid being submitted. Mike Taylor (Interim Strategic Director People's Group) asked that a reference to the County Council's Social Care Commissioning Intentions be included in the letter. This was agreed

Resolved

That the Chair Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board write to the Department of Health expressing support for the bid for Pioneer Status. This letter to include reference to Social Care Commissioning Intentions.

5. Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme

John Linnane introduced the work programme to the Board. The production of the programme was welcomed by the Board in particular the inclusion of a timetable was appreciated. Monica Fogarty (Strategic Director Communities Group) observed how the programme illustrates the complexity of the issues facing the Board and relationships between its partners. It was suggested that it would be useful if the Board and the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee had a shared focus. The meeting agreed that "priority families" should be added to the programme under wellbeing priorities. In addition alcohol should be added as a priority alongside smoking. The need for a flexible approach was highlighted.

It was agreed that time should be identified for the Board to consider the Francis Report.

Chris Lewington suggested that the work of the Joint Children's Commissioning Board should be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This was agreed.

It was suggested that the reference in the programme to social housing should be changed to include other forms of housing such as that rented from private landlords. This was agreed.

Phil Robson (Chair of Warwickshire Health Watch) observed that with its limited resources it will be necessary for his organisation to prioritise its work carefully. In particular it will have to be selective over which groups it joins.

The Chair concluded by observing the need for good dialogue between the Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch.

6. JSNA Update

John Linnane summarised his report.

In response to a question from the Chair John Linnane stated that work is on-going with partners in housing with a view to addressing housing needs. In addition he observed that the JSNA is developed from a mixture of soft and hard data. The recently published statistics from Public Health England would be used to support the JSNA. Chris Lewington informed the meeting that the Commissioning Board is currently looking at ways in which to best use the data.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Approves for publication the 2013 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Annual Update.
- Agrees that a similar update be undertaken in 2014
- Agrees that a full review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment be undertaken in 2015.

7. Health Protection Strategy

Nicola Wright (Public Health – WCC) summarised her report, introduced the strategy and asked for the Board's approval of it. She added that a similar report will be presented to the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board at its next meeting. John Linnane informed the meeting that health protection is an increasingly important area of work. He cited the growth of TB as an example where this is a particular concern especially with vulnerable communities.

Other areas of concern are the continuing threat of Norovirus and the low take up of some vaccinations. In response to a question from Councillor Roache the meeting was informed that whilst MMR vaccinations are on target there had been a recent dip in take up in the south of Warwickshire. However catch up work is being undertaken with GPs.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board approve the Arden Health Protection Strategy 21013-15

8. Any Other Business

Justine Richards from the Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust updated the Board on the deferral of the Trust’s application for Foundation status. She stressed that the deferral had been prompted by a desire to see greater evidence of the use of various processes. It was not a result of concerns over the quality of service. Deferral is for six months with reactivation anticipated in the late autumn 2013.

The Winterbourne View Concordat was discussed. Chris Lewington agreed to circulate a briefing updating the Board on the latest position. It was suggested that where pooled budgets are established one could be around learning disabilities. Monica Fogarty proposed a letter to Norman Lamb, Minister of State for Care and Support expressing the Board’s commitment to the Concordat. This was agreed.

The meeting rose at 15.45

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