

Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board held on 25 September 2013.

Present:-

Chair

Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Warwickshire County Councillors (In addition to the Chair)

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke

Councillor Bob Stevens

GP Consortia

Gillian Entwistle – South Warwickshire CCG

Heather Gorringe – Warwickshire North CCG

Jill O'Hagan – Coventry and Rugby CCG

Warwickshire County Council Officers

Wendy Fabbro – Strategic Director, People Group

John Linnane – Director of Public Health

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

Deb Saunders – Chief Executive Officer

NHS England

Martin Lee – Medical Director

The Chair welcomed Wendy Fabbro, Director of the People Group back to the Board after her absence on sick leave and trusted her recovery would continue to progress well.

1. (1) Apologies for Absence

County Councillor Heather Timms

David Spraggett (South Warwickshire CCG)

Adrian Canale-Parola (Coventry and Rugby CCG)

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

Councillor O'Rourke – Employee of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust

Councillors Pickard and Watson – Co-opted Members of the Warwickshire County Council Adult Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2013 and matters arising

With a minor change regarding the date of a workshop on the Winterbourne Concordat, which will take place in December 2013, the minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

Arising from minute number 2, the Chair and Bryan Stoten reported on the national recognition and positive feedback about the Warwickshire tobacco control declaration. The Chair also reported on the Warwickshire Dementia Conference held on 17th September, attended by over 170 people. There had been positive feedback, with the County being identified as a dementia friendly community. It was planned to hold another conference in 2014, with the focus being on acute and residential care.

An action plan from the conference would be submitted to the November Health and Wellbeing Board. (Chris Lewington to action)

2. The Work of NHS England Drugs and Alcohol Team

Hayden Duncan, Regional Manager of the Drugs and Alcohol Team gave a presentation to the Board and supporting documents had been circulated. A context was provided on the similarities and differences related to alcohol and drug misuse. Both problems were widespread, but drug addiction was more concentrated, which was demonstrated by the statistics included in the document. It showed the health damage caused by alcohol and drug misuse, statistics on death rates and the harm caused to families and communities. The annual costs of alcohol-related harm, through crime and lost productivity and the overall costs of drug addiction to society were reported. Mr Duncan also spoke about outcomes from drug use, strategies for tackling both drug and alcohol issues and targeting expenditure on preventative measures.

The Chair thanked Mr Duncan for the presentation and spoke about the need for agencies to work together to tackle drug and alcohol related misuse.

Resolved

That the presentation on the work of NHS England Drugs and Alcohol Team is noted.

3. George Eliot Hospital - Update

A verbal update was provided by Kevin McGee, Chief Executive of the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust. He reminded that in August 2011, it was determined that the Hospital was not sustainable, either in financial or clinical terms. An extensive process had followed, in liaison with the Department of Health and the Treasury, for approval to invite bids for a partner. The objective was to secure the best solution for the local area. The Trust had been heavily monitored and scrutinised. It was hoped the revised arrangements would become a model of good practice and, in time a pilot for other areas.

By July 2014, the Trust hoped to announce a preferred partner. Between then and March/April 2015, the Trust would work closely with the preferred partner to move to the revised structure. Mr McGee also spoke about the relatively small size of the George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust. However, it was still required to meet the same requirements as all other NHS trusts.

The Chair invited questions and Wendy Fabbro, Director of the People Group asked how stakeholders would be involved in the process. A project board would include representatives of clinical commissioning groups and patient representatives. This would be supplemented by wider stakeholder engagement and further details would be issued during the week commencing 30th September. Community forums would also be arranged.

The determination of the criteria for selecting a partner was a key aspect raised by the Chair. Mr McGee confirmed the stakeholder group would be involved in the setting and weighting of such criteria. **The Chair also asked about the scope of the contract for the partner and asked Kevin McGee to ensure that she was informed about this.** (Chair to action)

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke asked about the retention of current services, which would be the starting point, but changing demands for the NHS would have an influence.

In response to a question from Bryan Stoten, it was confirmed that the various local government bodies would be involved. Related to this, Councillor Derek Pickard questioned responsiveness to issues raised by local authorities. Mr McGee agreed that an open dialogue was needed and an offer was made to engage in local forums and the democratic process.

Mr McGee then spoke about ensuring the delivery of safe hospital services and the next stage of the Keogh Review. He confirmed that a 2-day inspection process was currently being undertaken and stated that the Hospital's safety indicators were mostly good. A key challenge was attracting and retaining staff. He touched on the increases in activity and

notably emergency activity, together with the move to 7-day effective working. Capacity issues had been identified over the previous winter period and additional bed spaces and staffing were planned for this year.

John Linnane reminded about the Public Health England publication on mortality levels, health inequalities and the statistical variances across the County, asking that those issues be kept in mind. Clarification was provided on the mortality statistics, in response to a further question from Councillor Michael Coker. It was noted that mortality rates at the Hospital were falling, broadly in line with average levels and each case was investigated. Councillor Bob Stevens also sought further information about the Hospital's forward plans. The Chair thanked Mr McGee for the update.

Resolved

That the update on the George Eliot Hospital is noted.

4. Healthwatch Warwickshire – Update and Joint Work Memorandum of Understanding

The Chair proposed a minor variation to the Agenda to include as part of this item the consideration of the related joint work Memorandum of Understanding.

Deb Saunders, Chief Executive of Healthwatch Warwickshire spoke to a circulated report, which provided background on Healthwatch and a data report for the first quarter of 2013/14. She advised that the mechanisms for data collection were being fine-tuned. The officer emphasised the role of Healthwatch as the voice of the public, also explaining the consortium's organisational structure and bodies involved. Reference was made to survey work undertaken and to the Health and Social Care Forum. Deb Saunders publicised the Healthwatch Charter, which would be launched the following day, spoke about the organisation's staffing structure and some of the projects being undertaken.

Questions about signposting to services delivered by Healthwatch and promotion of the organisation were responded to. The evaluation of performance data was discussed and the Chair confirmed the role of the County Council's Scrutiny Committee. The voluntary transport service was raised, with discussion about the possible removal of funding. It was questioned whether an equality impact assessment had been completed. There had been a call for evidence by Healthwatch and feedback was encouraged.

John Linnane offered to provide a further update on the voluntary transport scheme to the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee. (John Linnane to action) He also spoke about the grant system and operation of this service. He felt the future was uncertain, whilst referring

to the transition funding provided this financial year and on-going work with the schemes to assist them to become self-sufficient.

Wendy Fabbro spoke about the engagement with Youth Members of Parliament on health issues.

The Chair noted the points raised and questioned when the data from Healthwatch's call for evidence would be available, which Deb Saunders advised would be in approximately two months.

The Chair referred to the joint work Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which was a result of a discussion between the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Chair of Healthwatch Warwickshire and Chairs of the Adult Social Care and Health and Children and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committees. The aim of this work was to agree and clarify working relationships between the four bodies. There was a need to avoid duplication and ensure effective scrutiny of the Board's Strategic decisions. Ann Mawdsley, from Democratic Services at the County Council provided further information on the MoU, which was driven by the Francis report and issues at George Eliot Hospital. The document would be submitted for final approval to the next Adult Social Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It would also be presented to the next Healthwatch Board.

The Chair commented that Warwickshire was one of the first areas to produce a MoU and the Local Government Association Board for Health was taking this approach as an example of good practice.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Approves the Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Agrees to a half-day joint workshop to apply the MoU and consider the implications and joint actions in response to the Francis Report and recommendations.

5. Director of Public Health's Annual Report

John Linnane, Director of Public Health spoke to the Annual report for 2013, which had been circulated, together with a summary document. Public Health was returning to local government after 39 years with the NHS. He commented on demographic changes and the aging population, the variation in mortality indicators between affluent areas and those with deprivation. The mortality gap hadn't narrowed. He also reminded of the drug and alcohol issues raised earlier in the meeting and spoke about hospital admissions associated with alcohol misuse. He confirmed the problems were not limited to those from young people

binge drinking. Another key issue was smoking, particularly involving pregnant women. **Mr Linnane proposed to bring a paper to the next Board on this topic.** (John Linnane to action)

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke sought clarification about the high numbers of road accident deaths, which was proportionate to the significant lengths of major roads through the County. Obesity statistics were also discussed. The links to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy were questioned by Councillor Claire Watson and it was confirmed this document did link, but focused on the health strategy aspects, rather than healthcare. The comparative statistics on smoking amongst pregnant women and breast feeding were also raised by Councillor Gillian Roache. The Chair felt it would be useful to have this data disaggregated by local area. In response to a question from Councillor Derek Pickard, it was confirmed that all councils would receive a copy of the Annual Report. Mr Linnane hoped to attend meetings with all councils and would be writing to them shortly.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2013 and approves the recommendations contained within it.

6. (i) Refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

John Linnane gave a verbal report on the interim Health and Wellbeing Strategy that had been approved in March 2013. He advised that a refresh was due in 2014 of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. At the last Board Meeting, a report was submitted on the "Living in Warwickshire" survey.

Councillor Gillian Roache spoke about the good partnership working in the County. Bryan Stoten referred to the increasing numbers of non-health people on the public health registers, with local government environmental health and planning disciplines being mentioned particularly. Nicola Wright from Public Health Warwickshire commented on the input of planning and licensing experts into health issues.

Resolved

That the report is noted.

(ii) Board Performance Framework

John Linnane provided a verbal update. The draft Board Performance Framework had been shared with key stakeholders and from the feedback received, was being revised. Dr Linnane commented on the Board's performance monitoring role and there was a need to look at key

issues and the performance of the health service and health outcomes across the County. The target was to finalise the Board Performance Framework over the next two meetings.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the report.

7. Home Improvement/Housing - Presentation

A presentation was made by Steve Shanahan, Head of Housing at Rugby Borough Council. This concerned the redesign of the service to provide adaptations to properties, to improve the quality of life for residents. A multi-agency approach had been used to join up and streamline the process for home improvement applications, resulting in a reduction in the waiting time, typically from 395 days to 150 days for completion of the works.

Dr Heather Gorrige asked about the comparative time taken for the completion of works and it was confirmed that the service was now one of the fastest in the Country, but endeavours were being made to improve still further.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the report.

8. Pioneer Bid

Gillian Entwistle of the South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group gave a verbal update, following the report to the Board Meeting on 17th July. It was explained that over 100 bids had been submitted under this initiative. However the bids submitted from Warwickshire and Coventry had proved unsuccessful. The Board was advised that the funding allocated under the scheme had been reduced significantly. Councillor Bob Stevens spoke to this item about pursuing integration issues.

Resolved

That the report is noted.

9 Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) – Strategy

Dr Heather Gorrige addressed the Board on the production of the 3-year clinical strategy, which would be considered by the Warwickshire North CCG Board the following day. Input had been received from a range of stakeholders, to shape the Strategy. The key principles were to

ensure the delivery of safe, local services, seven days per week, to deliver the best outcomes for patients. The need to travel in some cases was acknowledged. Other areas touched on were urgent/emergency care, end of life, dementia and mental health care. The document would be available via the CCG website.

A request was made by Councillor Claire Watson that in future, reports to the Board were all provided in writing. This was agreed.

Bryan Stoten referred to health inequalities and the need to focus on young people as a priority group. Dr Gorringer responded that children's services at the George Eliot Hospital had recently been redesigned.

Wendy Fabbro referred to the publication "Great Expectations" on children's health. **It was suggested that the Observatory be asked to extract relevant information from this data relevant to Warwickshire.**

The Chair welcomed the move to 7-day care at the Hospital.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the report.

10. Any Other Business

John Linnane displayed a poster for the 2013 flu inoculation campaign. He confirmed that one third of Warwickshire residents were entitled to a free inoculation and wide publicity was planned to encourage residents to take up the offer.

The meeting rose at 15.45

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