

Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board held on 11 February 2014.

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

Gillian Entwistle (South Warwickshire CCG)

Andrea Green (Warwickshire North CCG)

Juliet Hancox (Coventry and Rugby CCG)

Warwickshire County Council Officers

Wendy Fabbro – Strategic Director, People Group

Dr. John Linnane – Director of Public Health

Healthwatch Warwickshire

Deb Saunders - Chief Executive

NHS England

Francis Campbell – Associate Medical Director

Borough/District Councillors

Councillor Michael Coker (Warwick District Council)

Councillor Derek Pickard (North Warwickshire Borough Council)

Councillor Gillian Roache (Stratford District Council)

1. (1) Apologies for Absence

Adrian Canale-Parola (Coventry and Rugby CCG)

Heather Goringe (Warwickshire North CCG)

David Spraggett (South Warwickshire CCG)

Martin Lee (NHS England)

Councillor Roma Taylor (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

Councillor Claire Watson (Rugby Borough Council)

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

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke declared a non-pecuniary interest as an employee of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust. Councillor Derek Pickard declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the County Council's Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and The George Eliot Hospital Stakeholder Group.

2. Better Care Fund

Wendy Fabbro, Strategic Director for the People Group introduced this item, with Chris Lewington, the County Council's Head of Strategic Commissioning and Anna Burns, Director of Strategy and Engagement at South Warwickshire CCG presenting the circulated report.

Background and context was provided about the Better Care Fund (BCF) which is a central government initiative to integrate health and social care. Nationally, funding of £3.8bn would be used to support the redesign and remodelling of community services as a tangible alternative to acute care. The report explained the complex partnership arrangements for commissioning health and social care services, the good models of joint and aligned commissioning already in place and the opportunities available to enhance aligned working.

The key issues were reported with a focus on the funding aspects from the June 2013 spending round and the funding sources for 2015/16. It was stated that none of the £3.8bn of national funding was additional resources, but a reallocation of current budgets. A section was included on the existing social care transfer budget from health to local government. In Warwickshire this equated to £8m per annum and would increase by £2.2m for 2014/15 in preparation for the implementation of the BCF. There were conditions attached to the BCF that clinical commissioning groups and the County Council would need to agree joint spending plans and from 2015/16 there would be pooled budgets.

For 2015/16 there would be an additional integration fund of £1.9bn and the report set out the headline conditions attached to this funding. It was explicit that the funding, to be paid in two instalments, would be based on performance. A table in the report showed the performance schedule for release of the BCF.

The timescales for submission of the better care template and plan were reported. The high level plan had been circulated, together with the proposed governance structure and draft partnership agreement, for the Board's consideration.

The Chair referred to the key documents and sought the Board's views on them. A draft letter on the high level plan was also circulated, which the Board was asked to approve for signature by the Chair.

Information was sought on how service providers, partners and others could engage with this process. There would be a further stage in formulating the detailed plans when feedback would be sought. Other contributors spoke about the tailored approach that each CCG would take to engage people in their area and the approach that would be required from an adult social care perspective. Discussion took place about the governance and funding arrangements.

With regard to the covering letter from the Chair, Dr John Linnane, Director of Public Health suggested the inclusion of additional text, about the focus on preventative measures and self-help as ways of managing the demand for services.

Francis Campbell of NHS England referred to health outcome indicators, the work on transforming primary care and ensuring consistent delivery of services. A point was made about workforce issues. It was clarified that this was a functional not structural integration, with a focus on care pathways and achieving desired outcomes. Further points were made about the difficulties in completing the templates for this submission, the targets around 7-day working and involvement of the district and borough councils. The timescales for subsequent stages were reported.

The Chair reminded the Board of the recommendations and proposed alterations to the covering letter.

Resolved

- 1) That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board approves the Better Care Fund Template and its submission to NHS England by 14th February 2014.
- 2) That the covering letter be amended to incorporate the comments made by the Director of Public Health and then signed by the Chair, on behalf of the Board.

3. Any Other Business

The Chair sought the Board's views about participation in the health and wellbeing system improvement peer challenge for 2014/15. After discussion, there was a consensus that this should not be progressed at present. The Chair also referred to the Department of Health Children, Families and Maternity e-bulletin for January 2014, on which further information would be circulated via the Board's newsletter.

The meeting rose at 14.15

.....Chair