

Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board held on 20 January 2014.

Present:-

Chair

Councillor Izzi Seccombe

Warwickshire County Councillors (In addition to the Chair)

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke
Councillor Bob Stevens

Clinical Commissioning Groups

Juliet Hancox (Coventry and Rugby CCG)
Andrea Green (Warwickshire North CCG)

Warwickshire County Council Officers

Monica Fogarty – Strategic Director, Communities
Dr. John Linnane – Director of Public Health

Healthwatch Warwickshire

Phil Robson – Chair

NHS England

Richard Hancox – Assistant Director, Clinical Strategy

Borough/District Councillors

Councillor Derek Pickard (North Warwickshire Borough Council)
Councillor Gillian Roache (Stratford District Council)
Councillor Claire Watson (Rugby Borough Council)
Councillor Michael Coker (Warwick District Council)

1. (1) Apologies for Absence

Councillor Heather Timms (Warwickshire County Council)
Adrian Canale-Parola (Coventry and Rugby CCG)
David Spraggett (South Warwickshire CCG)
Heather Gorringe (Warwickshire North CCG)
Wendy Fabbro (Strategic Director, People Group)
Martin Lee (NHS England)
Deb Saunders (Healthwatch Warwickshire)
Councillor Roma Taylor (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council)

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

Councillor Bob Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Royal British Legion.

Councillor Maggie O'Rourke declared a non-pecuniary interest as an employee of South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Councillors Derek Pickard and Claire Watson declared a non-pecuniary interest as members of the County Council's Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and The George Eliot Hospital Stakeholder Group.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2013 and matters arising

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

The Chair reported on the Francis/Memorandum of Understanding workshop held on 26th November and further details could be found in the latest Health and Wellbeing Board newsletter.

Chris Lewington, Head of Strategic Commissioning was asked to provide an update to the Board about Children's Safeguarding.

Dr. John Linnane, Director of Public Health referred to the information circulated with the Board documents on winter pressures and take-up of flu vaccinations. Up-dated information on the flu vaccinations was available for collection after the meeting. He commented on the current levels of take up, differences in this rate across the County and when GPs and pharmacists would provide the vaccinations until.

2. Veterans' Health and Wellbeing

Dr Dan Barnard (Coventry and Warwickshire Foundation Trust) and Jane Britton (Royal British Legion) made a presentation and played a short video, to accompany the circulated report.

The report reminded of the Armed Forces Community Covenant, which the County Council and partners had signed in June 2012. It confirmed the main aims of this covenant and actions taken since that time. There were a number of issues for consideration, under the headings of understanding need, culture, improving access and raising awareness. The observations of professional working with veterans, in terms of mental health/emotional wellbeing were reported, together with details of current service provision through the Royal British Legion.

The presentation included statistics for the Coventry and Warwickshire area, showing the proportions of veterans suffering post-traumatic stress

disorder, mental health issues and alcohol related problems. The support provided by the Royal British Legion and initiatives across the country were other areas reported. The video highlighted the issues faced by one individual.

The Chair wanted to raise awareness of the issues faced by veterans, referring to the statistics in the presentation. Councillor Bob Stevens spoke of the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board to support veterans and the need for Warwickshire to give continuing support. Representatives of Combat Stress, a support group were also present and contributed to the discussion on this item.

The Chair referred to the report's recommendations and asked how the Board could achieve these, particularly speaking about the difficulties in identifying the numbers of veterans and their individual needs. A booklet had been produced to raise awareness and Dr. Linnane explained distribution arrangements. Councillor Gillian Roache referred to a later item on the Board's Agenda, concerning the Mental Health Strategy and suggested the recognition of veterans' needs within that strategy.

Resolved

- 1) That the report is noted.
- 2) That the needs of veterans be incorporated in future Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.
- 3) That clinical commissioning groups be invited to forge closer links with veteran's organisations and those involved in veteran's health via a programme of engagement sessions in 2014; and
- 4) That the Health and Wellbeing Board requests a process for encouraging those engaged in frontline delivery (including GP's) to identify the numbers and needs of veterans within their population.

3. 'Living in Warwickshire' Survey – Headline Analysis

Dr. John Linnane gave a presentation to the Board. This included slides showing the purpose of the survey and methodology, details of the question topics and the key headlines for Warwickshire, including the fear of crime, economic concerns and those related to health and wellbeing. Further areas concerned lifestyle aspects on healthy eating, physical activity, smoking and alcohol consumption. The presentation concluded with respondents' likes and dislikes of living in Warwickshire and planned future analyses.

Comments were made on the survey results relating to lifestyle choices. In particular, the figures for amounts of alcohol consumption and frequency of exercise were considered to be questionable. The

difficulties in securing feedback from younger people was also discussed, with use of social media being mentioned as a means of engaging this group. The disproportionate perception of 'fear of crime' was also raised.

Resolved

1. That geographic targeted analysis be undertaken to identify areas for focus.
2. That the results be triangulated against other data sets.
3. That the Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board notes the headline findings from the 'Living in Warwickshire' survey, as a key part of the emerging evidence base for the review of Warwickshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment during the early part of 2014.
4. That the results feed into other key strategies such as the emerging Strategic Economic Plan and Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

4. "Better Care" (formerly Integration Transformation) Fund

Chris Lewington, Head of Strategic Commissioning gave a verbal report to the Board. Nationally, the Better Care Fund provided some £3.8 billion and for Warwickshire it was anticipated to be £33 million. However, it was noted that this was a reallocation of current resources, not additional money, from the Government. There were a series of specific requirements that had to be met to receive the funding, which could be reduced for future years, if some of the criteria were not met. An extraordinary meeting would be held on 11th February 2014, to seek the Board's final approval to the submission. An outline was given of the requirements for 2014/15, including care out of hospitals, earlier intervention and seven day working at hospitals. The process would be performance managed. It was planned to pool the resources received, to achieve savings and efficiencies.

There was discussion about the development of strategies, building on the work completed to date and plans for wider engagement, through patient forums and the transformation assembly. The key was a commitment to patients being at the centre. Dr Linnane spoke about the need for a Public Health approach, not a shift of funding/responsibility. He referred to transformation, using an example of reducing emergency hospital statistics.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the report and considers this matter further at its Extraordinary meeting on 11th February 2014.

5. Warwickshire Public Mental Health Strategy 2014-16

Dr Charlotte Gath, Consultant in Public Health, introduced this item. The report set out a work programme for Public Health, in conjunction with partners, to improve mental health and wellbeing for Warwickshire residents. It explained what the strategy covered and its key aims, together with proposed next steps for wider consultation on the strategy and development of an action plan. Dr. Gath commented that the report was timely, given recent national media coverage about the apparent disparity between physical and mental health strategies.

Comment was made on the links between this strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It was suggested that a more definitive document be submitted to the next Board meeting. The roles for district and borough councils were considered. Other aspects raised were improving the mental wellbeing of individuals through addressing their economic and housing issues. The specific recognition of veterans within the strategy was also requested.

Resolved

That, subject to the addition of veterans as a specific category of those requiring support, the Board approves the Mental Health Strategy 2014-16, for consultation with partners and the public.

6. Reports from NHS Trusts

(a) Response to the Keogh Report on Accident and Emergency (A&E) Services

The Board received reports from Kevin McGee, Chief Executive of the George Eliot Hospital, David Eltringham, Chief Operating Officer at University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW) and Glen Burley, Chief Executive, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust (SWFT). Each report gave an update on how the trusts had responded to the Keogh report and the officers responded to questions.

Mr. McGee spoke about discharge processes, the move to seven day working and transformation, to build capacity. He then referred to the acute medical unit and explained the improvements made through

increasing senior staffing, to give an improved service to patients and speeding patient flow through to the correct ward. Whilst the Hospital was busy, there was a sense of control and calmness. Significant investment had been made with no additional funding provided and so a key issue was sustaining the improvements within existing resources.

David Eltringham spoke about the UHCW campaign “getting emergency services right”. He referred to the difficulties of the previous winter period and the current focus to give patients the care they needed, as speedily as possible. He highlighted the improvements in performance statistics which were shown in the report.

Glen Burley took the Board through his report, which focussed on the national policy and the local implications for SWFT. The Trust had made significant progress, through work on patient pathways and consistently achieved its targets over each of the last seven months. He referred to the Health Foundation publication on improving patient flow and explained how SWFT had been involved in this development work.

The Chair noted the positive reports and invited questions. Councillor Derek Pickard asked about the use of locum staff and the costs involved. This was acknowledged by Kevin McGee as a national issue, who advised of the appointments made at the George Eliot Hospital. He also responded to a related question from the Chair about the operation of the acute medical unit. Councillor O'Rourke asked about stress-related illnesses amongst hospital staff and it was confirmed that this national issue was monitored closely. Adopting a hospital wide ‘team’ approach rather than focussing just on A&E was another strategy used.

Councillor Claire Watson noted the progress made on A&E services and questioned whether there were improvements required in other parts of the hospitals. Points were raised about the move to seven day working, the positive perceptions of the new facilities at George Eliot Hospital and preventable death statistics. The referral of domestic violence cases and cases involving frail elderly people to other agencies were also raised.

Resolved

That the reports are noted

(b) Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust – Preparations for Inspection and Foundation Trust Status

Justine Richards, Programme Director and Business Development Lead, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust (CWPT) provided an update. The Board was reminded of the Trust’s assessment in 2013 by Monitor, the deferral of its authorisation for Foundation Trust status and recommendations made at that time. The report also set out the subsequent improvements made and the actions completed.

The CWPT had been selected as a pilot site for the Care and Quality Commission's (CQC's) national programme of inspection of care. She gave an outline of the key areas of the inspection, which had commenced today. It was anticipated that the CQC's report of its findings would be received in approximately one month. Once this inspection had been concluded satisfactorily, a further assessment by Monitor could be sought. It was anticipated that the Foundation Trust status would be achieved in the Autumn of 2014.

Resolved

That the report is noted.

7. Impact of the 2014 Operating Framework – Clinical Commissioning Groups

A presentation was made by Gillian Entwistle, Chief Officer, NHS South Warwickshire CCG, entitled 'Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients 2014/15 to 2018/19'. An overview was provided, together with slides on the domains for better outcomes, measures of outcome ambitions, and delivering transformational change. Slides on the CCG resources available, including savings requirements and the planning timetable were also included.

Councillor O'Rourke spoke about the funding arrangements and was concerned about the ambitious targets. Dr. Linnane commented on the ambitions, the trajectories, timescales and how these linked to other strategies.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board notes the presentation.

8. Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Progress on Outcomes

Nicola Wright, Speciality Registrar in Public Health presented this item. The Interim Health and Wellbeing Strategy was approved by the Shadow Board in March 2013. The Board was reminded of the three priorities in the Interim Strategy and these were underpinned by detailed areas of focus. Appended to the report were the annual work programme and draft performance framework. A section on progress to date was included, which highlighted specific areas of the Board's activity. Further

sections reported on key issues and areas of future focus. Technical supporting information had been circulated for the Board's consideration.

The Chair suggested that a workshop be held to engage all partners in the review of the Strategy. A further report would be brought to the Board in March and this could be followed by such a workshop, as part of the planned stakeholder engagement and public consultation process.

Councillor Pickard asked about the Board's role in relation to planning for large residential developments, and the associated health service provision. This was discussed and it was suggested could form the subject of an agenda item to a future Board meeting, involving the planning authorities. Bryan Stoten added that this was about service design for health, transport and education functions. It was a public health, rather than a purely health concern.

Resolved

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Notes the progress made to date in relation to the Board's priorities.
- 2) Approves the approach to the review of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and future activity for the Board and its partners.

9. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting rose at 15.55

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