

Note of last Community Wellbeing Board meeting

Title: Community Wellbeing Board
Date: Wednesday 11 June 2014
Venue: Terrace Lounge, Local Government House, Smith Square, London, SW1P 3HZ

Attendance

An attendance list is attached as **Appendix A** to this note

Item	Decisions and actions	Action
1	Declarations of interest There were no declarations of interest. Welcome and Introductions Cllr Katie Hall welcomed members and noted apologies from Cllr Andrew Gravells (Cllr David Lee substituting), Cllr Mark Ereira (Cllr Apu Bagchi substituting), Cllr Elaine Atkinson (Cllr Bill Bentley substituting) and Cllr Jason Zadrozny (Cllr Zoe Patrick substituting). Jane Ellison MP also sent her apologies for the meeting. The Board noted the work carried out by Cllr Steve Bedser and Cllr Catherine McDonald on their departure from the Board and that Cllr Mohammed Khan OBE and Cllr Mrs Sue Whitaker will be attending the Board for the rest of this year. The Chair will write to Cllrs Bedser and McDonald, to thank them for their contribution. Andy Hollingsworth from the Solace office attended as an observer, in the absence of Dr Jo Farrar and her substitute Merran McRae who had recently been nominated by Solace as advisers to the Board.	
2	Update on the transfer of 0-5's public health commissioning responsibilities to local government Dr Ann Hoskins, Director Children, Young People and Families Public Health England (PHE) presented on PHE's role in the transfer of 0-5s public health commissioning responsibilities to local government and the opportunities that exist to improve health outcomes and services for children.	

Context

- The Healthy Child Programme for 0-5 year olds is an universal evidence based programme delivered by Health Visitors. The targeted part of the programme is delivered by Family Nurses. Universal services are essential for primary prevention, early identification of need and early intervention. Universal services lead to early support and improves school readiness.
- PHE has commissioned a refresh of evidence of the 0-5 year old Healthy Child Programme (0-5s HCP) as the universal support programme for children and families.
- Public health commissioning responsibilities will transfer to LAs on 1 October 2015, with NHS England retaining responsibility for Child Health Information Systems and the 6-8 week GP check until at least 2020
- As part of the transformation of health visiting (HV) services the Government has committed to:
 - Transforming the HCP and HV service to improve outcomes for children;
 - Investing in and increasing the HV workforce by 4200; and
 - Increasing Family Nurse Partnerships by 16,000 places.

Opportunities

The transfer presents a number of opportunities for councils and local partners to improve these services. This includes;

- Raising the profile of children's' public health services within the council, at the Health and Wellbeing Board and with NHS partners;
- Joining up commissioning with children's social care and education;
- Promoting continued joint commissioning with the NHS e.g. immunisation;
- Streamlining and targeting interventions for families needing more help;
- Joining up the 0-5 programme with the 5-19 programmes already commissioned by LAs;

PHE's role

PHE has a role to play in the transition by;

- Supporting commissioning by developing and sharing evidence, knowledge and intelligence and assisting workforce development;
- Helping local areas to prepare for new responsibilities by working with the LGA and NHS England;
- Publishing guidance on information requirements by December 2014;
- Engaging in discussions on funding, contracts and the desirability/extent of any mandate of the 0-5s HCP services;
- Supporting 'light touch' assurance to ensure each NHS Area Team is ready to 'send' responsibilities and that each council is ready to 'receive' these responsibilities by 1st October 2015.

An LGA paper with an update on the 0-5s transfer was briefly presented and Members' views were sought on a number of key issues. Members' key points included:

- Members supported the concept of moving to a needs-based funding formula especially if, in those areas of greatest need, this was accompanied by a plan of action to improve.
- Members recognised the important role played by health visitors, and expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to integrate them with their existing public health services. In some areas health visitors were reported as being already part of integrated LA/NHS teams.
- Clarification was sought on whether the government's wish to increase the number of health visitors by 4200 was in order to meet current targets or was over and above current targets. Clarity was also sought over the distribution of this target across areas; and
- It was noted that in addition to the 0-5 programmes, support to pregnant mothers was also critical in the future life chances of infants.

Dr Ann Hoskins welcomed members' positive comments, especially in relation to the culture of enthusiasm to embrace health visitors, the desire to incorporate into the Health and Well Being Boards and the recognition of the value in moving towards needs-based funding over time.

Decision

Members **noted** the report and issues discussed.

3 Better Care Fund

Andrew Webster provided an oral update on progress of the Better Care Fund (BCF). All but one local authority had submitted their plans for review. The sign off process (originally May-June) has been delayed due to NHS concerns that they may be bearing a significant risk if the plans fail to reduce admissions. As a result, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are being asked to provide further data in relation to predicted outcomes. It was thought that 9 July may now be a likely date for ministers to announce their decisions.

In the brief discussion that followed, members raised concerns that further delay would threaten delivery of the predicted outcomes, particularly in terms of embedding action plans.

It was also noted that the pioneer authorities are undertaking some radical work that will contribute to learning in relation to the BCF programme.

Decision

Members noted the update.

4 Shaping the debate on health and social care

Updates on two programmes of work were presented. The first, an update on the work of the Commission on the Future of Health and Social Care, was presented by Geoff Alltimes, commission member and LGA Associate and Richard Humphries, Senior Fellow, King's Fund.

In particular, Geoff and Richard were keen to hear the Board's views in relation to the proposals outlined in the Commission's interim report.

In the discussion that followed, the Board made the following points:

- That prevention programmes would always be a key element of any attempt to reduce costs in the long term;
- That the principle of integration of health and social care budgets was broadly accepted and the BCF programme should inform this debate and be given time to bed down;
- That the public must be engaged in this debate at the earliest opportunity;
- The fact that the impact of the ageing population on health costs is a key driver and needed to be made more explicit in the paper;
- Governance structures were seen as complex at the present time, especially in the NHS, and simplification of this, alongside clarity around health scrutiny would be welcome; and

The Board endorsed the Commission's interim report and supports its ongoing work. Of the Commission's options for bringing more money into the health and social care system, Option 1 (improved productivity) was taken as a given. Within Options 2 and 3 (raise more private funding and raise more public funding respectively) the Board agreed there were a number of ideas that warranted further exploration. It was also agreed that this should not be at the expense of embedding the BCF or giving space and time to deliver other current initiatives on integration and prevention.

Geoff Alltimes welcomed the views expressed by the Board in the discussion and looked forward to receiving the LGA's formal response in due course.

The second half of the paper was presented by Alyson Morley, Senior Adviser. This paper, the detail of which is under embargo until the LGA conference, will form a central plank of the LGAs influencing work on the main issues facing local government in the run up to the next election. The Board were informed that the policy development on the future design of adult social care and health, featured prominently in all the LGA's influencing work.

In broad terms, the Board was reassured that:

- Prevention and integration would be a key component of the policy messages;
- Integration of health and social care is central to the future sustainability of local government and the NHS;
- Public and local accountability issues would also be set out including the central role of the Health and Wellbeing Boards working with clinical leaders to engage local communities in discussions about the future shape of health and social care services;
- Proposals for sustainable funding structures for health and social care would be set out; and
- The key messages would be developed with the NHS national stakeholders.

Board members were invited to feed their comments to either Alyson Morley or Matthew Hibberd.

Actions:

Officers to respond to the Barker Commission, feeding in Members' views.

Decision:

Members **noted** the report

5 Winterbourne Joint Improvement Programme

Bill Mumford, Lead, Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme, updated the Board on progress.

The Board was invited to comment on the issues set out in the paper and to consider how the JIP could support lead members maximise their local political influence and drive forward improvements.

A brief discussion took place on how best to work with the health sector and providers to provide more community based services, with some concern expressed that current budget reductions could impact on the issue.

Cllr Hall proposed that she write to lead members regarding their leadership role in leading the response locally.

Decision:

Members **noted** the report.

6 Other Business report

Cllr Hall expressed her appreciation for Cllr Ford's support in attending a range of meetings and events on her behalf in the spring of this year.

7 Any other business

The Board was advised that the Care Act will be the main agenda item at the next meeting.

8 Decision and actions from previous meeting

Cllr Sue Whitaker and Cllr Bill Bentley sought clarification on the nominations for the Boards representation on the Think Local Act Personal programme. Officers agreed to return to the members concerned regarding this.

Cllr Sue Whitaker and Cllr Bill Bentley commented that they were in attendance at the last meeting as substitutes and requested that this be noted.

Decision:

Members **agreed** the minutes from the meeting held on 5 March 2014.

Appendix A -Attendance

Position/Role	Councillor	Authority
Chairman	Cllr Katie Hall	Bath & North East Somerset Council
Vice-Chairman		
Deputy-chairman	Cllr Mrs Linda Thomas Cllr Gillian Ford	Bolton Council Havering London Borough Council
Members	Cllr Elaine Atkinson Cllr Louise Goldsmith Cllr Iain Malcolm Cllr Jonathan McShane Cllr Colin Noble Cllr Vic Pritchard Cllr Sandra Samuels Cllr Mrs Izzi Seccombe Cllr Kenneth Taylor OBE Cllr Lynn Travis Cllr Mohammed Khan OBE Cllr Mrs Sue Whitaker Cllr Apu Bagchi	Borough of Poole West Sussex County Council South Tyneside Metropolitan BCI Hackney London Borough Council Suffolk County Council Bath & North East Somerset Council Wolverhampton City Council Warwickshire County Council Coventry City Council Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council Norfolk County Council Bedford Borough Council
Apologies	Cllr Andrew Gravells Cllr Jason Zadrozny Cllr Mark Ereira	Gloucestershire County Council Ashfield District Council Suffolk County Council
Substitutes	Cllr David Lee Cllr Apu Bagchi Cllr Bill Bentley Cllr Zoe Patrick	Wokingham Borough Council Bedford Borough Council East Sussex County Council Oxfordshire County Council
In Attendance	Bill Mumford Geoff Alltimes Richard Humphries, Ann Hoskins Andy Hollingsworth	Lead, Winterbourne View JIP LGA Associate Senior Fellow, King's Fund Director CYP&F, Public Health England Solace
LGA Officers	Sally Burlington Andrew Webster Matthew Hibbert Alyson Morley Emma Jenkins Samantha Ramanah	Head of Programmes Associate Director: Integrated care Senior Adviser Senior Adviser Senior Adviser Adviser

