

FINAL MINUTES

Health and Wellbeing Board Executive Committee

23 November 2017, 12.00 - 1.30pm

Attendees Present

Roger Harris (Chair), Mandy Ansell, Ian Wake, Rory Patterson, Les Billingham, Malcolm Taylor, Jane Foster-Taylor, Ceri Armstrong and Darren Kristiansen.

Apologies

Kim James, Maria Payne and Jeanette Hucey.

Item No.	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome and apologies	
	The Chair noted apologies that had been received.	
2.	Short update on Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy	
	<p>Executive Committee members had previously considered the merits of the VAWG Strategy being considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and had requested an update on the Strategy.</p> <p>Members learned that the Strategy has been approved by the Community Safety Partnership Board and was also provided to the Portfolio Holder for final ratification on 2 November.</p> <p>Members learned that Jim Nicolson who currently leads on the VAWG Strategy will be leaving Thurrock Council. Members welcomed the excellent work that has been undertaken by Jim and welcomed clarification as to who will lead on the Strategy in future.</p>	
3.	Future planning for Health and Wellbeing Board	
	<p>Executive Committee members considered possible future agenda items for the Health and Wellbeing Board, subject to Cllr Halden's approval.</p> <p>Executive Committee members were keen to ensure that HWB members are provided with agenda items upon which they can add value by informing the development of key policies and programmes.</p> <p>Executive Committee members agreed that the HWB meeting scheduled for March should be themed on mental health and incorporate action being taken to address both children's and adults mental health.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board future meeting planner has been updated to reflect the views of Executive Committee members and will be available for HWB members as part of their papers at their meeting on 30 January 2018.</p>	
4.	AOB	
	<u>Orsett STP consultation</u>	

Executive Committee members were advised that the CCG Joint Committee was considering the STP consultation documentation at their meeting on 29 November.

The STP consultation document is scheduled to be launched on 30th November 2017. The consultation on Orsett Hospital proposals will be included in the STP consultation but will be provided as a standalone document, reflecting a request made by the Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting on 14 November.

High Cost Placements (children)

Executive Committee members noted the increase in demand for high cost children's placements to facilitate appropriate care and support required by children experiencing complex challenges and that was creating financial pressures for both organisations (CCG and Council).

Executive Committee members acknowledged that there are a range of factors that may influence the increase in demand including environmental, economic and home life experiences. The positive impact that preventative services could have on future numbers coming through the system were acknowledged.

Executive Committee members agreed that collective responsibility for funding placements between Thurrock CCG and Council will be maintained.

Current pressure in Domiciliary Care

Executive Committee members were informed that the Joint Reablement Team has now received a CQC rating of good (previously requires improvement).

Executive Committee members learned that Domiciliary Care continues to experience challenges whereby demand is exceeding capacity. Some care packages have returned to Thurrock Council to manage due to them becoming unaffordable for external suppliers.

Some positive action has been taken to address current challenges which include:

- Offering council staff the opportunity to drive carers to locations, supporting carers with limited travel options and freeing up carers providing more capacity
- Reintroducing step-up training for employees enabling them to deliver care when absolutely necessary.
- Undertaking a review of care packages to ensure that they are appropriate and can be coordinated effectively.

Meeting concluded at 1:30pm