

Minutes of the Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9 February 2015 at 2.00 pm

- Present:** Councillors Barbara Rice (Chair), John Kent and Joycelyn Redsell
- Mandy Ansell, (Chief Operating Officer, Thurrock NHS Clinical Commissioning Group)
Dr Andrea Atherton, (Director of Public Health, Southend and Thurrock Councils)
Len Green, (Lay member, Clinical Commissioning Group)
Barbara Brownlee, (Director of Housing, Thurrock Council)
Roger Harris, (Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning, Thurrock Council)
Kim James, (Chief Operating Officer, Healthwatch Thurrock)
Carmel Littleton, (Director of Children's Services, Thurrock Council)
- Apologies:** Councillors Tunde Ojetola
- In attendance:** Sharon Grimmond – HWBB Business Manager
Beata Malinowska - Senior Delivery Improvement Consultant, North East London Commissioning Support Unit
Christopher Smith - Adults, Health and Commissioning Programme Manager
Sean Clark – Head of Corporate Finance
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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

41. Minutes

The Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board, held on 09th February 2015, were approved as a correct record.

42. Urgent Items

There were no items of urgent business

43. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interested declared.

44. Developments in Primary Care Thurrock CCG report

The CCG has a Primary Care Steering Group which includes partners from Thurrock Council and Thurrock Healthwatch.

The three areas Thurrock CCG sees as challenges are:

- Primary Care estate;
- Recruitment of GPs and Practice Nurses; and
- The profile of the workforce

The focus of activity is to ensure that spend is focused on services that have the greatest impact on patient care.

The CCG has been working with the Council's Adult Social Care and Regeneration teams to scope a health facility as part of the Purfleet regeneration programme.

The CCG has successfully secured funding of £248,996 to support the extended opening of four Thurrock-based GP 'Hubs' from 9am -12pm at weekends. The Hubs will accept both booked and walk-in appointments. The first hub is expected to open in early March. This is a 7 year project to provide extended provision for Primary Care.

Each hub has different needs and therefore joint working between Hubs will ensure that resources are appropriately shared. A public consultation event will take place on Wednesday 11th February at Orsett Hall.

There is no end date for the Primary Care Strategy and the GP Hubs are not co-dependant on the future of the Thurrock Walk-in Service as these are two separate initiatives. Through the Primary Care steering groups, the CCG will review priorities at each stage. Updates will be brought back to the Board as appropriate.

The CCG is not responsible for the commissioning of the Grays High Street GP practice, only the Walk-in Service. NHS England is responsible for ensuring adequate primary care provision.

The Board was told that the CCG had submitted a bid for the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund. If successful the funding would be used to extend services for weekend opening and would enhance the capacity of Primary Care.

It was noted that the report will come back to the Board for a review.

RESOLVED:

Recommendations agreed

45. The future of the Walk in Service Report

Beata Malinowska presented the report on the future of Thurrock's Walk-in Service.

Established in March 2010 the Walk-in Service is currently undergoing a public consultation from 2nd February to 24th March, this was launched by the CCG to gather input from the community around the Walk-in Service in Grays.

According to research 37% of patients who use the Walk-in Service do so as a reassurance of service e.g. secondary reviews after a patient has already visited their registered GP – which is a duplication of service.

Analysis was carried out and patient surveys initiated due to the numbers of patients scheduling appointments and then not attending.

Attendance costs at one of the Hubs is approximately £12-£15 per head. This is compared to an average of £32 per head for an attendance at the Walk-in Service.

Concerns were raised about where people living in the east of the Borough were going, and whether they were attending Basildon Accident and Emergency.

Research had concluded that people did not travel to the Hospital due to the distance.

RESOLVED:

Recommendations agreed.

46. The Better Care Fund pooled fund Section 75 Agreement Report

The report was presented by Roger Harris, Mandy Ansell, and Christopher Smith.

The Better Care Fund Plan has now been approved by Ministers, with confirmation received from Dame Barbara Hakin.

Cabinet will be asked to approve the section 75 pooled fund agreement in March, followed by the CCG Board.

The Plan focuses initially on older people's services. The mandated amount was £10 million with Thurrock's pooled fund being £18 million. The Plan will enable the CCG and Council to consider innovative ways of approaching joined-up services at a local level.

A payment-for-performance element will release funding but is dependent upon reducing hospital admissions by 3.5%.

New governance arrangements will be established, with the membership comprised of senior management, to oversee the fund. A pooled fund manager will report directly to the new arrangements on performance, activity and quality.

Thurrock Council will be the host organisation for the Better Care Fund which will be governed via the section 75 agreement.

A performance framework will be established, with a scorecard in place to measure progress and outcomes.

The Board were made aware that regular financial reports will be required as part of the Agreement.

RESOLVED:

Recommendation agreed.

47. Forward Plan

Cllr Rice informed the Board of the dates of future meetings, it was agreed that a meeting should be organised for June.

The meeting finished at 3.05 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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