

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 12 November 2015 at 2.00 pm**

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- Present:** Councillors Barbara Rice (Chair), John Kent, Bukky Okunade and Joycelyn Redsell
- Mandy Ansell, Acting Interim Accountable Officer, Thurrock NHS Clinical Commissioning Group  
Jane Foster-Taylor, Executive Nurse, Thurrock NHS Clinical Commissioning Group  
Roger Harris, Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning, Thurrock Council  
Kristina Jackson, Chief Executive, Thurrock CVS  
Kim James, Chief Operating Officer, Healthwatch Thurrock  
David Peplow, Chair of Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children's Board  
Ian Wake, Director of Public Health, Thurrock Council
- Apologies:** Councillor Brian Little, Dr Anjan Bose, Lesley Buckland, David Bull, Graham Carey, Dr Anand Deshpande, Carmel Littleton, Malcolm McCann, Brid Johnson, Chief Superintendent Sean O'Callaghan, Clare Panniker, Andrew Pike
- In attendance:** Ceri Armstrong, Directorate Strategy Officer Thurrock Council  
Jill Moorman, Safeguarding Manager Adult Social Care Thurrock Council (item 10)  
Richard Parkin, Head of Housing Thurrock Council  
Michelle Stapleton, Director of Integrated Care NELFT  
Malcolm Taylor, Strategic Lead Learner Support Thurrock Council
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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.

### **1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 were approved as a correct record.

### **2. Urgent Items**

#### **Success Regime**

Roger Harris updated Board members that he was still unsure of the scope of the Success Regime and what the process for taking it forward was. It was

likely that the focus would be on the Hospitals in Essex and their combined debt.

Mandy Ansell commented that a consultancy firm was to be appointed imminently to design the 'how' part of the Success Regime.

Councillor Rice stated that she wanted the Chairs of Southend and Essex Health and Wellbeing Boards along with Directors of Adult Social Care to be invited to a meeting to discuss the Regime.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update on the NHS Success Regime in Essex be noted; and**

**That the Chairs of Essex and Southend Health and Wellbeing Boards and Directors of Adult Social Care be invited to attend a meeting in Thurrock to discuss the forthcoming Success Regime.**

**Coach House Residential Care Home**

Kim James updated the Board that a date had been set for a meeting and would be after Christmas.

Residents now felt listened to and involved, and conversations were also taking place with a number of different providers to explore options for the future.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the update on the Coach House Residential Care Home be noted.**

**Health and Wellbeing Board Self-Assessment**

Ceri Armstrong asked all Board members to complete the self-assessment in advance of the Board's development session organised for the 10<sup>th</sup> December. Completing the self-assessment by the deadline would enable the necessary analysis to take place prior to the development session.

**RESOLVED:**

**Members of the Board are to complete the self-assessment in advance of the Board development session.**

**Public Health Grant 2015-16**

Ian Wake stated that the Government had now published the outcome of the consultation on in-year reductions to the Public Health Grant. Whilst the majority of respondents had wanted the fair share taken in to consideration, the option that had been chosen was a flat rate reduction. Thurrock would have its Grant reduced by £655,000.

## **RESOLVED:**

**That the update on the Public Health Grant be noted.**

### **3. Declaration of Interests**

No interests were declared.

### **4. Item in Focus - Primary Care Transformation**

Ian Wake provided a presentation on Primary Care Transformation. The presentation focused on plans for Tilbury. Key points from the presentation included:

- Tilbury has a fairly young population with a high fertility rate;
- It is one of the most deprived areas and already suffers from overcrowding;
- Levels of working-age benefit claimants are far higher in Tilbury wards than the Thurrock average or the national average;
- The same applies to employment support allowance;
- There is a very high prevalence of smoking and obesity and high levels of teenage pregnancy;
- Disease registers and interventions are poor – particularly when Long-Term Conditions are identified;
- Levels of under-doctoring is a significant issue;
- Out of 6,000 people from five practices in Tilbury going to Accident and Emergency in one year, only one in ten of these people needed to be there; and
- Ensuring that people were getting the care or support they needed at the right part of the system could have saved £418,000.

Ian stated that the vision was for the development of Health and Wellbeing Centres. These would focus more on the wider determinants of health and would include services and solutions to improve lifestyles. The Centres would allow the co-location of clinical services with non-clinical services.

Comments from members of the Board included:

- Concern about GPs charging for referrals to weight management;
- Concern over the reduction in school nurses and the impact of this on issues such as sexual health;
- The need to ensure consideration of safeguarding as this is significant in deprived areas;
- The need to feed projections on population growth in to Basildon Hospital's review of maternity services;
- Concerns over the impact of cuts to the public health grant – and the effect this will have on obesity management and sexual health in particular;
- The need for partners to work together to find a solution – e.g. Basildon Hospital are keen to look at different ways of working.

## **5. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Progress Report**

Ceri Armstrong and Ian Wake updated the Board on Progress made with the refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

A steering group had been established to provide direction to the development of the Strategy, four draft priorities had been developed, and an outcomes framework would also be developed.

As the development of the Strategy was fast moving, the Board were asked to delegate agreement to changes to the Strategy's development to the Steering Group and the Board's Chair between meetings. This was agreed.

Councillor Rice added that the Strategy's focus needed to be on addressing inequalities across the Borough, and that the outcomes framework must link to reducing these inequalities.

An engagement approach had been developed with input and advice from Thurrock CVS and Healthwatch Thurrock. This included ensuring that there was ongoing dialogue with Thurrock people about how best to improve and maintain their health and wellbeing.

Initial activity on the priorities would start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November and finish on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

The Board agreed the Strategy Engagement Plan.

As the Strategy would be taken to Full Council in March, the Board was asked to agree a special Board meeting in February for the purpose of signing off the final Strategy.

### **RESOLVED:**

**To agree the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Engagement Plan;**

**To note progress on the development of a refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy;**

**To agree to delegate agreement to changes to the Strategy's development to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group and Health and Wellbeing Board Chair; and**

**To agree to scheduling a special Board meeting in February for the purpose of signing of the final Strategy.**

## **6. Online Data Portal - Proposal**

Ian Wake presented the proposal for an Online Data Portal.

Ian told the Board that it was important to have 'one version of the truth' – i.e. one data and intelligence set that everyone used.

Kim James stated that Healthwatch collated data about unmet need, and Ian confirmed that the data could be added to the portal.

The proposals were met positively by the Board.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That an online data portal be built.**

## **7. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - update on key areas of development**

Malcolm Taylor presented the report and provided an overview of the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities reforms and key areas of development. This included a SEN transformation plan which had been published in September 2014.

Malcolm reported that between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 there have been 354 reviews of statements held and that these are in the process of being converted to Education Health and Care Plans.

Councillor Redsell asked if the number of children requiring a special education placement had expanded, and Malcolm reported that children with autism were being supported at Treetops and that few children accessing Treetops lived outside the Borough.

Councillor Okunade noted the good progress that had been made on the transformation to the new arrangements.

Councillor Kent noted that there was a new inspection regime for the service, and Malcolm commented that challenge was expected as this was a new area of inspection and a new approach. It was hoped that Her Majesty's Inspectorate would allow arrangements to evolve and embed.

### **RESOLVED:**

**That progress made in the implementation of the new reforms in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disability be noted.**

**8. Transformation Plan for the Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health of Children and Young People in Thurrock, Essex and Southend**

Malcolm Taylor presented the Transformation Plan to the Board.

The Plan had been developed as part of the Collaborative Commissioning Agreement established between the seven Clinical Commissioning Groups and three Local Authorities across Essex, Thurrock and Southend.

The Plan has high profile and is likely to attract £3.3 million of funding for Essex, Southend and Thurrock.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Board ratify the key recommendations and priorities of the Transformation Plan**

**9. Safeguarding Adults Board - Annual Report 2014 - 2015**

Jill Moorman, Thurrock Adult Social Care's Safeguarding Manager, attended to present the Thurrock Safeguarding Annual Report.

Jill reported that referrals were a third lower during 2014-15 than the previous year. They had risen again during 2015-16. Deprivation of Liberty referrals had also increased and everyone who lacked capacity in a residential home was now entitled to a DoL assessment. For Thurrock, this meant carrying out between 30-40 per month.

The Board thanked Jill for an excellent report.

**RESOLVED:**

**That the content of the Safeguarding Adults Annual Report 2014-15 be noted.**

**10. Recommendations from the Essex Mental Health Strategic Review**

Roger Harris presented the recommendations from the Essex Mental Health Strategic Review to the Board.

Roger updated the Board that the review had been commissioned by all 7 CCGs in Essex in response to the viability of Mental Health Trusts in Essex. Both Trusts had lost a significant amount of business recently.

The recommendations made included recommendations about both commissioning and provision.

Roger stated that his preference was not for a centralised Mental Health commissioning team.

**RESOLVED:**

**The recommendations of the Essex Mental Health Review be noted;**

**To note that decisions on implementing recommendations from the Review be made formally at the CCG Boards and to the Thurrock Cabinet if there are any significant changes to the way MH services are commissioned or provided; and**

**That the Board reiterates its previous view that commissioning decisions should only be taken at a local level i.e. Thurrock; and that any decisions on a wider geographical area will only be taken where there is a clear, strong case that will benefit Thurrock residents.**

**11. Work Programme**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Board's Work Programme be noted.**

**The meeting finished at 4.00 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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