

# THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held in the Luttrell Room, County Hall, Taunton on Thursday 28 September 2017 at 11.00am

**Present:** Cllr C Lawrence (Chairman), Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr L Vjeh, Cllr A Broom, Cllr N Woollcombe-Adams, Cllr S Seal, Cllr G Slocombe, Cllr J Warmington, Cllr K Turner, Dr Ed Ford, S Chandler, T Grant, N Robison, M Cooke

**Other Members present:** Cllr T Munt

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr F Nicholson (Vice-Chairman), J Goodchild and J Wooster

283 **Declarations of Interest** - Agenda Item 2

None

284 **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

285 **Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19** – agenda item 5

The Director for Adult Social Care, Stephen Chandler, introduced the report about the Better Care Fund aimed at supporting the integration of health and social care. He explained that both the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group had progressed the plan and it was submitted to NHS England on 11 September 2017 in line with the assurance timeline. Feedback had been received that the plan was clear and had met the national criteria to progress through the assurance process.

Discussion points raised included:

- The Home First service went live on 4 September and there would be an update on how well this was performing at a later date.
- There were early suggestions that the BCF plan would get approval.
- Home First scheme was working well but delayed transfers of care still needed careful monitoring
- Mr Chandler encouraged members to inform him of both good and bad points about the new service

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board received the report for information and noted:**

- **the Better Care Fund (BCF) plan had been signed off by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board on behalf of the Health Wellbeing Board**
- **the agreed BCF plan has been submitted to NHS England**
- **the next stage of the BCF assurance process as set out**
- **The board's role in monitoring the progression and implementation of the BCF plan 2017/19.**

**The Health and Wellbeing Board took note of the recommendation of the auditors with regard to updating the Boards constitution and took the decision to progress this.**

286 **Healthwatch Annual Report – Agenda Item 5**

Morgan Daly from Healthwatch Somerset introduced the annual report which updated on progress and achievements during the past year. It had been a year of change, development and challenge across health and social care. Changes included the early supported discharge for stroke patients which Healthwatch had previously helped to evaluate.

Points highlighted in the discussion included:

- Healthwatch had formally supported the proposal to create a university in the County
- There had been close working with Somerset Rural Youth Project to empower young residents to have a say about a wide range of important health and social care issues
- A range of different people had been spoken to for their views and included residents in care homes
- Residents showed little appetite for visiting unfamiliar GP practices or seeing a professional who was not a GP, however the majority would favour contact with a nurse in the event of a GP being unavailable
- Volunteers had taken a close look at mental health inpatient services which had resulted in recommendations which are being used to monitor the quality of mental health services for local people
- More than 10,000 people had been reached on social media which had helped to bring in younger volunteers

The Chair thanked Healthwatch for all the work that had been undertaken.

It was noted that there was a new provider for Healthwatch and it was agreed a formal letter of thanks should be sent to the previous provider.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board formally acknowledged the annual report.**

287 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2018 and Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Agenda item 7**

Public Health Specialist Pip Tucker introduced this item and explained that the JSNA for 2018 was currently under preparation following endorsement from the Health and Wellbeing Executive on 6th September. The production of an updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be informed by evidence gathered from Somerset JSNAs.

Points raised in the debate included:

- There would be consideration of broad areas of health and care information such as inequalities, deprivation, housing, vulnerable young people, mental health, transport and planning.

- Housing and Mental Health were seen as a critical areas to look at
- The importance of lining up emerging timescales and processes to help with prioritisation
- Conversations between partner organisations were crucial
- Consideration for areas of high need and healthy living centres
- It was suggested that a place based theme but looking at people within the place could be best approach
- The information gathered was usually for county level but it could also be done at district level

Officers were thanked for their work so far on this and it was agreed to inform members of the date of the Health and Wellbeing conference, where this subject would be discussed further, when this was known.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the direction of the JSNA to support the production of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.**

## 288 **Children and Young Peoples Plan update – Agenda Item 8**

Report author Fiona Phur presented the report which reported on progress of year 1 of the Children and Young People’s Plan (CYPP) 2016-19. This included information of each of the 7 improvement programmes which are designed to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and their families.

Further information highlighted from the report included:

- More information and training was being delivered across the workforce and partners
- Systems and processes were improving
- There was quarterly reporting to the Children’s Trust Executive
- There remained much to do and the focus was on delivering the CYPP over the next two years.

Further discussion on this item included:

- Amendments were suggested for both the report and the CYPP dashboard to make it clearer for the next update
- Whether progress was county wide or if there were certain areas with problems
- Members were informed that although there was different results for different issues – no area was glaringly behind the others
- Monitoring visits appeared to indicate that improvements had taken place
- The emotional health and wellbeing of children
- The current consultation taking place regarding Children’s Centres

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledged the significant work that had been undertaken to date.**

## 289 **Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan 2016/17**

The Board considered and noted the Forward Plan.

The meeting finished at 12.38pm.

**Chair**  
**Health and Wellbeing Board**