

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 23 November 2017 at 11.00am

Present: Cllr C Lawrence (Chair), Cllr F Nicholson (Vice-Chair), Dr Ed Ford (Vice-Chair) Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr A Broom, Cllr N Woolcombe-Adams, Cllr S Seal, Cllr J Warmington, Cllr K Turner, S Chandler, T Grant

Other Members present: Cllr T Munt, Cllr R Williams, Cllr L Redman

Apologies for absence: Cllr G Slocombe, Cllr L Vijeh, J Goodchild, J Wooster, N Robinson and M Cooke

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

Prior to the declarations of interests being requested, Dr Ed Ford asked whether Dr Rosie Benneyworth could be included as a member of the Board.

Cllr Warmington declared an interest in agenda item 5 as a member of the Safer Somerset Partnership.

291 **Minutes from the meeting held on 28 September 2017** – Agenda Item 3

The minutes from the meeting on 28 September were confirmed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

292 **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

293 **Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report** – agenda item 5

The Chair invited Public Health Specialist for Community Safety, Lucy Macready, to present the report on behalf of Liz Spencer, Chair of the Safer Somerset Partnership. Each year, similar to the other strategic partnerships in Somerset, the Safer Somerset Partnership produces an Annual Report on progress and key activities over the past year. The annual report also includes an overview of future priorities and funding allocations which are detailed further in appendix A.

In 2016/17 key activities and achievements were focused on: One Teams, County lines and Serious and Organised Crime Groups, Modern Slavery; and work with Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership progress on Hidden Harm and Domestic abuse.

The report also summarised how the Safer Somerset Partnership had responded to key events including Counter Terrorism issues, the fire at Grenfell Tower, and the Hinkley Point C project.

Discussion points raised included:

- Support for the closer links and joint working with partnership

organisations which included one teams and tackling issues around serious organised crime.

- Domestic Abuse – the importance of this issue and of continuing to improve and develop this work – including awareness and prevention.
- Members praised the ongoing work and the clear report which was informative
- It was acknowledged that the Safer Somerset work also fed into other areas of social and health inequalities and it was useful have an overview of the various projects underway
- It was hoped that the Safer Somerset Partnership would also be involved in helping to develop the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Modern slavery and the focus of dealing with this was discussed including what capacity the Board had for making strategic recommendations to Government
- Local Profiles were being compiled for the situation in Somerset around modern slavery and the police currently lead the multi-agency partnership response.
- Community Safety issues around the Hinkley C project with a focus around prevention and cohesion were raised as an issue. Members felt that addressing risks of sexual health and sex education was a priority. Conversations were taking place around these areas.
- Members were informed that there was a Health Group which was considering health issues and good plans were in place around wider community safety issues.
- Somerset Integrated Domestic Abuse Service (SIDAS) run by Knightstone Housing has achieved national Leading Lights status, a national quality standard for Domestic Abuse Services. This is a huge achievement representing lots of hard work.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed and endorsed the Safer Somerset Partnership Annual Report 2017 (shown at Appendix B to the report).

294 **Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17–**
Agenda Item 6

Richard Crompton, Independent Chair of the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB) introduced the report and explained the background. The SSAB is required by The Care Act 2014 to produce and publish an Annual Report each year. The report must set out what has been done to help and protect adults at risk of abuse and neglect in Somerset during that timeframe. It offers an opportunity to both reflect on achievements over the past year and to formally identify priorities for the year ahead. It also provides a chance to demonstrate the Board's fulfilment of its role and ongoing commitment to safeguard vulnerable adults in the county.

The key achievements included the publication and promotion of a range of Information and guidance to re-invigorate the public-facing 'Thinking it? Report it' campaign. This was timed to coincide with the annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which takes place each June.

The Board has strengthened ways to promote learning from serious case reviews through the development and wide distribution of Practice Briefing

Sheets and through hosting SSAB's first multi-agency Learning Event, and launched a dedicated website to help provide a platform for promoting work and direct interested parties to information or resources.

Points highlighted in the discussion included:

- Work is being undertaken with the brain injury association Headway both nationally and within Somerset to improve understanding and responses for people with brain injury
- The challenge of developing different and appropriate approaches with regard to the elderly with dementia requiring end of life care. It was hoped this will be a focus going forward.
- A plea for services working with adults to inform Children's Services colleagues of any events and conferences to assist with greater collaboration
- The challenge of addressing multiple vulnerabilities in adults, who often do not meet thresholds for a single issue, but who live with clusters of needs and difficulties which combined indicate a higher level of need.
- Currently people are often employed on the basis of doing a specific job, or with a specific organisation and there is a need to be a more holistic.

The Chair thanked Mr Crompton and officers for all their hard work and for the interesting and informative report.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:

- **Reviewed and considered the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board's 2016/17 Annual Report (Appendix A) and paid particular attention to the contained information regarding Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) p31**
- **Noted progress highlights during 2017/18 to date**
- **Agreed to continue to promote adult safeguarding across the County Council and in the services that are commissioned.**

295 **Somerset Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report 2016-17**– Agenda item 7

This item was deferred.

296 **Annual Report of the Director of Public Health – Agenda Item 8**

The Director of Public Health, Trudi Grant, gave a brief introduction about this report and explained that this had been aired well in public in committee meetings and in the local media.

There had also been a workshop for the Board this to give further opportunity to talk about this in more detail.

Report author and Public Health Specialist Pip Tucker explained that the document looked at care required by people in the last year of life. It showed how this needed to be seen as much more than medical, and included emotional and spiritual support from family and communities and how families and friends also needed to be supported. It also showed how although being a very difficult

time that it could be more bearable with the right preparation.

Further discussion on this item included:

- The amount of time that people spent in hospital during the last year of their life
- The effect of planning for loved ones for end of life and to have conversations sooner
- Thinking about wills and the guardianship of children
- Families should take help and advice from clinicians

The Chair thanked Trudi Grant and Pip Tucker for all their work on this.

The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to:

- **Take opportunities to raise awareness amongst partner organizations, and the public, of the end of life issues raised in the report, especially in making preparations by discussing end of life with family and friends.**
- **Encourage cooperation and coordination between providers of end of life care. This includes members of the Board and other health providers.**
- **Recognize the importance of strong communities in supporting families facing bereavement.**
- **Recognize the vital contribution of carers, especially families, at end of life, and the great sensitivity required at this time.**
- **Recognize how appropriate housing can make end of life care easier to provide.**

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Annual Health Protection Assurance Report

The Chair once again handed over to Trudi Grant to introduce the report which documented the progress made during the last 12 months and the identified priorities for the next year. The Director of Public Health had a high degree of assurance that measures were in place to protect the health of the Somerset population. There were still a number of areas of concern which were captured on the county council JCAD risk register system. There were also some major system changes on the horizon that would impact on the overall resilience of the health and social care system and its ability to respond robustly to outbreaks and incidents. She highlighted the 5 priorities for 2017/18.

Further discussion about this included:

- Mass casualty plans were examined to ensure that there were joined up and organisations were aware of each other's responsibilities
- Immunisation rates were good overall and there had been a lot of work on flu immunisations
- Air quality would be something which would be added to the report next year and work was being done about this with the district councils with a website being developed
- There was ongoing work around climate change and a specialist had been appointed to be a lead on this.
- Problems of people not getting immunized and how to tackle this. Often

due to lack of understanding and bad press also resulted in a huge drop in uptake.

- There needed to be a better communication to people about the importance of immunisation and to give them a better understanding about it.
- Problems of different flu strains and mutation and the difficulties around process and timing for vaccinations to try and avoid a mismatch.

The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the report and endorsed the priorities proposed for 2017/18:

- 1. Overall System Resilience**
- 2. Flu Immunisation**
- 3. Antimicrobial Resistance**
- 4. Air Quality**
- 5. TB**

298 **Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan 2016/17**

The Board considered and noted the Forward Plan.

The meeting finished at 12.48pm.

**Chair
Health and Wellbeing Board**