

## **SOMERSET HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board held in the Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton, on Thursday 24 May 2018 at 11.00 am

**Present:** Cllr C Lawrence (Chairman), Cllr F Nicholson (Vice-Chair), Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr L Vijeh, Cllr S Seal, Cllr G Slocombe, Cllr J Warmington, Cllr K Turner, Cllr Wool, Ed Ford (Vice-Chair), Benneyworth, Judith Goodchild, S Chandler, T Grant and J Wooster

**Other Members present:** Cllr S Coles and Cllr T Munt

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Broom, Robinson and Mark Cooke

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

There were no declarations of interest.

**320 Minutes from the meeting held on - Agenda Item 3**

With the exception of a misspelling of Cllr Woollcombe-Adams name in the apologies for absence, the minutes of the meeting on 19 April 2018 were accepted as being accurate by the Committee.

**321 Public Question Time - Agenda Item 4**

There were no public questions.

**322 Somerset Healthwatch Annual Report - Agenda Item 5**

The Board received a report which gave an overview of the progress of the new Healthwatch Somerset contract.

Healthwatch is a statutory member of the Health and Wellbeing Board and committed to supporting the delivery the Health and Wellbeing Strategy through its work. The contract for Healthwatch Somerset started on 1 October 2017. It is delivered by Evolving Communities CIC (formerly Healthwatch Wiltshire CIC). The first 6 months of the contract has focussed on contract mobilisation. This has involved securing a Somerset office, recruiting and inducting staff and appointing the interim board. Engagement activities started taking place from January 2018.

The report included information on the staffing and governance arrangements; public engagement through both events and a website; and the Healthwatch volunteer programme. The Board were also updated on the Healthwatch 2018/19 priorities.

Further discussion included:

- Clarification that public consultation is not required if community hospitals are closed due to patient safety issues. Further engagement in this area would be welcomed to consider what care is needed and how

this can be best met. Healthwatch is responding to public concern in this area but is not necessarily advocating the re-opening of beds if this does not prove to be the best outcome for patients.

- Gloucestershire Healthwatch is experiencing similar issues to Somerset with regard to Out of County (OOC) Placements for those with Learning Difficulties and has been researching this area. Somerset Healthwatch plans to meet with Gloucestershire to share this research and discuss further. This is an area that requires primary legislation. SCC is confident that the needs of those being placed OOC are being met but would welcome a statutory requirement to report these to the host county.
- SCC would be keen to continue discussions around health visitors. It was confirmed that SCC holds data on two and a half year-old assessments and the figures indicate a very good performance, however, there may be a lack of understanding over how these assessments take place. Further clarification was given around the decision to bring the Health Visitor and School Nurse Service in-house from April 2019 and then look at ways to integrate these services.
- Healthwatch confirmed that they research issues that are brought to their attention to validate the reality of any concerns.
- With regard to maternity closures in Weston, the Board were reassured that discussions are taking place with North Somerset CCG. Only a small number of Somerset residents give birth in Weston but the situation is being closely monitored. A small number of births also take place at the Bridgwater unit – around 8 per month.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board accepted the progress of Somerset Healthwatch to date and the agreed priorities for the 2018/19 workplan.**

### 323 **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2018 - Agenda Item 6**

The Board received this report which outlined the JSNA 2018. The JSNA for 2018 summarizes the findings of JSNAs produced during the current Health and Wellbeing Strategy and so provides an outline evidence base for the new *Improving Lives – Somerset's Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.

Rather than the usual thematic summary of the JSNA, focusing on a particular population group, this year's document is an overall summary, taking information collected as part of recent JSNAs, or published elsewhere on the website. This is the evidence that has been used in drawing out the priorities that appear in the Improving Lives strategy. It also shows how there are different needs in different parts of the county – which will be covered more explicitly later in the year in JSNA locality summaries.

Members of the Board have expressed a desire to develop further their joint work and commissioning in a place-based way. The proposed sub-county geographies provide a manageable, relatively consistent and relatively self-contained set of localities at which local need and opportunities for cooperation can be assessed and planned; the resulting patterns of locality *delivery* will take account of the analysis, but not necessarily follow the same boundaries. The

approach is currently being tested, for West Somerset, in the Somerset Academy – bringing together commissioners from public and voluntary sector in the county.

Further discussion included:

- Somerset CCG expressed their support for the JSNA
- Further clarification was given around boundary changes in both Mendip and Taunton areas to become more centralised and represent more balanced populations.
- Concern was expressed regarding increasing self-harm figures. It was confirmed that referrals to the CAMHS service have increased and this has also been the case in acute settings. The CCG is monitoring and strengthening provision in this area.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:**

- **Agreed the publication of the summary JSNA to support consultation on *Improving Lives*.**
- **Agreed the sub-county geographical units on page 53 for the production of locality-based JSNA summaries.**

**Improving Lives Strategy 2019-2028 - Agenda Item 7**

The Board received a report outlining the draft Improving Lives Strategy 2019 – 2028. It is a statutory duty of every Health and Wellbeing Board to have in place a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the local population. The current Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy will expire at the end of 2018 and therefore the process is underway to refresh and update the strategy. The Improving Lives Strategy will be the new name for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will fulfil the statutory duty placed on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Alongside the updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the County Council has been working in collaboration with key stakeholders to develop a multi-agency vision for the county. The vision is all about 'improving lives':

- A thriving and productive County that is ambitious, confident and focussed on improving people's lives
- A County of Resilient, well-connected and safe and strong communities working to reduce inequalities
- A County infrastructure that supports affordable housing, economic prosperity and sustainable public services
- A County and environment where all partners, public, private and voluntary sector focus on improving the health and wellbeing of all our communities.

The vision is aimed to be a vision for all partners. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will define the contribution of the Health and Wellbeing Board to delivery of this vision.

The strategy will take a broad view and consider all of the many factors which impact on health and wellbeing, including growth, education, housing and

lifestyle. It will be referred to as the 'Improving Lives' strategy and will take a longer-term view (10 years) in order for its impact to be measurable.

Following consultation and engagement with Health and Wellbeing Board Members and wider stakeholders, four strategic priorities have emerged for the strategy:

1. A county infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services
2. Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment
3. Fairer life chances and opportunity for all
4. Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer

Further discussion included:

- It was confirmed that the consultation will begin on 04 June 2018 and will be advertised in the media and with a press release.
- It was agreed that the strategic priority 1 will replace the word 'county' with the word 'Somerset' to make it more explicit.
- It is anticipated that, following consultation, the final Strategy will be signed off by the Board at its 27 September 2018 meeting. It was agreed to add this to the Board's forward work programme.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the draft Improving Lives Strategy to go for public consultation with the following proposals:**

- **The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be referred to as the Improving Lives Strategy**
- **The Improving Lives Strategy will adopt the County Vision (agreed at the Full Council on 16.05.18)**
- **The Improving Lives Strategy will take a longer term, ten year view**
- **The Improving Lives Strategy will focus on four strategic priorities**

### 325 **Health & Care Integration and New Models of Care - Agenda Item 8**

The Board considered a verbal report regarding the Fit For My Future Programme. The Programme is a joint piece of work between SCC and the CCG and is closely linked to both the Sustainability & Transformation Plan and the Improving Lives Strategy.

The Programme will look at how best to meet the needs of the future population whilst addressing inequalities and using resources to best effect. Between now and July the Programme will develop a case for change, building an evidence base and identifying key areas to tackle and focus on. It will begin by looking at an ideal model and then consider what proposals will need to be taken forward to put the model in place. A decision will be taken on which proposals to take to public consultation and which can begin straight away. It is anticipated that a 3-month consultation will begin in March 2019.

Several workstreams are already in place with working groups and prevention will be a fundamental part of the work. Representatives from health, care, public health and patients are involved. It is recognised that it is very important

that the public can be fully involved in the consultation process. Therefore, a website is being developed and there are plans to use social media and plan engagement events.

Further discussion included:

- It was confirmed that the completed case for change and proposals would be brought to the Board. This is likely to be in September 2018. It was agreed that this would be in the form of a written report.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board considered the progress of the Fit For My Future programme and agreed to receive a formal report with proposals at a future meeting.**

### 326 **Better Care Fund Year End Report 2017/18 - Agenda Item 9**

The Board received a report outlining the Better Care Fund year end position 2017/18. The Better Care Fund (BCF) is aimed at supporting the integration of health and social care. The fund is an opportunity for local services to transform and improve the lives of people that need it the most. The BCF provides a framework for joint health and social care planning and commissioning, bringing together ring-fenced budgets from Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) allocations, the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and funding paid directly to local government for adult social care services – the Improved Better Care Fund (IBCF).

The funding for 2017/18 to 2018/19 in summary is:

| <b>Contribution</b>                | <b>2017/18</b>     | <b>2018/19</b>     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Local Authority Contribution | £3,755,754         | £4,045,252         |
| IBCF contribution                  | £12,083,687        | £16,359,653        |
| CCG Total Contribution             | £35,842,859        | £36,523,873        |
| <b>Total Pooled Budget</b>         | <b>£51,682,300</b> | <b>£56,928,778</b> |

This is applied to the Better Care Fund schemes as follows:

| <b>Scheme</b>   | <b>2017/18</b>     | <b>2018/19</b>     |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Community Reablement and other social care schemes, including carers breaks | £26,710,491        | £31,667,471        |
| Person Centred Care   | £18,216,055        | £18,216,055        |
| Improved Discharge Arrangements   | £3,000,000         | £3,000,000         |
| Disabled Facilities Grant   | £3,755,754         | £4,045,252         |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>£51,682,300</b> | <b>£56,928,778</b> |

The Board were also informed on progress against metrics measured through the BCF. Currently we are not on track to meet targets for non-elective

admissions and permanent admissions to residential care. We are on track to meet targets for the proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement/rehabilitation services and for delayed transfers of care.

Further discussion included:

- It was raised that some patients do not understand the choices that are available to them, for example, care at home rather than using a nursery home. We need to do more to better inform people. This was agreed and it was confirmed that the local authority is legally required to provide advice and guidance, no matter who is financially responsible.
- We need to help people understand this and rethink the mindset that nursing placements are permanent rather than a reablement process.
- It was raised that a one size model doesn't fit all patients. Some vulnerable patients feel safer in a hospital or care home environment, particularly those that may be lonely, isolated or financially challenged. It was agreed that not all services are for everyone and this work will always be on-going and continually developing.
- The Community Connect service was highlighted as a way of linking patients to community resources.
- The Board discussed the reasons behind the increased figures for admissions and how these are measured. It was explained that the figures also include self-funding patients who are not placed by SCC.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board considered the report and noted the 2017/18 year end position.**

**327 HWBB Performance Report 2017/18 & Priority Work programme 2018/19 - Agenda Item 10**

The Board received a report which provided an overview of 2017-18 performance in relation to the Health and Wellbeing (HWB) Board Priority Workstreams and duties and requirements and the refreshed HWB Board Plan on a Page for 2018-19 outlining the proposed priority workstreams and actions for the year ahead.

At the beginning of 2017/18, in consultation with the Lead Managers, actions, metrics (including numeric measures and supporting project and programme progress milestones) and national data set indicators were agreed in respect of each of the workstreams. Performance information has been gathered from Lead Managers at year-end on 31st March 2018 to provide the outturn position in relation to each of the workstreams.

Further discussion included:

- Member expressed frustration with the slow progress of the STP
- Members were reassured that work is sustained even when the priorities of workstreams are updated. Previous good work will not be lost.
- Members discussed Board Member Champions for each of the workstreams and members volunteered as follows: Workstream 1 – vacancy, Workstream 2 – Cllr Huxtable, Workstream 3 – Cllr Woollcombe-Adams.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:**

- **Considered and noted the 2017/18 outturn Performance Information available in Appendix A**
- **Approved the 2018/19 HWB Board Plan on a Page, available at Appendix B**

**328 HWBB Annual Report 2017/18 - Agenda Item 11**

The Board received the Annual Report of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board for the period April 2017 - March 2018.

Members heard that the Board has met its statutory duties including:

- The Board has a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for its population.
- The Board has produced a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform planning and commissioning.
- The Board has produced a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for the area.
- The Board has had oversight of the Better Care Fund and has promoted the integration of Health, Public Health and Social Care through the Somerset Sustainability and Transformation Plan and through the development of a Health and Care Commissioning Strategy.

The Board also considered the progress made on the five priority workstreams:

- *Prevention*: All six local authorities, the CCG and three NHS Foundation Trusts Ten have now signed the Somerset *Prevention Charter* and have backed this up with prevention and health and wellbeing plans, which will turn the Charter into action.
- *Stronger Communities*: The Board has continued to have a strong focus on building healthy communities particularly through work on reducing loneliness in our communities through local action and promoting Dementia Friendly organisations and places.
- *Integrated and Sustainable Models of Care*: Local action saw an improvement in the proportion of older people (65 and over) who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital and in delayed discharge from Care. This was supported by Home First, a new programme focussed on timely discharge and allow people to return home from hospital more quickly than previously. Despite an immensely challenging winter this approach has enabled delayed transfers of care to not become an overriding issue in relation to hospital capacity.
- *Preventing the hidden harms of adult behaviours on children*: Improvements have been made in the identification of these risks to children. This approach has been built into service contracts and multi-agency training and awareness-raising has been being developed.

- *Addressing the impacts of housing on health:* The Board has supported the development of a Strategic Housing Framework for Somerset, which addressed the impacts of housing on health. The Positive Lives framework encourages creative approaches to supporting adults with complex needs, such as night stop for adults and health coaches.

### **The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:**

- **Accepted and approved the annual report of the Board**
- **Approved the Somerset Prevention Charter.**

### **329 Ofsted Inspection Update ( to include SEND Inspection) - Agenda Item 12**

The Board received a presentation giving an overview of the feedback from the Safeguarding & Corporate Parenting Ofsted Inspection.

Members heard that Somerset is no longer rated inadequate for the Safeguarding & Corporate Parenting of vulnerable children and that statutory intervention by Government has been withdrawn. Ofsted commented that senior leaders understand well the link between good multi-agency work and good services for children and that many examples of good multi-agency were seen.

The inspection also highlighted areas for improvement and the inspection recommendations have been integrated into the Children & Young People's Plan, the Somerset Safeguarding Children Board's Business Plan and the Corporate Parenting Board. Areas for improvement included:

- Early help services across Somerset have improved but are not yet fully established across the partnership.
- Too many children's circumstances have to be escalated to senior leaders for effective action by partners, especially health and police.
- The time taken to meet the emotional health needs of children looked after and delays in police [child protection] investigations.... are examples of the poorer practice seen in joint work, and these require a more coherent and effective joint strategy.
- Contribution of partners to child protection planning is not always clear – leading to "Resigned acceptance".

The Director of Children's Services informed Members of a number of planned conference events entitled 'would this be good enough for my child?' and the Chair of the Board encouraged Members to attend if possible.

Further discussion included:

- The need to increase the number of foster carers is key both to reduce costs and to produce better outcomes for children.
- Members expressed concern at increased suicide levels in children and the help available to children at a lower risk that might not meet the threshold. In response, members were informed that the NHS accepts they are experiencing an emotional health crisis, particularly in children.



There is a green paper to address these issues. It is clear that everyone needs to do more but what that entails is still to be worked out.

- There is a need to strengthen the links between Ofsted and Health Strategies.

**The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:**

- **Considered and noted the update on the Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Ofsted Inspection**
- **Agreed to defer the update on the SEND Ofsted inspection to the next meeting**

**330 Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan - Agenda Item 13**

The Board considered and noted the forward plan.

**331 Any other urgent items of business - Agenda Item 14**

The Director of Public Health informed the Board that the Smoking in Pregnancy programme has been hugely successful in reducing smoking. 1000 less babies have been born smoke free in Somerset and this has outstripped the national rate of performance.

**(The meeting ended at 1.05pm)**

**CHAIRMAN**