

SOMERSET HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of a Meeting of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board held in the Taunton Library Meeting Room, Taunton Library, on Thursday 15 November 2018 at 11.00 am

Present: Cllr C Lawrence (Chairman), Cllr D Huxtable, Cllr L Vjeh, Cllr A Broom, Cllr S Seal, Cllr G Slocombe, Cllr Wool, Robinson, Ed Ford (Vice-Chair), Judith Goodchild, T Grant and J Wooster

Other Members present:

Apologies for absence: Cllr F Nicholson, Cllr J Warmington, Cllr K Turner, Benneyworth, Mark Cooke and S Chandler

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

There were no declarations of interest.

354 **Minutes from the meeting held on 27th September 2018** - Agenda Item 3

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as being accurate by the Board.

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

There were no public questions.

356 **Improving Lives Strategy** - Agenda Item 5

The Board received this report which had been subject to extensive public consultation. Feedback from the consultation helped guide the strategy and two key issues have been strengthened as a result. The report will be presented to Cabinet next week then to the CCG and a launch event on 13 December.

The board welcomed the final strategy and agreed to adopt the Improving Lives Strategy 2019-2020.

It was agreed that an updated version of the strategy would be sent to all members.

The Board congratulated Catherine Falconer on her new role with the Chief Medical Officer and wished her well.

357 **Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report** - Agenda Item 6

The Board considered this report and a presentation outlining the key points. The report summarised the key events in 2017 and 2018 under the overall responsibility to review safeguarding issues as they arise and strengthen policies in the light of findings. The report also provides an assurance that safeguarding is kept under review.

The Board were informed that the Safeguarding Adults Board had reviewed the Peer Review process and introduced a robust audit that introduced greater challenge. The Mendip House Review had raised some concerns in relation to 'out of county' placements and the need for more stringent process for statutory commissioning framework. There is one in place for children but not adults. The Department of Health has been lobbied to introduce a statutory process, but the proposed Green Paper had yet to be published.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board were invited to be co-signatories to a letter to the Department of Health to support the introduction of a Statutory Framework.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to support this approach and to co-sign a letter.

Further discussion included:

- Mechanisms to assess new providers and discovered this is limited to those who register with the CQC.
- The number of 'out of county' placements and the tracking of these and well as an understanding of the cost to other local services.
- Target timescales for responding to safeguarding issues when they are reported.
- Private facilities and mechanisms for ensuring they register with the CQC.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:

- **Reviewed and considered the Somerset Safeguarding Adults Board's 2017/18 Annual Report,**
- **Noted progress and highlights and**
- **Agreed to continue to promote adult safeguarding across the County Council and in the services that are commissioned.**

358 Health & Wellbeing Board Mid-Year Performance Report - Agenda Item 7

The Board considered this report and welcomed the clarity of the reporting method. The Board noted that the report now covered six workstreams. The board noted that there had been progress in the early months in relation to delayed transfer of care, but latterly this has stalled. There was concern that without robust plans in place the pressure winter would inevitably bring could have an adverse impact on targets.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:

- **Noted the updated plan and the updated Plan on a Page 2018-19 (Appendix A)**
- **Considered and noted the HWB Board Scorecard (Appendix B)**

359 **Safer Somerset Report - Agenda Item 8**

The Board received the report and were informed that the Strategic Partnership had been in place since 2012. It fulfils statutory functions and aligns its activities to Health and Wellbeing strategies. The priorities are agreed with the Police and Crime Commissioner and will be in place until 2021.

The Board were informed that a new model has been developed for MARAC (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) which co-ordinate and assure multi agency response for high risk cases of domestic abuse. This approach has reduced the number of cases that need to be discussed face to face and will lead to action being taken more quickly.

The Board were informed that in relation to Serious and Organised Crime the improved sharing of intelligence has ensured that Central Intelligence and Local Services are aware of what is going on nationally and locally and this has been positive. Taunton Town Centre Rough Sleepers Initiative was started last Christmas in response to the deaths of local rough sleepers. Multi agency response and audit has informed work. There will be a week of action in the first week of December to reduce the risks to rough sleepers in Taunton leading up to Christmas.

Further Discussion included: -

- Information sharing and the impact of GDPR. Concluding that in fact GDPR had put information sharing on a stronger and more secure footing
- County Line criminal activities and the use of weapons brought from outside the County. Research is being undertaken to understand the motivations of young people engaging in these criminal activities.
- Somerset Prevent is working to stop radicalisation and criminality.
- Rough Sleepers in other parts of the County and the support being offered.
- Further strengthening of the Partnership between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Police.

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed the Safer Somerset Partnerships Annual report and proposed that Superintendent Mike Prior should be co-opted as a non-voting member of this Board with immediate effect.

360 **Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan - Agenda Item 9**

The Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that some items should be moved from the January meeting until later in the year as that agenda was very full.

The Board requested a change in the electronic invitation to the meeting as they were currently booked for 10am until 15:00 and this length of

time was not needed. It was agreed that the meeting invitation would be altered with a revised end time of 13:00

361 **Any other urgent items of business** - Agenda Item 10

There were no other items of business.

The Chair highlighted that the Drugs and Alcohol Service has received good results from a recent Care Quality Commission inspection. It was agreed a letter of congratulations should be sent to the team.

(The meeting ended at 12.38 pm)