

Minutes



To: All Members of the Health & Wellbeing Board

From: Legal, Democratic & Statutory Services
Ask for: Elaine Manzi
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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

N Carver, NHS Provider Representative
R Cassidy, Hertfordshire Chief Executives Coordinating Group
J Coles, Director of Children's Services
D Evans, Clinical Commissioning Group Representative
T Heritage, County Councillor
T Hutchings, County Councillor
T Kingsbury, District Council Representative
D Lloyd, Hertfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner
I MacBeath, Director of Adult Care Services
P Moodley, Clinical Commissioning Group Representative
S Palmer, Healthwatch Hertfordshire
R Roberts, County Councillor (Chairman)
M Stears-Handscorn, District Council Representative

OBSERVER

T Cahill, NHS Provider Representative

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

		ACTION
1.	MINUTES	
1.1	The minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 8 October 2019 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.	

2.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS	
2.1	<p>The following question was received by Cllr Ron Tindall:</p> <p><i>Having regard to Item 4 on the Agenda, and given the level of refusal of GP referrals for childrens' NHS funded mental health services, will the Board assist in identifying the nature and scale of the problem in Hertfordshire by -</i></p> <p><i>a. Stating the number of GP referrals for such services, and the number of refusals for the last available two years,</i></p> <p><i>b. State clearly what services are provided under the term NHS Funded Services and identify the clinical and recognised mental health conditions addressed by those services.</i></p> <p><i>c. Identify which clinical and other recognised mental health conditions are rejected as not qualifying for NHS funded services</i></p> <p><i>d. What services are provided by the Hertfordshire Children's Services and identify which clinical and other recognised mental health conditions the HCC services are intended to address.</i></p> <p><i>e. Is there an automatic referral system whereby should a GP referral be rejected, it is forwarded to one or more of the other services available, and identify the services to which those referrals are made</i></p> <p>Cllr Tindall noted that an update on CAMHS would be discussed as part of the Board's agenda and agreed that it would be appropriate for a written response to be received for his question.</p> <p>Cllr Tindall asked a supplementary question in relation to conducting an audit of schools to establish what provision of mental health support was available across the county.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be answered as part of the discussion on CAMHS later in the meeting.</p>	
3.	HERTFORDSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19	
	Officer Contact: Caroline Aitken (Mary Moroney) Tel: 01992 556603	
3.1	<p>The Board considered the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2018/19. The Board were reminded that further to statutory government guidance, published in 2018, Safeguarding Children Boards had been required to review their arrangements, and change to Safeguarding Partners. Further to a review in Hertfordshire, this had resulted in the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB) becoming the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP). The chairmanship revolved annually between the partners, commencing with the Director of Children's Services.</p>	

3.2	Board Members were interested to learn that key themes the board had been focusing on included exploitation of children and young people, young people's mental health and the deaths of young people. It was noted that a piece of work had been undertaken to investigate young and vulnerable people's experiences of being held in custody.	
3.3	Further to a Board Member challenge, it was explained that part of the reason behind reshaping the Safeguarding Board to a partnership was to increase awareness and focus for partners and stakeholders of what they could do within their own organisation and as part of the partnership to increase safeguarding practices and thinking becoming part of everyday business.	
3.4	The Board also acknowledged the importance of ensuring that support for young people did not stop at the age of 18 and there was appropriate support through their transition into adulthood.	
3.5	It was further acknowledged that domestic violence within families was also a matter of ongoing concern and Members were pleased to be assured that the Director of Children's Services in her dual roles as current Chairman on the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Chairman of the Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Executive Board was ensuring that this issue remained a priority.	
3.6	The Board were also pleased to learn that a report on Early Intervention for Neglect was on the agenda for the Children, Young People & Families Cabinet Panel scheduled for a future meeting	
3.7	It was further noted that the Safeguarding Board also worked closing with the Youth Offending Teams and across counties and districts to identify and support vulnerable adolescents at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity.	
3.8	In response to a Board Member question, it was noted that the Council had piloted an Adolescent Offer to clearly signpost partners, young people and their families to what support was available to them. The Board were advised that as much as possible, officers worked to keep the young people with their families.	
3.9	Further to Board discussion, it was agreed that officers would bring a detailed report on Safeguarding Vulnerable adolescents to a future meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board.	Jenny Coles/Nicky Pace
3.8	CONCLUSION: The Board provided comment and feedback on the report.	

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4.	CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS) UPDATE	
	Officer Contact: Deborah Sheppard, Senior CAMHS Commissioning Manager, Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team (Tel: 01442 454224)	
4.1	The Board received a report outlining important developments in the system of support for Children and Young People with emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.	
4.2	In response to Cllr Tindall's supplementary question, outlined at 2.1 of these minutes, the Board did not agree to an audit of school mental health support provision as they were assured that schools were now being better supported with a successful mental health programme and a single point of access for referrals. It was also noted that there were schools across the county who were Trailblazers in supporting mental health and other schools were learning from and adopting their strategies.	
4.3	The Board acknowledged that school budgets were limited, and it was noted that some solutions and strategies by the Trailblazers to tackle mental health concerns that had been innovative and not required expensive funding were being adopted within other schools.	
4.4	In response to a board Member suggestion, it was established there was Headteacher representation on workstreams associated with the Health & Wellbeing Board, and their views were reflected through the Director of Children's Services.	
4.5	Further to discussion it was established that the main challenge facing CAMHS was the number of referrals being received for children and young people with lower level mental health concerns who would be better and more appropriately supported through alternative means. It was noted that the large number of referrals meant that resources for children and young people at high end of need were constrained.	
4.6	The Board discussed the challenge associated with the communicating and signposting of alternative mental health support provision for young people, and agreed that although communications strategies had been undertaken previously, a new collaborative communications strategy should be developed to ensure that parents and professionals were aware of alternatives to the CAMHS specialist service for children and young people in need of a lower level of support. Members were interested to learn that children and young people present at GP surgeries and A&E departments with mental health issues.	All Members
4.7	A Board Member suggestion that coordination with partners was	

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	needed to create a local offer system was noted. It was stressed that the offer should not be called the CAMHS offer, but a mental health support offer.	
4.8	Further to discussion and debate it was agreed that the issue of revisiting the communications strategy would be added to the agenda of the Children and Young People Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Board scheduled to be held on 29 January 2020. Any outcomes would be circulated to the Health & Wellbeing Board as appropriate.	David Evans
4.9	Board Members agreed that a further update on children's mental health should return to the Board in approximately six months' time with further detail on what support was available within schools, and details of the strategic needs survey from the Public Health Team.	Jenny Coles/Deborah Shepherd
4.10	Board Members were pleased to learn that overall CAMHS Service was improving, and the children and young people in the most critical need, and requiring residential support were now being accommodated within the county.	
4.11	<p>CONCLUSION:</p> <p>The Board commented on and noted the developing design of the CAMHS system across a range of services to provide a continuum of support.</p> <p>Discussed the current levels of performance of some of the existing services, the challenges in meeting high levels of demand particularly in Specialist Community CAMHS and the work being undertaken to address this;</p> <p>Noted the programme and funding for two further Mental Health Support Teams for Schools awarded to Hertfordshire and West Essex STP.</p>	
5.	UPDATE ON THE HERTFORDSHIRE AND WEST ESSEX SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PARTNERSHIP	
	Officer Contact: Iain MacBeath, Director of Adult Care Services and STP Co-Lead (Tel: 01992 556363)	
5.1	The Board received a report outlining the latest developments in the Hertfordshire & West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP).	
5.2	Iain Macbeath and Beverley Flowers were remaining in post as Interim STP co leads until the end of April 2020. Interviews for a Joint Accountable Officer and STP/ICS lead had concluded and subject to	

	formal processes the successful candidate will be announced soon.	
5.3	The Board noted the STP's proposals for its response to the NHS Long Term plan, and further to a Member question it was confirmed that officers would welcome comments and feedback from Board members on this should they wish to convey them.	All HWBB Board Members
5.4	The reference at point 24 of the STP Long Term Plan to the commitment of the STP to children's mental health and wellbeing was highlighted as positive.	
5.5	The estates strategy outlined at point 33 of the STP Long Term plan was also highlighted and the Board was advised that Owen Mapley, Chief Executive of the Council, was involved in this process.	
5.6	The Board discussed the challenges faced by the STP straddling two counties but acknowledged and commended the work being undertaken by officers to manage the process.	
5.6	CONCLUSION: The Board noted the STP update	
6.	BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE Q3 2019/2020	
	Officer Contact: Edward Knowles, Assistant Director, Integrated Health Sarah Rayner, Project Officer, Integrated Health	
6.1	Members received a report outlining the Better Care Fund Performance for Quarter 3 2019/20.	
6.2	The Board were pleased to note the decrease in care home admissions and acknowledged that the increase in non-elective admissions to hospital was partly due to the impact of an ageing population requiring increased health treatment.	
6.3	CONCLUSION: Members noted the Quarter 3 Performance of the Better Care Fund.	
7.	UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2020 - 2023	
	Officer Contact: Ed Knowles, Assistant Director, Health Integration (Herts Valleys) (Tel: 07812 324788)	

7.1	The Board received a report outlining an update on the Hertfordshire Health & Wellbeing Strategy.	
7.2	Board Members were pleased to learn of the engagement activity with the districts. The information gathered will be set alongside the population health data for Hertfordshire and local and national policy agenda to formulate the next draft strategy for the Board to consider.	
7.3	CONCLUSION: The Health & Wellbeing Board noted the proposed engagement activity.	
8.	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE Officer Contact: Ed Knowles, Assistant Director, Health Integration (Herts Valleys) (Tel: 07812 324788)	
8.1	Members noted that further to the Board's constitution being updated in July 2019 to expand its membership, Richard Cassidy had joined the Board as a representative from the Hertfordshire Chief Executive's Coordinating Group and Paul Burstow had joined the Board as the Hertfordshire & West Essex Sustainability & Transformation Partnership Independent Chair.	
8.2	It was noted that a representative from the voluntary sector and additional representatives from health providers or commissioners were yet to be identified. It was hoped that these would be formalised by the Autumn.	
9.	ANY OTHER URGENT PART I BUSINESS	
9.1	There was no other urgent Part I business.	

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