

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday, 21 February 2018 at 10.00 am in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

Present

Dr Linda Collie (in the Chair)
Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Councillor Jennie Brent
Councillor Leo Madden

Innes Richens
Dr Jason Horsley
Patrick Fowler
Alison Jeffery
Andy Silvester
Sarah Austin
Dr N Moore
Lois Howell (for M Cubbon)

33. Welcome by Dr Collie, Apologies for Absence and Introductions (AI 1)

Dr Collie welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made of those present.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Ryan Brent, David Williams, Sue Harriman (represented by Sarah Austin), Mark Cubbon (represented by Lois Howell), Dianne Sherlock and Kelly Nash.

34. Declaration of Members Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

35. Minutes of the previous meeting - 29 November 2017 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Board held on 29 November 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

36. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (AI 4)

Claire Currie introduced the report of the Director of Public Health. The draft had been brought to the previous meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board, prior to going out to consultation, and the findings were being reported back. Claire wished to thank all involved in the consultation process which had achieved a good response. The comments received showed satisfaction with the report with additional comments mainly about the quality of services and accessibility.

Questions were raised by HWB members.

It was asked whether a question had been included in the consultation enquiring about whether local residents would be happy if their local pharmacy closed. It was confirmed that this was not a specific question asked. It was reiterated that in considering the recent consolidation application NHS England consulted with patient participation groups at GP practices in the surrounding area. Dr Horsley also emphasised that this process was as a result of national legislation and gaps in provision have to be considered.

Regarding the weight management service it was reported that this had been an innovative service in place until a couple of years ago, and the review was not necessarily funding related.

Some of the feedback had suggested the need to promote the services of pharmacies, to show their positive contribution to the community as well as relieving demand on other health services.

After a vote it was resolved by majority (with one vote against and one abstention) that:

The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the final Portsmouth Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 for publication on 1st April 2018.

37. Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Refresh 2018-2021 (AI 5)

Dr Jason Horsley, as Director of Public Health, presented his report. The strategy had been widely consulted on and the difficulty was in narrowing down to choose priorities. This was for the Health and Wellbeing Board, rather than the City Council, to approve and for all the members of the HWB to help with its delivery.

Members of the board were impressed by the strategy and questions were raised on the following areas:

- How homelessness was being dealt with; Dr Horsley reported that there is a working group and cross department work taking place to come up with a range of measures to tackle this national tragedy. There are also links to the lack of affordable housing. Councillor Jones reported that there is adequate provision in the city which is not being accessed, with some blockages linked to mental health issues.

- Air Quality issues: it was reported that to see health benefits there is encouragement of active travel and was a priority for the strategy. Councillor Stubbs wished to point out that private cars accounted for approximately 20% of the problem with HGVs, buses, shipping and central heating also being major causes. Councillor Jones reported on

the important data provided by monitoring equipment in the city and conversations with DEFRA on the improvements made to improve air quality.

- Isolation - Dr Horsley reported the difficulties in addressing this problem in society, partly caused by demographic changes. Whilst there were advances in technology that could be applied this did not always guarantee a quality of interaction. Public Health is contributing to work on this issue.

- Holding to account by HWB - it was asked how the Board carried out this function? If it was seen that a body is doing something which counters the health of the city they could be invited to attend to explain their actions, without duplicating the role of other scrutiny bodies.

- Armed Forces - there was an expectation through the joint covenant of better consideration of ex-service personnel. Councillor Jones reported on discussions with the Naval Services Doctor to combat stress/trauma, and there was the potential for more work with the navy on mental health issues. There is funding for a needs assessment with the armed forces (and work was being undertaken by Lisa Wills at Portsmouth City Council). Dr Moore reported on work by GPs to code letters of veterans, feeding into the hospital systems.

Innes Richens reported that the strategy reflected the priorities of the CCG, and offered to make a presentation to a future HWB meeting on Adult Health Care, which was welcomed by members.

Patrick Fowler of Healthwatch welcomed the strategy document in giving an oversight of actions to be taken by the partner organisations. Sarah Austin confirmed the support of Solent Health, where this would be taken to their board for adoption and it would help in the setting of their priorities and would be happy to report back on their actions.

Alison Jeffery appreciated the insertion of the elements relating to children's issues.

RESOLVED - the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (1) Approved the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (attached at Appendix 1 of the report);**

- (2) Recommended that partner organisations adopt the strategy through their own governance arrangements (as set out on paragraph 6.1 of the report);**

- (3) Gave consideration to the approach to progressing the strategy as set out in section 6, and proposed areas for HWB consideration with members reporting back to future meetings.**

38. Portsmouth Suicide Prevention Plan (AI 6)

Amy McCullough, Public Health Consultant, presented the report of the Director of Public Health. The draft plan had been considered at the previous HWB meeting. The aim was to reduce the number of suicides in Portsmouth by 10% over the next 3 years. The plan had been presented to other organisations, including both the Children and Adults Safeguarding boards, the Safer Portsmouth Partnership and consultation events at a CCG event and with the voluntary sector to ensure wide consultation, with Solent Mind facilitating a focus group.

The changes since the previous draft included:

- i) Section 7 further information on research on attempted suicides and ensuring appropriate referrals
- ii) There had been refined actions
- iii) Additional stakeholders had been consulted as requested and the owners of the actions had been spoken with to ensure their commitment to the delivery of these

The approved plan would be shared with partners, and would be evaluated and reported back to the HWB on an annual basis. Training would also take place with teachers.

Dr Horsley congratulated Amy McCullough and Jane Leech on their work and stressed that this was a partnership plan that would need delivery without new resources. This is a very difficult area to set low targets for (with some areas setting zero targets for those having contact with services) but the aim is to reduce the local suicide rate, and monitor progress. The work recognised the strong link to self-harm, and work was also planned with bereavement services.

In response to members' questions, the work taking place with schools and the LGBT community, and veterans groups was also reported on. Discussion also took place on the 'designing out' of possible suicide locations through talks with the Planning Department at PCC (whilst still maintaining a healthy environment) and looking at Building Control regulations.

There are plans to access points of contact, such as voluntary groups, taxi drivers etc. to provide training on suicide prevention. Tracking of high-risk areas had been discussed with the Adults Safeguarding Board.

Dr Horsley was pleased that there was a lot more sharing of information between agencies such as between the police and health services. Councillor

Stubbs reported that the Public Health Transformation Fund included an allocation of £18k towards training.

Sarah Austin reported on contributory work of Solent Health and the benefits of 1 information system in city health so vulnerable individuals can be flagged up where at risk, and through accessing primary care there is early detection of emotional distress. There is also A&E crisis intervention for mental health issues.

RESOLVED - the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Portsmouth Suicide Prevention Plan.

39. Date of next meeting (AI 7)

It was agreed that the next meeting take place on Wednesday 20th June at 11am.

And the following meetings were noted:

Weds 3rd October & 28th November at 10am

The meeting concluded at 11.15 am.

Dr L Collie
Chair