

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 10.00 am in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

Present

Dr Linda Collie (in the Chair)

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE
Councillor Luke Stubbs
Councillor Rob Wood

Innes Richens
Dr Jason Horsley
Dianne Sherlock
Alison Jeffery
Siobhain McCurrach
Sarah Austin
Jackie Powell
Steven Labeledz
Frances Mullen
Mick Thompson
Steve Burrige
Sandy Thomson
Barbara Swyer
Dianne Sherlock
Frances Mullen

Non-voting members

Councillor Judith Smyth
Nicole Cornelius

Officers Present

David Williams
Kelly Nash

13. Welcome to new members and introductions (AI 1)

Dr Collie welcomed new members to the Health & Wellbeing Board and introductions were made around the table.

14. Apologies for absence (AI 2)

These had been received from Councillor Matthew Winnington, Sue Harriman and Mark Cubbon (who was represented by Nicole Cornelius).

15. Declarations of Interest (AI 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

16. Minutes of previous meetings - 13 February and 20 March (Special) 2019 and matters arising (AI 4)

It was noted that the minutes of 13 February 2019 should have Mark Cubbon's name appearing on the attendance list once.

Subject to that correction the minutes of 13 February were approved as a correct record, and the minutes of 20 March 2019 were approved as a correct record, as submitted.

Matters Arising from the minutes:

Regarding the membership for the widened Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) it was reported that at the City Council's annual meeting in May when the PCC member appointments were made the Leader had asked that consideration be given to further cross party representation by inclusion of a Labour group member. The HWB's own terms of reference, as agreed on 20 March 2019, did not have this as a specified member, but there was the ability to co-opt, therefore Councillor Judith Smyth was asked to join the meeting as the Labour Group's representative on this basis.

17. New Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements for Portsmouth; Wider Partnership Working to Reduce Risk and Vulnerability (AI 5)

Alison Jeffery, PCC Director of Children, Families & Education, introduced her report to share the safeguarding arrangements. The report set out what is taking place more widely to decrease risk and vulnerability of young people. There is also work taking place with colleagues from Hampshire, Southampton and the Isle of Wight, with agreed strategic and scrutiny arrangements. Alison Jeffery drew members' attention to the questions posed in the report at section 4.1.

Comments made by HWB members included:

- Was there a robust early warning system (including with schools) to be alert where children were not yet known to Social Care but there are concerns, and are there links with other groups to then held with reintegration of children in care to return to their families? Alison Jeffery reported that those coming into the system unknown to Children's Social Care was rare, with most on Child Protection Plans, and social workers worked with families to try to prevent separation. A reunification exercise was taking place with voluntary sector and statutory partners to address raising reunification numbers and successful outcomes. Schools also gave support to families.
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (paragraph 3.9) - it was asked how stretched the service was? Sarah Austin reported that whilst waiting times are not long for the initial

assessments they are of concern for complex therapy. There were also instances in which professional Tier 3 interventions were not seen as the appropriate level of intervention and this needed to be explained to families. Alternatives could sometimes be the use of Relate (for older children) and through schools.

- Working across county lines (paragraph 3.10) it was reported that the multi-agency 'Missing Exploited and Trafficked Operational Group' meetings regularly take place to share intelligence on children most at risk.
- Para 3.12 - Adverse childhood experiences and 'trauma-informed' practice - Hampshire Constabulary are keen to give this wider promotion.
- Safeguarding training - the need to ensure all voluntary sector staff at the HIVE desk in the Central Library receive this training (and it is kept up to date) was raised. It was reported that this training can be accessed via the Children's Safeguarding Board.
- Public health issues included "superzones" around schools being explored for healthy environments, such as the Scottish licensing model on alcohol pricing.
- Concern on exclusion levels and what happened to excluded pupils in Portsmouth and those withdrawn by their parents. Alison Jeffery reported that discussions were taking place with headteachers on the use of fixed term and permanent exclusions, and an inclusive approach was championed. There is also a new protocol for withdrawing children from school for elective home education, to ensure the parents meet with the school and local authority. GPs were also interesting in receiving information, although this may need the parents' consent but school nurses were made aware.
- Use of the expertise of partner organisations and the need for a jointed up approach, which would be raised with the local Members of Parliament (wider than just Portsmouth).

Innes Richens undertook to work with Alison Jeffery to bring back more proposals on staff development.

The Health and Wellbeing Board resolved to:

- (i) Note the proposed new partnership arrangements (set out in Appendix 1 of the report) which balance economies of scale in terms of strategic/policy development at a pan-Hampshire level with a strong focus on the quality and effectiveness of local services and joint working on the ground.**
- (ii) Note and consider the wider work undertaken in recent years to strengthen joint approaches to reducing risk and vulnerability, potential barriers to further progress, and how these might be tackled.**

18. Draft Portsmouth Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 (AI 6)

Teresa O'Toole, Housing Operational Support Manager, presented the report from the Assistant Director of Housing. This had been brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consultation and to seek feedback and had also been taken to other forums such as private landlords and commissioning groups. It was acknowledged that further work needed to take place on health links.

Comments raised by Health & Wellbeing Board Members included:

- The cost and use of emergency accommodation locally; work is taking place with private sector landlords regarding the provision of affordable housing and a specialist new facility was being built by PCC at St. Paul's Square for temporary accommodation.
- It was noted that there is a PCC cross-party Homelessness Working Group with partner organisations which would be looking at the effectiveness of the strategy, and more funding had been received to help people as individuals
- There is a need to ensure that transitioning from children to adults and care leavers was smooth and appropriate facilities are used for young people. Data has been analysed to see where care leavers feature for rough sleepers.
- Healthwatch Portsmouth had encountered problems with homeless people trying to register at GP surgeries with the provision of necessary information. It was noted that joint work is taking place between CCG, Solent NHS and PCC Public Health regarding access to mental health and substance health services for the homeless, and Solent NHS also have projects tackling Social Isolation and Positive Minds which have housing factors. It was noted that veterans also can struggle to access housing. GPs are undertaking more outreach work for the homeless and Public Health is looking at advances in Southampton in the homeless accessing healthcare and for boosting healthcare checks for those with enduring mental health issues.

With regard to comments on the strategy not referring to some health needs (such as learning disability, mental health) Teresa O'Toole asked if wording could be considered by HWB members to encapsulate the many and varied health circumstances that people facing homelessness experience.

Dr Collie thanked everyone for their feedback and asked that any further comments be made available to Paul Fielding as part of this consultation process.

19. Safer Portsmouth Partnership Transition - key community safety priorities (information/discussion item) (AI 7)

Superintendent Steve Burrige presented his letter which had been sent as the outgoing Chair of the Safer Portsmouth Partnership SPP) and thanked the support team for making the mechanisms work for the transition to continue the important work of the SPP, much of which would continue through the continuation of the sub groups. He felt it was important to set an action plan to evaluate the transition at the end of the year.

Alison Jeffery, previous Chair of the Children's Trust, reported on their transition, and there would be future involvement of a wide range of partners to meet twice a year.

The amalgamation of SPP and the Children's Trust by broadening the remit of HWB also meant that there could be joint bids taken forward, such as to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

The Health & Wellbeing Strategy was half way through the 3 year implementation and when refreshed this would reflect the work of the 3 amalgamated bodies. In the meantime there was an opportunity for the Director of Public Health's annual report to reflect this broader remit. Members were keen for an action plan to measure outcomes that can be reviewed e.g. the number of children going into care, the number of hospital discharges etc.

Kelly Nash confirmed that all the listed actions in the letter were being programmed into the Action Plan for the Health & Wellbeing Board and undertook to circulate the current workplan for the year, which includes an annual review of the work of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

20. Code of Conduct (information item) (AI 8)

This was an information item; David Williams PCC Chief Executive reported that this is used at Portsmouth City Council had set out the standards of conduct expected that members of the board should strive to adopt.

21. Dates and times of meetings and extra item (AI 9)

Kelly Nash took the opportunity to inform members that a new **Economic Development Strategy** was being worked on, for which a health perspective was needed and an email would be sent round to HWB members to ask for volunteers to take part in discussions.

Dates of future meetings were noted for Wednesdays at 10am:

25th September 2019

27th November 2019

5th February 2020

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am.

Dr Linda Collie
Chair