

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**Thursday 26 January 2017 at 6.00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Catherine Pearson, Andrew Eyres, Dr Adrian McLachlan, Helen Charlesworth May, Councillor Sonia Winifred, Councillor Jane Pickard, Councillor Jim Dickson, Dr Nandini Mukhopadhyay and Dr Matthew Patrick

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Jackie Meldrum, Sarah Haspel, Annie Hudson

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dr Abdu Mohiddin

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**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The attendance would be changed to include Abdi Mohiddin and Catherine Pearson and exclude Dr Nandini Mukhopadhyay.

The letter discussed in item 8 was written to Our Healthier South East London and not to NHS England.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 October 2016, subject to the above changes, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record of the proceedings.

**3. LAMBETH SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT  
2015/16**

Sian Walker introduced the report.

The Chair noted that Ms Walker had contributed to improving the direction and vision of the Safeguarding Adults Board and had focused on key

issues.

The report was well received by Board Members.

In response to questions from Board Members, the meeting heard that:

- The cooperation between partners within Lambeth was excellent and there was a sound framework to have honest discussions.
- More intense discussion would be held on the Safeguarding Adults Board.
- Areas of improvement had been identified.
- The Community Reference Group had been re-established.
- Moira McGrath was representing commissioning and there was also a non-clinician on the board.
- An Adult Social Care Representative has been appointed in a multi- safeguarding hub. A majority of referrals did not result in Safeguarding enquires.
- It was important to bring service users into the right services and refer them to the right organisation.
- Safeguarding arrangements would take a personal approach on a case by case basis to ensure that specific individual needs would be met.
- Discussions regarding thresholds for intervention were underway, this included discussions regarding the practicality of interventions.
- Appropriate staffing needed to be in place.
- A wider level of understanding could be achieved working with all partners.
- Sexual exploitation would be considered the same way as all other formal categories of abuse.
- The review of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLs) Act would create a need to capture all of the relevant data for an individual and prioritise individual needs.
- There was a waiting list of people who had not yet undergone a DoLs assessment, including those who were already on a care plan.
- Alongside every other local authority, Lambeth had a waiting list for people awaiting DoLs assessment. Given the severe funding pressures facing the Council, the waiting list will be

difficult to address.

The Board thanked Ms Walker for her contribution.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the contents of the Annual Report of Lambeth Safeguarding Adults Board for 2015/16 be noted.

#### **4. BRIEFING FOR THE LEARNING DISABILITY MORTALITY REVIEW**

Sian Williams introduced the report.

The Chair explained that this would provide a framework for an approach in a scenario whereby if incidents of this nature occurred in the future. The figures of premature mortality were unusually high and work needed to be completed in this area.

The meeting noted the importance of the report.

In response to questions from Board Members, the meeting heard:

- The suggested strategy could be discussed in regular meetings with Helen Charlesworth-May.
- Organisations were asked to volunteer for this and it was important that the option to volunteer was taken.
- Details of what was happening in the review was not available. However, the review could be both specific and general A national and local steer was required and was likely to undergo some change in the future.
- Greater levels of representation may be required but a general process would outlined for organisations who wished to volunteer.
- It would be helpful to have representatives from SLAM and Public Health.
- Healthwatch had a project called “Right for Everyone” and information from this could be made available.

The Chair thanked everybody for their contribution and noted the progress. A final format would eventually be in place, alongside formal processes and there would be an Increase in focus for prevention.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the briefing for the Learning Disability Mortality Review Programme be noted.

#### **5. QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR LAMBETH (OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2016)**

Dr Abdu Mohiddin presented the report.

The Chair stated that he welcomed the theming of the report and was pleased that Dr Abdu Moheddin was in attendance to present it. However, Dr Sarah Corlett had left and presented the report in previous meetings and the Chair offered his thanks to Dr Corlett and for her substantial contribution to Public Health and performed interim role in last 6 months. As Chair, he had felt particularly supported by Dr Corlett.

The Chair stated that one of the most important paragraphs related to immediate issues of how health services would be adequately maintained with lower levels of funding. The reduction of the grant may stop people receiving adequate services. The Chair thanked the CCG for their work and efforts to integrate systems to allow for a more joint approach. The Chair explained that results of the consultation exercise would show the potential final changes on how services are delivered proposed based on the final budget.

The meeting noted that Lambeth had seen a significant reduction in childhood obesity. Consideration could be given to approach charities for further support.

The meeting heard that the numbers regarding the flu vaccination had improved but still needed further improvement. It was also important that all front line workers were immunised.

Councillor Sonia Winifred commented on the progress made by the borough tackling childhood obesity. The work of Lambeth's food flagship programme involvement in schools and families was encouraging them to eat well and be better quality consumers.

Councillor Pickard noted the progress made by Lambeth and felt that a reduction in funding was poorly timed and could have a significant adverse effect on the progress. The Board should write letters to various decision making organisations and provide publicity regarding these issues to underline the threat to the ongoing work.

The Chair informed the meeting that the Health and Wellbeing Board regularly campaigned on critical issues such as funding.

In response to questions from Board Members, the meeting heard that:

- There was motivation to work with charities regarding childhood obesity.
- Work was being done to improve the flu vaccine numbers.
- In relation to greater levels of advocacy and publicity, it was important to continue and grow work in this area.
- It was important to undertake integrated work in relation to childhood obesity.
- Work from the Great Weight Debate showed a link between a poor diet, unhealthy eating habits and unhappiness and family circumstances. Consideration should be given

regarding these findings.

- The CCG was supportive about issues relating to childhood obesity.

The Chair felt that it was important to make links alongside poor diets, food poverty and inappropriate eating habits.

The Board collectively thanked Dr Sarah Corlett for all her work and contributions to Public Health.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the report be noted.

## **6. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK ON 'IMPROVING LIVES: THE WORK HEALTH AND DISABILITY GREEN PAPER'**

Dawn Redpath and Helen Payne presented the report.

The Chair stated that he would be interested in the views of the Board and ideas could be developed outside the meeting which could be shaped into a response which could be circulated for further comment before it was submitted. There were a number of familiar issues addressed in the paper including support for vulnerable people and employment opportunities.

The Board commented that:

- People did not feel that they were being adequately supported regarding employment opportunities.
- There was a slight concern regarding data sharing proposals. Anything appearing to share data needed to be progressed thoughtfully and carefully.
- It was important to get GPs to contribute to this.
- Examples of good practices included First Steps Plus
- When assessments were made, GPs were instructed to provide patient information and later told to provide more information in the court of appeals process.
- Occupational health doctors should be included.
- The fit note system did not appear to bring any significant change from the sick note system.
- There was not enough specific focus on the individual. However, the system treated individuals as if they were blame worthy.
- Many people felt uncomfortable in job centres. However some of the staff in Job Centres performed good work particularly when they worked with other colleagues in

partnership.

- A discussion needed to be held on how to submit a draft response to the CCG.

The Chair reiterated that the deadline for submission was 17 February 2017.

The Chair felt that more information sharing was required to get the document agreed. The Chair thanked everybody involved for their work so far and noted that there were many examples of good practice outlined at work in the borough.

RESOLVED:

(1) That a response to the Green Paper be submitted jointly by the Council and Health Partners, incorporating the key themes set out at Section 3.

(2) That a final approval of the consultation response be delegated to the Chair of the Board and Lead Member, Cllr. Paul McGlone, Deputy Leader (Investment and Partnerships) in order to meet the deadline of 17 February 2017.

## **7. PREPARING FOR THE LOCAL AREA INSPECTION OF SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND)**

Cathy Twist, Virginia Roberts and Adam Yarnold presented the report.

In response to questions from Board Members, the meeting heard:

- The appointments of new officers offered a “fresh pair of eyes” and to examine things from an outsider’s perspective.
- There was a significant number of quality strategies, partnership strategies in place but a clear threaded focus children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and disabilities was needed.
- There were many projects in Lambeth to address greater cooperation between agencies. The refreshed evaluation framework would feed into the position statement.
- It had been concluded that a Children’s sub-plan would be helpful and a general refresh of the Children’s Strategy was required.
- More work still needed to be done to improve communication with families.
- The outcome data was positive.
- All the health data had not yet been gathered in one place.
- A position statement would be produced within weeks.

- Should an inspection be called within days, then the Council would be prepared.
- This would be a wide-ranging inspection and there had been a large turnover of staff.
- Ofsted would want to know how the data gathered would be used.
- An area of strength was the link between the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the Health and Wellbeing Board and the SEND strategy.
- Public Health and the CCG were working effectively together.
- There were a number of strategies in place. One key area was joint commissioning.
- It was important that the right support was given and day one practicalities needed to be outlined.
- A risk assessment in the weakest areas needed to be completed and these needed to be updated upon regularly until the end of March 2017.
- No inspection expected perfection upon a visit.
- There was enough cooperative working and it was important all involved were aware what the areas of strengths and improvement were.
- Work would be completed on the Self Evaluation Framework (SEF) and the position statement.
- The inspectors would only be meeting with specific individuals and meet with focus groups and efforts could be made to guide this area of the process.
- A focused timetable for the inspectors would be useful.
- Forms of good practice and issues in one place.

The Chair felt that the suggestion of the risk assessment would be a beneficial alongside creating a set of priorities and addressing issues which needed to be addressed. The progress would be monitored internally.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That all stakeholders understand their responsibilities as set out in the SEND Code of Practice and their likely involvement in the SEND

inspection.

## **8. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD DEVELOPMENT UPDATE REPORT**

The Chair introduced the report.

The Board heard that:

- There were three key elements that would allow for greater progress; there was the work on Systems Leadership, the draft document regarding integration and the specific alliances in relation to mental health.
- There were new opportunities to consider children's services could encapsulate a wider scope.
- The public health report this year would be structured differently and focused on children's issues.
- An expansion of membership was required with other departments such as Housing.
- In relation to Children's services and early intervention, it was important to focus on children who may not fully qualify for any category.

Councillor Jane Pickard informed the meeting that the report for the Partnership Board had not been submitted to the meeting. However, a useful paper had been submitted to the Partnership Board proposing new terms of reference. There may be a refresh of the Early Years strategy. The Partnership Board had Council, Health and School representatives and the Partnership Board was progressing well in general.

**RESOLVED:**

(1) That the contents of the report be noted.

## **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting ended at 7:54pm

CHAIR

Date of Despatch: Friday 3 February 2017

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