

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board held on Thursday 21 March 2019 at 2.00pm in G3 & G4, Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way, Telford, TF3 4NT

Present:

Cllr A R H England (Chair) Cabinet Member – Communities, Health & Wellbeing, TWC
W Condlyffe, Chief Officer Group Representative
S Dillon Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, TWC
D Evans, Chief Operating Officer Telford & Wrekin CCG
P Evans, Sustainable Transformation Plan
C Jones – Director of Children’s & Adults Services, TWC
L Noakes Director of Public Health, TWC
Cllr S A W Reynolds -Cabinet Member – Education & Skills
Cllr J M Seymour Conservative Group, TWC
B Parnaby, Telford & Wrekin Healthwatch
Cllr P R Watling Cabinet Member – Children’s & Adult’s Early Help & Support, TWC

Also Present:

Jonathan Eatough, Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning; Jon Power, Organisational Delivery & Development Manager; Stacey Worthington, Democratic Services Officer

HWB-34 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Tomlinson – Liberal Democrat / Independent Group; Dr J Leahy (Vice Chair) Chair, Telford & Wrekin CCG; Superintendent Paul Moxley, Community Safety Partnership

HWB-35 Declarations of Interest

None

HWB-36 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

Members noted their disappointment of the late dispatch of the papers and requested that all papers are received in good time, to enable Members to be able to study the papers before the meeting.

The Chair advised that he had, with several members of the Cabinet and Senior Officers from the Council, met with the Chair of the STP, Sir Neil McKay, to highlight the importance of the place based approach for Telford and Wrekin.

HWB-37 Our Approach to Developing Resilient Communities for Improved Health and Wellbeing

The Board received the joint presentation of the CCG and Telford & Wrekin Council. It was noted that the previous neighbourhoods work had been renamed as Telford and Wrekin Integrated Place, with the aim to help people build their own resilience within their communities.

The presentation included an update on the projects which were undertaken around the Borough. The strategy was holistic and included a number of volunteer programmes supporting people in their local communities.

An integrated team working group had been established, which included partners from the Council, CCG, voluntary sector and local health trusts, and included work that helped residents before they needed acute services, to avoid crisis situations. It was noted that it was vital that work was not completed in silos.

Work was being undertaken with carers to support them in their role and businesses were encouraged to become Carer Friendly employers, the Council had signed the pledge to be such an employer.

Live Well Telford was due to be launched shortly, which was a community owned website containing all information about groups, information and advice which could be accessed, by members of the public or professionals, on a postcode basis.

Members noted the updated showed how advanced the Council was in terms of integrated working. Members discussed Telford50 Projects and their legacy, such as developing local meal services. A discussion was held regarding the library at Waters Upton.

A Member asked a question about the proposed changes to GP working practices. It was confirmed that this was a national directive and aimed to free up GP time for more complex appointments, where routine matters could be dealt with by other staff, such as Occupational Therapists or advanced nurse practitioners.

A Member queried if support was withdrawn from the Community Connectors Programme after six sessions, if support was still needed. Members were assured that this would not be the case, the team would undertake an assessment prior to any work to ensure that the programme was suitable for the service user and a resident would not be dropped at the end of the sessions should they still require support.

A Member queried support available in rural areas, as some schemes discussed would not work in rural areas. Members were informed that schemes were developed differently for different areas, however, rural areas had benefitted from grants and the scheme, many through their Parish Councils.

HWB-38 Neighbourhood Working Update – Including Programme Management and Governance Proposals

The Chair advised that an update on this work had been included in the previous presentation.

HWB-39 CCG Healthy Hearts Campaign

The Report updated the Board on the Telford Healthy Hearts Programme. Outcomes for people with cardiovascular disease (CVD) was poorer than expected and the CCG had worked with Bradford CCG who had undertaken a programme to improve outcomes for CVD. The Bradford programme had been very successful, with a 10% reduction in heart attacks and strokes in 15 months. A joint programme was also underway with the public health team at the Council with British Heart Foundation funding to identify people with high blood pressure that had not been known about previously.

Members asked if the Bradford programme had seen reduction in any other diseases. Members were informed that diabetes had similar risk factors to CVD and the programme would support improved outcomes in this area.

Members noted that these programmes should have an impact on the acute sector and recommended that a report on this programme be presented to the A&E Delivery Board.

The Board noted the updates in the report.

HWB-40 Carers Partnership Board – Carers Strategy Annual Update

The Report provided the Board with an update in relation to Health and Wellbeing objectives. The Carers Board had been undertaking work on Carer Friendly Telford. Telford & Wrekin Council was now a carer friendly employer and the scheme was being rolled out to 40 local businesses and town and parish councils.

The Chair of the Carers Partnership Board noted the important work of carers in the Borough, and noted the lived experiences of the Board Member. It was noted that the Board would look at caring at a distance over the next year.

A Member queried if the company contracted to undertake personalised carer support had been regularly monitored. Members were assured that the company was regularly monitored.

Members discussed young carers and the support offered to them. Members noted that publicity leaflets had been produced, in conjunction with the young carers themselves. Young carers had also participated in two radio interviews following a Scrutiny review into the service.

The Board noted the updates.

HWB-41 NHS Long Term Plan

The Board received the presentation on the NHS Long Term Plan. It was noted that this was an ambitious programme. The development of Primary Care Networks would be the building blocks to the project, and there had been a change in emphasis from acute care to preventing people needing emergency care. The work would be completed through several streams. Members were informed that from 1 April, all newly registered patients at GP practices would be able to view their medical history online, this would be extended to all patients by 2020.

The Plan included the development of Integrated Care Systems, and it was noted that Telford and Wrekin had a well-developed offer in this area.

Members discussed concerns that residents were unable to obtain GP appointments and the knock on effects this had on A&E attendance. Members were advised that extended hours appointments were available to patients in Telford and Wrekin and that there was capacity in this system for appointments.

Members asked about cancer survival rates in the Borough. It was advised some progress had been made but there was still work to be done. A Macmillan GP was in post.

Members raised concern about digital appointments, and that some residents would not want to use this. It was confirmed that digital appointments would be an additional option, for those users who wished to accept them. A discussion was held on smart devices, such as smart watches.

Members queried if the proposed £2.3billion for mental health would be new money. It was confirmed that the details had not yet been released.

Members reinforced the place-based approach was right for Telford and Wrekin. Members were advised that there was a move away from tariff based commissioning which would change the way that services were commissioned drastically. Members considered that decisions needed to be made on a local level.

HWB-42 Children & Young People Mental Health Transformation Plan including an update on BeeU

The report provided an update on the last 21 months, following a new provider taking over the service. It was noted that the service had been a challenge, however, service improvements had been seen. The waiting list had significantly reduced, despite an increase in the number of referrals. New ways of working had been implemented, such as reduced number of follow ups.

HWB-43 Local Maternity Services Update

The Board noted the report on Local Maternity Services. The Board were advised that the partnership regularly reported to NHS England on the measures identified in the report and were making good progress in many areas.

In response to a question, it was noted that there were currently all four options for delivery available to women in Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin, including consultant led births, along-side midwife led units, freestanding midwife led units and home births. Members were advised that few areas across the country offer all four to women.

Members praised the provision of antenatal scans in neighbourhood areas and the positive impact this had.

The Board notes the report and endorses the progress and next steps.

HWB-44 STP Highlight Report

The report provided the Board with a summary of the progress of work. Members were advised that support had been received from NHS England and NHS Improvement to progress the move to an Integrated Care Partnership (ICS) in partnership with Staffordshire and Derby.

A discussion was held on the place-based approach and Members considered that this was the correct approach for the Borough. Members were informed that a shadow board for the ICS would be implemented and discussed Member involvement in this process. Members were advised that the Terms of Reference for the STP would be updated, to include these provisions.

The Board notes the updates.

The meeting ended: 4.14pm.

Chairman:

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