

Medway Council
Meeting of Health and Wellbeing Board
Tuesday, 9 September 2014
11.30am to 12.25pm

Record of the meeting

Subject to approval as an accurate record at the next meeting of this committee

- Present:**
- Councillor David Brake, Portfolio Holder for Adult Services
 - Councillor Andrew Mackness (Chairman)
 - Councillor Vince Maple, Leader of the Labour Group
 - Councillor Mike O'Brien, Lead Portfolio Holder for Children's Services
 - Councillor Kelly Tolhurst, Portfolio Holder for Educational Improvement
 - Councillor Les Wicks
 - Barbara Peacock, Director of Children and Adults Services
 - Dr Alison Barnett, Director of Public Health
 - David Quirke-Thornton, Deputy Director, Children and Adults Services
 - Alison Burchell, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Medway Commissioning Group
 - Dr Peter Green, Chief Clinical Officer, NHS Medway Clinical Commissioning Group
- In Attendance:**
- Dr Phillip Barnes, Acting Chief Executive, Medway NHS Foundation Trust
 - Amanda Berger-North, Locum Legal Representative
 - Kim Carey, Interim Deputy Director, Children and Adults
 - Rosie Gunstone, Democratic Services Officer
 - Helen Jones, Assistant Director, Partnership Commissioning
 - Dr Mike Parks, Kent Local Medical Committee
 - Kerry Tappenden, Partnership Commissioning Manager
 - Martin Wintle, Interim Head of Commissioning

286 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Doe, Dr Beach, Elliot Howard-Jones and Dr Fargher.

287 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests

Disclosable pecuniary interests

There were none.

Other interests

There were none.

288 Urgent matters by reason of special circumstances

There were no urgent items. However, the Chairman took the opportunity to welcome Dr Barnes, Dr Parks and Kim Carey, the Interim Deputy Director of Children and Adults to their first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board. He also thanked David Quirke-Thornton for his contribution to the Board and wished him well in his new role.

At the invitation of the Chairman the Democratic Services Officer advised there may be members of the press and public taking photographs, filming or audio-recording and reporting the proceedings. This was permitted under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, which took effect on 6 August 2014. The Democratic Services Officer asked anyone exercising this right to do so in a way that did not disrupt the meeting and to ensure that any members of the public who were present to observe or participate in the proceedings were not filmed or recorded against their wishes. People wishing to make use of this new law were requested to move to the front row of the public gallery.

289 Better Care Fund Plan

Discussion:

The Assistant Director, Commissioning and Strategy gave a powerpoint presentation as an introduction to the Better Care Fund Plan and emphasised that the Plan had been judged by NHS England and the Local Government Association as good and she did not consider there would be major changes to the narrative. She referred to a regional workshop held the previous day, which had been attended by officers of the Council and said that there would be changes up to the actual date of submission.

The Board were told that there were five new questions to answer in relation to the Better Care Fund Plan, as well as revisions to the four existing questions. The new questions related to the following:

- Case for change
- Plan of action
- Risks and contingency
- Alignment
- Implications for acute providers

It was stated that the £1bn linked to pay for performance would be released proportionate to performance against the 3.5% target of reduction in non-elective activity (hospital admissions).

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Details were given of the next steps, which were that the plan would be resubmitted on 19 September 2014, the assurance process should end on 13 October 2014 and the next seven months would be used to further the plan recognising that not everything goes 'live' by 1 April 2015. During that period there would be continued engagement with professionals, existing users and potential users throughout the process. A number of task and finish groups will be established on specific themes.

The Chairman stated that he had received a message from Dr Beach, the Healthwatch Medway representative, supporting the recommendations contained in the report. Members of the Board generally were very supportive of the Better Care Fund Plan aims and the Acting Chief Executive of Medway NHS Foundation Trust stated that from an acute trust perspective the Plan presented a win/win situation. He did state, however, there was a degree of scepticism about whether the aims could be achieved bearing in mind the increase in activity at the hospital. As the target related to hospital admissions, rather than hospital attendance, he felt more optimistic. He felt it would be important to concentrate efforts on prevention and the improved management of long term conditions and social isolation.

The Director of Public Health queried the lack of detail about the impact of each scheme and asked whether the modelling would give the assurances about this. The Assistant Director, Commissioning and Strategy explained that this would be apparent before April 2015. The Chief Clinical Officer, NHS Medway CCG confirmed this and stated that the Plan needed to interrelate with other work which the Council and CCG were undertaking and it would be difficult to decide which component would deliver which outcome. The Chief Operating Officer, NHS Medway CCG stated that the community redesign would also be an important factor in achieving the target.

The Deputy Director, Children and Adults referred to a nervousness in the system about the impact on and implications for acute providers but stated that the Medway Better Care Fund Plan was good and that the intention was to empower people and would take some time to achieve. The Portfolio Holder for Adult Services also spoke positively about the Plan, which he felt was a golden opportunity to improve services for the common good.

The Chairman then referred to a minor amendment to the final recommendation in the report on page 12 of the agenda, which is reflected in the decision below.

Decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Board supported the following:

- (a) the proposed governance journey for the delivery of the revised BCF plan;
- (b) the plan (attached as appendix 4 to the report) as it now stands, accepting that the plan is an iterative process that will continue to be developed as more information and guidance from the LGA/NHS England becomes available;

- (c) and notes that the Cabinet has given delegated authority to the Director of Children and Adults Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adults Services, to finalise and submit the revised plan after it had been considered and endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board and to make any further minor amendments that may be required to the revised plan following submission. The Governing Body of NHS Medway CCG has given delegated authority to the Chief Clinical Officer to do the same.

290 Protocol setting out the relationship between key strategic boards in Medway

Discussion:

The Assistant Director, Commissioning and Strategy gave a brief introduction to the protocol setting out the relationship between key strategic boards in Medway. She stated that it had been suggested, by the Children's Safeguarding Board that the Corporate Parenting Board should also be added as a signatory to the protocol. The Ofsted Inspection had stated that the local authority must be clear that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility not just that of the Safeguarding Boards. The other Boards referred to at the end of the document had already signed the protocol.

The Legal Officer present clarified that in relation to 8.3 of the protocol that this statement did not usurp the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions relating to this Board.

The Deputy Director, Children and Adults stated that he had read that paragraph as referring to scrutiny as challenge which the Board would undertake when assessing whether commissioning plans were taking account of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

A suggestion was made that the first bullet point on page 120 of the agenda could be widened to 'other directly relevant strategies' rather than just those connected with Public Health. Clarification was also sought as to the penultimate bullet point to explain that performance management referred more to the co-ordinated approach that was needed.

Decision:

A delegation was given to the Chairman, in conjunction with the relevant officers, to make the minor amendments to the protocol as set out above, (including adding the Corporate Parenting Board as an additional signatory). The amended protocol should then be cleared by legal services and circulated to all Board Members before being signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Board.

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Chairman

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