

## **Minutes of the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 4.00 pm  
at Dudley Archives, Tipton Road, Dudley

### **Present:**

Councillor P Miller (Chair)

Councillors N Barlow and R Harris; S Ball (West Midlands Fire Service), M Bowsher (Chief Officer Adult Social Care), P Bradbury (Chair of Healthwatch Dudley), N Bucktin (Director of Commissioning – CCG), Chief Superintendent Fisher (West Midlands Police), D Harkins (Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing), K Jackson (Head of Healthy Communities and Place) and J Simmonds (Service Manager, Strategic Partnerships)

### **Also in attendance:**

L Stephen – Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools (for agenda item no. 6(a))

J Sangha – Pharmaceutical Adviser – Community Pharmacy and Public Health (for agenda item no. 6(b))

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### 20 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Millward; S Butcher, A Gray, A Lunt, L Murphy, T Oakman and M Rodgers.

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### 21 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Member's Code of Conduct.

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### 22 **Minutes**

In referring to minute no. 18 – Update on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Governance Arrangements, the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing provided an update in respect of the proposed Development Session and stated that these sessions were planned for the Health and Wellbeing Board Members in mid February and would focus on the wider influences on the health and social care system. The new Director for Public Service Reforms, A Williams and S Norman (Chief Executive) would also be involved in the session.

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

## **Vision for Dudley Borough**

The Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing provided the Board with a verbal update in respect of the 'Vision' for Dudley Borough and advised that several development sessions had been held with various community groups, partnership organisations and cohorts, to try to establish and develop an understanding of what their thoughts of Dudley's Vision would be.

It was reported that the key issues identified from the development sessions were:

- The need to promote who's 'vision' it was;
- What were the key components of the 'vision';
- The 'vision' needed to have clear aspirations for the future.

It was noted that the sessions discussed how the 'vision' could be moved forward, the governance around the 'vision' and the need to reinvent the Leadership Group to ensure each partnership organisation was accountable.

The Board was advised that further sessions would be held during January, 2018 with Elected Members and public engagement would commence to encourage the community's contribution.

A Member commented positively on the principles of the 'vision' but emphasised the importance of ensuring that it did not become a Council or other agency led vision and the importance of public involvement was paramount and suggested that a working group consisting of public representatives be established to help design the 'vision' and move it forward.

The Service Manager, Strategic Partnerships assured Members that there was a real commitment to ensure that all partners were in developing the 'vision'. It was considered that the vision should be something more than just words, but an aspiration for a better place to live and work.

During the discussion, Members referred to other Authorities that had successfully implemented sustainable community Strategies and the need for Dudley to be more outward thinking and to ensure that Dudley's success stories were widely publicised.

### **Resolved**

That the verbal update in respect of the vision for Dudley Borough, be noted.

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**Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy for Dudley 2017-2022**

A joint report of the Head of Healthy Communities and Place and the Service Manager, Strategic Partnerships was submitted to seek final agreement of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2022.

Following the presentation of the document and in response to a question raised in relation to the limited reference to the work undertaken to encourage physical activity to combat obesity and encourage healthy weight, the Head of Healthy Communities and Place assured the Board that this had not been omitted from the Strategy, and was still a priority for Dudley, but the detail of the work undertaken was included in other alliances and referred to in the 'Let's Get' Strategy. The Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing commented that community engagement was crucial if obesity was to be tackled and that Dudley was working collaboratively with Leeds Beckett University on a whole systems approach to identify ways in which to tackle and prevent obesity.

**Resolved**

That the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2022 be agreed.

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**The SEND Reforms and the Local Area SEND Inspection**

The Board considered a report of the Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools on the key challenges currently identified from implementing the SEND Reforms, what was being done to address the challenges and how the Board could contribute to the embedding of the reforms. It was highlighted that Dudley was expecting an OFSTED inspection in the near future, that would inspect the arrangements in place in relation to SEND provision across all agencies, not just the Local Authority.

In presenting the report the Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools made particular reference to the SEND Reform Implementation Improvement Plan, which was under review and the seven improvement plan priorities which consisted of Education, Health and Care Plans; joint commissioning; the local offer; preparing for adulthood; children in specific circumstances; workforce development and co-production. Members of the Board were asked to consider how they and their partner organisations believed they supported, contributed and ensured that the required outcome was achieved for each of the seven priorities.

In responding to a question raised, the Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools confirmed that a peer review would commence on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018 until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, but that a definitive timetable had not yet been confirmed, but would be circulated to Board Members promptly to ensure that the dates were included in key partner diaries. It was commented that the review should be treated as a 'critical friend' exercise and would be a useful exercise to complete to ensure that the local area was adhering to its statutory duties in relation to children and young people with SEND, prior to the expected OFSTED Inspection.

Members expressed concern in respect of the families that get missed or slip through the net, who were considered to be the families that needed the greatest support. The Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools assured Members that every effort was made to try and develop relationships with all families, however it was inevitable that on occasions some families did not interact and this was an area that needed to be developed. It was considered that the Local Offer would also help in these instances, which was now actively promoted.

A Member commented that to ensure elected members engaged in the process, they needed to be made aware of and have a clear understanding of the process and who to report back to if the process was not working. It was considered that it may be more appropriate for this to be fed into Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, where Members had opportunity to interact and the Interim Lead for SEND and Special Schools agreed to pursue this matter with Councillor R Harris in the new year.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the information contained in the report and presented at the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That the comments and feedback provided by the Board, as referred to above, be noted by Officers, and Board Members be requested to report back to their organisations the work that is being undertaken through the SEND Reform Implementation Improvement Plan and feedback any actions being undertaken by their respective organisations so that they could be incorporated into the plan.
- (3) That an annual update report from the Children and Young People's Alliance Board on progress towards achieving the outcomes within the Plan, be submitted to future meetings of the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **Resolved**

That the order of business be varied and that the agenda items be considered in the order set out in the minutes below.

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### **27 Dudley Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17 and the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards**

The Adult Safeguarding Board's Annual Report was submitted for consideration.

The Chief Officer Adult Social Care presented the report and in doing so referred to the three strategic priorities for 2016/17 and the progress achieved in respect of each priority.

Arising from the presentation and in response to a question raised in respect of the creation and implementation of the Adult MASH, the Chief Officer Adult Social Care confirmed that there had been an increase in demand, which did have an impact on shrinking resources, but working collaboratively with partners did result in cases being dealt with more rapidly and effectively and that the Adult MASH would continue to share experience and learn best practises from the Children's MASH.

## **Resolved**

That the Dudley Safeguarding Adult Board's Annual Report for 2016/17, be noted.

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### **28 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018**

A report of the Pharmaceutical Adviser – Community Pharmacy and Public Health was submitted to ensure identification of current and future pharmaceutical service met the needs for its population and to support NHS England in the commissioning of new or adjustments to pharmaceutical contracts.

In presenting the report, the Pharmaceutical Adviser – Community Pharmacy and Public Health stated that this would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> PNA assessment undertaken by Dudley and would be actionable from April 2018 following a 60 day consultation, subject to the Boards approval, commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 to 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. A copy of the final assessment would be submitted to the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board in March, 2018.

Arising from the presentation of the report, members expressed concern in respect of the increase in distance selling pharmacies and questioned how these were being monitored and policed to ensure that they were providing a safe service. In response the Pharmaceutical Adviser – Community Pharmacy and Public Health confirmed that the governance responsibility would rest with the General Pharmaceutical Council and that distance selling pharmacies could potentially sell to anyone in the UK. Although it was recognised that Dudley had adequate distance selling provisions, we could not prevent an individual from applying to provide this service.

In responding to further concerns raised in respect to the context of a leaflet from a distance selling pharmacy that had been circulated to residents, the Pharmaceutical Adviser – Community Pharmacy and Public Health confirmed that NHS England were aware of the issue.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report for statutory 60-day public consultation, commencing 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 to 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, be approved.
- (2) That the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report, ahead of full publication, be submitted to the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in March 2018 for final approval.

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### **Transforming Care**

The Chief Officer Adult Social Care provided the Board with a verbal update on transforming care for people with learning disabilities and or Autism of all ages, so that more people can live in the Community with the right support.

It was noted that in the Black Country there was currently 80 people in inpatient settings, 13 of which were in Dudley. The Black Country Transforming Care Together partnership would review the key risks of transferring people to the community, ensure that discharges are conducted in a safe and timely manner and that financial resources from inpatient services followed the person.

In responding to a question raised the Chief Officer Adult Social Care stated that the initiative had move forward from last Summer, however there were still fundamental issues with respect to funding and as to what would happen after 2020.

The Director of Commissioning commented that it was a national imperative to reduce the number of beds occupied and that there were now no beds utilised at Ridge Hill.

### **Resolved**

- That the verbal update provided, be noted.
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30 **Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19**

A joint Report of the Chief Officer Adult Social Care and the Director of Commissioning was submitted to provide assurance over the approval and delivery of the Dudley Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19.

In presenting the report the Director of Commissioning commented positively on the latest performance data, however it was recognised that delayed transfer of care remained above local and national expectation.

In referring to paragraph 14 of the report submitted, the Chief Officer Adult Social Care stated that at the time of writing the report the risk aspect was higher, but performance data in respect of transfer of care had made a slight improvement and Dudley was currently no longer at risk, but would be constantly evaluated.

**Resolved**

That the report in respect of Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19 and assurances provided, be noted.

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31 **Questions from the Public**

No issues were raised.

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32 **Date of Future Meeting**

Noted.

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33 **Comments by the Chair**

In concluding the meeting, the Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

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The meeting ended at 5.35pm

CHAIR