

Minutes of the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board

Thursday 22nd March, 2018 at 4.00 pm
at DY1, Dudley

Present:

Councillor P Miller (Chair)
Councillors J Baines, N Barlow, and A Millward; S Ball (West Midlands Fire Service), J Boyes (Communications and Public Affairs Officer – CAPA), P Bradbury (Chair of Healthwatch Dudley), N Bucktin (Director of Commissioning – CCG), J Emery (Healthwatch Dudley), Chief Superintendent Fisher (West Midlands Police), A Gray (Dudley CVS CEO), D Harkins (Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing), S Hayward (Head of Community Safety), K Jackson (Head of Healthy Communities and Place) L Murphy (Independent Safeguarding Board Chairperson), and J Simmonds (Service Manager, Strategic Partnerships)

Also in attendance:

J Akhtar – (Vaccines Implementation Lead – MSD)

34 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor R Harris, M Bowsher and S Brookes.

35 **Declarations of Interest**

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

36 **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 13th December, 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed.

(a) Safe and Sound Board

A joint report of Chief Superintendent R Fisher (Chair Safe and Sound) and Head of Community Safety was submitted providing the Board with an overview of the work of Safe and Sound.

In presenting the report, Chief Superintendent Fisher highlighted the 'big ticket issues' as set out in the report, these being the core aspects of the safe and sound review:

- Reducing Reoffending and Reducing Repeat Victimisation – looking at the offender and victim aspects of reducing crime.
- Community Cohesion (including prevent, channel and hate crime) making sure that processes were in place to monitor community tensions and putting in place any reparity measures to tackle this.
- Substance misuse – one of the biggest drivers for crime; 48% of all crime that was committed was carried out by somebody who was a substance abuser, need to find ways to tackle this issue jointly with Public Health.
- Mental health – challenges this brings for people with vulnerabilities.
- Domestic violence and domestic abuse – recognising the key locations and understanding aspects and the impact of such things as new legislation.
- Reducing Violent Crime – West Midlands Police main force priority, violence now considered a health problem rather than a police and crime problem in terms of the economic cost to society in relation to hospital admissions, treatment, long-term mental health impacts for the victims. Lot of work undertaken on looking at hotspots and locations to implement location base changes to resolve the problems, tightening partnerships with Licensing.
- Road Traffic and Transport – looking at measures that can be put in place to reduce the Borough's high number of fatal or serious road traffic collisions in partnership with other agencies.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – requirement in relation to community trigger, undertaking environmental design reviews, delivered through Sub-groups ie: Rogue Landlords, Substance Misuse Group, etc looking into their specific area which is then considered by the Safe and Sound Board to ensure that the actions that are being put in place are delivering what will want them to do.

Concluding, Chief Superintendent Fisher reported that Dudley remained the safest Borough within the West Midlands to live for crimes per 1000 head of population and the second safest Borough of most similar groups nationally and the force would continue to strive to maintain this position. An update was then given on the good work of the Rogue Landlord Group and changes relating to funding.

In response to a question raised by the Chair in relation to the working relationship of the Police force and Elected Members, it was acknowledged that communication could always be improved to see local teams more engaged with their local councillors to assist them in understand what was required, what was already being done, the challenges to delivery and the expectation on what the police can legally deliver, taking into account the reductions to budgets and resources. The need to encourage the public to become more engaged in issues affecting their local areas was also noted.

In response to a question raised, a discussion ensued in relation to child and adult exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery and the Head of Community Safety suggested that an A4 briefing sheet be produced for Board Members which would include links on how to report concerns. Future work planned around awareness of modern slavery was also reported and it was noted that a policy would be submitted to a future Council Cabinet meeting.

Resolved

- (1) That the report submitted providing the Board with an overview of the work of Safe and Sound and comments raised at the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That, the Head of Community Safety produce a briefing sheet for Board members to include links on how to report concerns relating to child/adult exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery.

(b) Adults Alliance

A report of the Interim Strategic Director for People Services was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Adults Alliance.

The Service Manager, Strategic Partnerships presented the report and in doing so referred specifically to the development of a new relationship and dialogue with the communities to ensure full engagement with them and voluntary groups, by identifying from their point of view, the priorities that the Adult Alliance should be focusing on. This would result in Adults Alliance becoming more of a network rather than a traditional Board that the community could dip in and out of depending on the particular topic areas being addressed. The significant organisational development challenges across the partner organisations to filter down to staff the changes to the way they would need to work with communities in the future, was acknowledged. It was noted that a report would be produced in April and a big event for the community and staff would be held towards the end of April. From the feedback received in April, the Adults Alliance would build in the Health and Wellbeing Board's goal of reducing loneliness and isolation in its process and structures.

Arising from the presentation, the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing referring to loneliness and isolation, reported that as a result of the work that had been undertaken so far, it was noted that people had expressed that they want to get out of their homes and that this would challenge the traditional approach of how services were delivered in the community, which often involved home visits.

In relation to services already available out in the community, Members commented on the need to provide effective signposting as it was believed that many people are isolated because they are unaware of the services that are already available for them out in the community. It was also important to remember that information still needed to be available in paper format as not all local residents have access to computers and when designing directories/websites, information needed to be user friendly.

A discussion ensued in relation to information sharing through community networks and the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing referred to a piece of work that was being undertaken with partners in relation to integrating the different directories publicising what was out in the community and the Project Group would be looking to producing a single system providing information on what was available in Dudley that could be accessed on any mobile device. It was noted that a big engagement event would be held in the community to promote the sharing of information through friends to assist them in leaving their homes and engage in activities being held in their community. In this regard, reference was then made to the 250 plus 'Community Champions' that would be situated in GP surgeries, pharmacies, churches, ect, that would be trained to become the first point of contact for the community to provide information on services that were available.

Resolved

That, the report submitted on the progress made on Adults Alliance and the comments made at the meeting, be noted.

(c) Children and Young People's Alliance

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, Dudley Council for Voluntary Services (DCVS), on the progress made on the Children and Young People's Alliance Board.

In presenting the report, the Chief Executive DCVS commented that he had intended to present to the Board, a short video involving young people in different settings, representing the young voice of the child and explaining how they had managed to become engaged, participate and get involved with decision making. However, due to technical difficulties he was unable to show the video so he would circulate a copy to the Board and encouraged members to view the footage.

In focusing on the big ticket issues, as set out in the report, particular reference was made to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's) which the Board wished to explore further and Chief Superintendent Fisher was invited to report on the issues of ACE's and their impact on children and young people.

It was reported that research had shown that children who were exposed to four or more ACE's, such as substance misuse, domestic violence, physical or sexual abuse, ect, in the home, were more likely to experience a poor education, become homeless in the future, become a substance misuser, suffer from poor health/early death, or become victims or perpetrators of violence or crime, as opposed to children who were not exposed to adverse experiences. It was acknowledged that there was an urgent need to identify children likely to experience ACE's at the earliest possible stage so that strategies or interventions could be put in place.

A short discussion ensued and it was reported that the Board had previously explored this issue and two strands of work the Board now needed to focus on were preventing the adversities happening to the child/young person in the first instance and increasing resilience in the child, family, school and community to avoid them becoming effected in later life and it was acknowledged that focus on these issues should cut across all agencies and partnerships.

Concluding, the Chief Executive, Dudley CVS, referred to the key asks of the Board/wider system, as set out in the report, and in this regard reference was made to apprenticeships and the need to develop and prioritise opportunities for young people to participate in community activities.

Arising from the presentation, Members raised concerns that the issue of encouraging young people to attend and become a voice on decision making committees had been raised many times previously and, in reply, it was noted that a pilot programme was being undertaken to train 20 young people in the borough to become 'Young Commissioners' and represent the voice of the young person on committees to engage with the decision making process. It was acknowledged that it was crucial to listen to the views of the young people who attend, rather than the system tell them what they need.

Resolved

That the contents of the report submitted and the comments made at the meeting, be noted.

(d) Reflection on Progress and Strategic Issues

Referring to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Executive group and in response to the reports that had just been presented to this Board by the three partnership groups that sat under the Health and Wellbeing Board, it was acknowledged that cross-cutting themes had been identified and the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing asked the Board to comment on how they wished further discussions on the themes identified be held.

After a short discussion, in which it was acknowledged that these key issues needed to be explored further across the system, it was agreed that once a year, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the three Alliances and other health, wellbeing and care partners, be invited to attend a meeting to explore the key issues in more detail and more importantly, agree actions to be taken.

In reply to a concern raised in relation to the need to engage with the education sector, the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing reported that she had been given the opportunity to attend some Headteacher Forums to listen to how schools wanted to be involved in this agenda and it was agreed that feedback on outcomes from the Forums would be presented to future meetings of this Board. A Member suggested involving the Governing Bodies of Schools and Colleges with regards to increasing engagement and it was acknowledged that a different approach to the traditional approach was required to strengthen the engagement with this sector.

Resolved

- (1) That, the verbal update and comments received at the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That an annual meeting be held of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the three alliances and other agencies/services/health and care partners, to explore identified key issues and agree actions to be taken.

(e) West Midlands Combined Authority – Wellbeing Board Progress Report

The Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing gave a verbal update on the work programme overseen by the WMCA Wellbeing Board and informed this Board that a Board development session was planned in April to discuss the Combined Authority and the STP and it was noted that the New Director of Public Reform at the Combined Authority would be attending. It was also hoped that a representative of the STP would also attend.

In presenting the report, particular reference was made to the report attached from the WMCA Wellbeing Board requesting feedback from this Board on the specific requests stated in the report which included how we work together to improve physical activities for people with disabilities. It was suggested that feedback be sent to the Deputy Director of Public Health to comment back to the Combined Authority.

The Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing commented that she chaired a group that looked at health and planning across the region and they had been asked by Henry Kippin and an officer in charge of Housing, to assist in putting together a set of principles, that would be used in Housing development to maximise wellbeing. It was reported that the group had so far identified the following four principles:

1. Age friendly and dementia friendly design.
2. Access to green space.
3. Designing in social connectedness/communal spaces.
4. Designing for physical activity, good public transport, separating pedestrians/cyclist from cars.

In response to the request for any further suggestions, it was suggested that healthy hubs be included on green space to increase physical activity; access to local amenities/primary care and schools be considered; the question of funding maintenance be raised and how the Combined Authority could influence existing provisions to prevent inequality. In response to a question raised in relation to who the Dudley representative was to contact with any suggestions, the Chief Officer Health and Wellbeing replied that this information would be made available before the development session.

Resolved

- (1) That the information received on the progress of the WMCA Wellbeing Board, be noted
- (2) That, any further feedback on the issues requested in the report, be sent to the Deputy Director of Public Health to comment back to the WMCA Wellbeing Board.

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Governance

(a) Better Care Fund

A joint report of the Interim Strategic Director People's Services and the Director of Commissioning Dudley CCG was submitted providing an update on the status and performance of the Dudley Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19.

In presenting the report, the Director of Commissioning Dudley CCG reported that evidence had shown that, over the last quarter, performance had improved as there had been a significant reduction in emergency admissions to Russell's Hall Hospital and Delayed Transfers of Care had reduced to below the target level for the first time in December 2017. It was thought that one key influence on this had been the availability of the improved Better Care Fund grant and work was now being undertaken on evaluating the schemes that had been funded by the grant to see if it was possible to continue to fund them. It was noted that the Integrating Commissioning Executive had also started an evaluation process which would be concluded by early Summer and it was envisaged that some recommendations would be available early Autumn.

Members expressed thanks to the staff of Dudley's Adult Social Care and CCG staff for the outstanding work they had achieved at Russel's Hall during a very challenging time and it is hoped that neighbouring authorities would also improve to reduce the impact on Dudley.

Resolved

- (1) That, the report submitted on the status and performance of the Dudley Integration and Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19, be noted.

(b) MCP Procurement Progress

The Board considered a report of the Director of Commissioning – CCG advising them of progress made with the MCP procurement process. It was reported that the dialogue stage of the process was now nearing completion and invitations would be sent tomorrow to submit final tenders by the submission date of 23/24th April. Once evaluated, the bids would then go to a meeting of both the CCG Board and the Council Cabinet on 19th June where both bodies would separately agree the preferred bidder. It was envisaged that a contract would be operational 1st April 2019, however reference was then made to the legal and regulatory processes, as set out on page 42 of the report submitted, that could delay the proposed service. It was noted, however, that the local process would continue as originally planned.

Concluding, the Director of Commissioning – CCG reported on the positive outcome of a recent meeting with NHS England and NHS Improvement, noting that further meetings would be held to try to assist Dudley in meeting the April 2019 deadline.

Resolved

That, the progress with the MCP Procurement process, be noted.

(c) Transforming Care for People with Learning Disabilities

A report of the Interim Strategic Director for People Services was submitted to appraise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the engagement strategy for the new community model of support for people with learning disabilities or autism and to ask the Board for any further recommendations or suggestions to ensure full and robust consultation.

The engagement plan, attached as Appendix A to the report submitted, was highlighted and it was noted that a substantial amount of work had been undertaken to produce an agreed model of care. It was noted that, as a result of the Winterbourne View scandal, hospitals were required to reduce the use of assessment and treatment facilities and move towards a more community based model of care. It was acknowledged that Dudley have a small number of patients in assessment and treatment beds, due to difficulties faced in getting them discharged into suitable care, and it was noted that the Chair of the Transforming Care Programme Board had written to the National Director to express their frustration. Work needed to be undertaken across the Black Country to evaluate how many beds would be required in future, the care model required, and how resources would support this. It was noted that a report would be going to the Black Country CCG Joint Commissioning Committee this afternoon.

Resolved

That, the report and Appendix to the report on the engagement strategy for the new community model of support for people with learning disabilities or autism, be noted.

39 **Immunisation**

In attendance at the meeting was a representative from the pharmaceutical company MSD, who support the national immunisation programme for the shingles vaccine and the Chair invited the representative to address the Board. Mr Akhtar commented that he would be attending a number of public health meetings to raise the awareness of the World Immunisation Week, 23rd-27th April 2017. The aim was to try and encourage more vulnerable adults to take up the available vaccines, to promote social care and prevent hospital admissions as it was reported that vaccine uptake in the West Midlands was declining. It was noted that a number of social media activities were planned around the World Immunisation Week to raise awareness amongst health care professionals and patients.

Arising from the discussion that followed, it was noted that CAPA held a shingles immunisation campaign last year and various immunisation campaigns for adults and children were planned also for this year. Members suggested that the World Immunisation Week also be publicised and suggested that information be sent to the Public Health team to send to Members to publicise this information in their constituents.

40 **Questions from the Public**

No issues were raised.

41 **Questions from Members**

No issues were raised.

42 **Date of Future Meetings**

Noted.

43 **Comments by the Chair**

As this was the last meeting of the municipal year, the Chair thanked all those who had been involved with the Board for their work over the last twelve months.

The meeting ended at 6.00pm

CHAIR