

Slough Wellbeing Board – Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th July, 2016.

Present:- Councillor Hussain, Naveed Ahmed, Mark Gaskarth (deputising for Iain Harrison), Ramesh Kukar, Dr Jim O'Donnell, Krutika Pau, Colin Pill, Alan Sinclair and Superintendent Wong

Apologies for Absence:- Councillor Munawar, Ruth Bagley, Iain Harrison and Les O'Gorman

PART 1

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

2. Election of Chair

Resolved - That Councillor Hussain be elected Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Hussain in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting)

3. Election of Vice-Chair

Resolved - That Naveed Ahmed be elected Vice-Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

4. Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2016

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 2016 be approved as a correct record.

5. Frimley System Sustainability & Transformation Plan

An update was received on the progress that had been made to develop the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for the Frimley footprint. The Council's Director of Adult Social Services commented that good progress had been made jointly between NHS and local authority partners. The Board noted the four priority areas for the STP were as follows:

1. Making a substantial step change to improve wellbeing, increase prevention, self care and early detection;
2. Improve long term conditions outcomes including greater self management and proactive management across all providers for people with single long term conditions;
3. Proactive management of frail patients with multiple complex physical and mental health long term conditions, reducing crises and prolonged hospital stays;

4. Redesigning urgent care, including integrated working and primary care models providing timely care in the most appropriate place;
5. Reducing variation and health inequalities across pathways to improve outcomes and maximise value for citizens across the population, support by evidence.

(Superintendent Wong joined the meeting)

The latest STP had been submitted to NHS England on 30th June 2016 and a feedback session had been held on 15th July. The overall feedback had been positive and had included a focus on tackling health inequalities in places with the greatest challenges such as Slough. The plan could be shared with the Board once it had been through the assurance process and further work would now take place to respond to the issues raised in the feedback and to further define key aspects of the plan including the initiatives, finances and children's services, with relevant commissioners from the CCGs and local authorities to be engaged in this process.

Six initiatives to support delivery of the priorities had been identified across the single plan for the Frimley footprint. It was recognised that populations had different needs and linkages with existing local plans would be explored to maximise impact. There were also opportunities to share good practice from localities across the plan area. The Board welcomed the progress that had been made and agreed to receive an update at the next meeting.

Resolved –

- (a) That the update report on the Frimley STP be noted.
- (b) That the Board receive a further update at the next meeting.

6. Proposals to improve the Board's ways of working including refreshed Terms of Reference

A report was considered setting out proposals to improve the Board's ways of working and revised terms of reference. The purpose was to enable the Board to be more strategic, maximise its influence and set the direction of the partnership.

Naveed Ahmed summarised the proposals of the Task & Finish Group, which were set out in Appendix A to the report. These included streamlined reports and a model agenda with themed discussions on the four key priorities as follows:

1. Increasing life expectancy by focusing on inequalities;
2. Improving mental health and wellbeing;
3. Housing; and
4. Children's safeguarding.

The Board welcomed the recommendations which it considered would be more strategic, focused and balanced on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. A number of specific further suggestions and comments were made which are summarised as follows:

- Adjust meeting timings if necessary to ensure opportunity to follow up and progress check the outcomes of themed discussions.
- Appendix A – Theme 4 should be consistently referred to as “Protecting vulnerable children”. It was suggested re-ordering the priorities to list this priority at the top.
- Appendix A – the Health Scrutiny Panel (HSP) had also agreed to focus on themes at its meetings for the forthcoming year. It was important to link the HSP and SWB programmes together, where appropriate, to reduce any duplication and maximise engagement.
- Appendix A – in addition to “What have we achieved tonight?”, add provision for consideration of “What do we want to achieve at the next meeting?” to provide greater focus for both the Board and report authors.
- Appendix B – Terms of Reference. A gap was identified in Board membership given the new strategic priority for housing and it was proposed to invite the local authority strategic director responsible for housing to join the Board. It was agreed to hold a themed discussion at the next meeting on the housing priority and to consider future representation as part of that discussion.

The new ways of working and terms of reference were agreed, subject to the amendments to reflect the discussion at the meeting. The approach proposed in paragraph 5.3 of the report was also agreed in relation to the Overarching Information Sharing Protocol and the review of the Board’s protocols with Health Scrutiny Panel, Slough Local Safeguarding Children’s Board and Slough Adults Safeguarding Board.

Resolved –

- (a) That the recommendations of the Task & Finish Group to improve the Board’s ways of working, as at Appendix A to the report, be endorsed and implemented.
- (b) That the Council’s Strategic Director of Regeneration, Housing & Resources be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board to discuss the emerging Housing Strategy. Representation of a member with appropriate expertise on housing matters would be reviewed at that meeting.
- (c) That the revised Terms of Reference, as at Appendix B to the report, be approved and recommended to full Council.

7. Refresh of Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020

The Board received an update on the refresh of the Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020 and considered the latest draft as attached at Appendix A to the report.

The four priorities included in the strategy had been chosen as the areas where the partnership could make the biggest difference by working together. It was proposed that the document would be launched at a partnership conference on 22nd September and was intended to be a 'live' document, able to evolve to remain fresh and relevant through to 2020. The strategy would be reviewed annually. The revised partnership arrangements were described, with the Board setting the strategic direction and much of the delivery tasked to the Priority Delivery Groups and other partnerships.

The Board discussed the proposed governance structures and the arrangements for future meetings including the purpose of the themed discussions. In addition to the formal resolutions, the Board discussed and agreed the following points:

- Any specific comments on the draft strategy to be submitted to Dean Tyler before the end of August.
- Partners to assist the Policy Team with invitations to the September Conference, to include appropriate representation from schools and young people.
- Further consideration to be given to the issue of public/community engagement at a later date, both in relation to the work of the Board; the wider delivery of the strategy and activities to promote wellbeing in Slough.

At the conclusion of the discussion, it was agreed to recommend the strategy to full Council.

Recommended –

- (a) That the draft Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020, as at Appendix A to the report, be recommended to full Council, subject to any final textual amendments made by the Head of Policy, Partnerships & Programmes.

Resolved –

- (b) That progress be reviewed annually to ensure the identified priorities were focused on issues to improve the health and wellbeing of residents in Slough.
- (c) That a partnership conference be held in September 2016 to launch the strategy and promote awareness of the wide range of partnerships and agencies operating in Slough.

8. Healthwatch Slough Annual Report 2015/16

The Board received the Healthwatch Annual Report for 2015/16 and Colin Pill summarised the key points. The report set out how Healthwatch Slough had delivered in terms of its statutory responsibilities and its other activities in being an independent champion for consumers and users of health and social care.

Members were informed that the number of interactions Healthwatch Slough was having with local service users was increasing as a result of the extensive engagement activity undertaken. All of the feedback was collated to identify trends and themes that could inform service improvements. A number of reports and factsheets had also been published. The recommissioning process for the service had also started.

Resolved – That the Healthwatch Annual Report 2015/16 be noted.

9. Forward Work Plan

The Board noted the draft work programme and agreed that it should be updated in line with the agreed changes to the ways of working and strategic priorities. The Chair and Vice-Chair would meet with Officers to shape the plan for the rest of the year and it would be reviewed at each meeting.

Resolved – That the work programme be further developed to reflect the agreed changes to the Board's Ways of Working and refreshed Strategy, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.

10. Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2016 -17

An information report was considered that updated the Board on the current position regarding the Better Care Fund.

Resolved – That the information report be noted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 28th September 2016.

Chair

(Note: The Meeting opened at 5.04 pm and closed at 6.50 pm)