

## WIRRAL SHADOW HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held on  
13 March 2013  
Wallasey Town Hall

### Present:

Cllr P. Davies	Leader of Wirral Council (Chair)
Cllr C. Jones	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Public Health
Cllr T. Smith	Portfolio Holder for C&YP Services
Cllr T. Harney	Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Wirral
Ms F. Johnstone	Director of Public Health, Wirral
Mr G. Hodgkinson	Director Adult Social Services, Wirral Council
Mrs J. Webster	Head of Public Health, Wirral Council
Mrs D. Hill	Chair, LINKs
Mr S. Gilby	Chief Executive, NHS Community Trust
Mrs S. Cumiskey	Chief Executive, Cheshire & Wirral Partnership Trust
Mrs A Roberts	Chief Executive, VCAW
Ms J. Hassall	Director, Children's Services
Mr D. Allison	Chief Executive, Wirral University Trust Hospital
Mr A. Cannell	Chief Executive, Clatterbridge Cancer Centre
Dr P. Jennings	Chair, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Consortium
Ms M. Dumma	Director of Commissioning, Area Team WW&C
Dr P. Naylor	Chair, Wirral Health Commissioning Consortium
Mr K. Carbery	Business Manager, Public Health

### Apologies:

Cllr J. Green	Leader of the Conservative Group, Wirral
Dr A. Mantgani	Chief Clinical Officer, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Consortium
Mrs E. Degg	Head of Neighbourhood & Engagement, Wirral Council

### In attendance:

Dr Helen Bromley	Specialty Registrar in Public Health
Mrs T. Woodhouse	Executive Assistant, Public Health

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## **1. Welcome and apologies**

Cllr Phil Davies, as Chair, welcomed the members to the meeting and apologies were duly recorded. The opportunity was taken to introduce and welcome Moira Dumma who will join the group as the NHS England Area Team representative.

## **2. Declarations of interest**

Members were asked to consider whether they had any personal or prejudicial interest in any matters to be considered at the meeting. Annette Roberts declared an interest in Healthwatch. No other declarations were recorded.

## **3. Minutes of the 12 December 2012 Board Meeting**

These were accepted as a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chair.

### **Actions arising from the meeting of 12 December 2012:**

#### **5a) Health & Wellbeing Strategy – Development of a Vision and Values**

Julie Webster to lead the project group and prepare an update for the January development session **(complete)**

#### **5b) Health & Wellbeing Board Strategy Prioritisation Process Update**

Task and finish groups would be established and co-ordinated by Julie Webster. **(complete)**

#### **7b) Alcohol Consultation**

Julie Webster will co-ordinate the Group's response to the alcohol consultation, with a draft response ready for discussion at the January 2013 development session. **(complete)**

#### **8a) Membership**

The membership would be amended to reflect the changes discussed and agreed. **(complete)**

## **4. Revised Terms of Reference / Memorandum of Understanding (for approval)**

Julie Webster advised that following discussions at the January development session, comments on the Terms of Reference / Memorandum of Understanding, had been received from Moira Dumma, David Allison and Cllr Jeff Green as follows:

Moira Dumma wanted to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable in society would be met and requested that this be made more explicit in the document. This was noted.

David Allison commented on the issue of Governance and the implied expectation that any issue/actions agreed at the H&WB Board would be taken back to respective organisations and acted upon. Perhaps a better option would be to have the various strategies in alignment. He was of the opinion that decisions taken at meetings of the the H&WB Board cannot be imposed on respective organisations.

This point was noted.

Julie Webster advised that Cllr Green had commented on the section around Vision. He would like to see reference to the increase in the wellbeing of communities on Wirral before tackling the health inequalities. Cllr Phil Davies acknowledged this but said that both were of equal importance as this is one coherent strategy. Fiona Johnstone commented that it was a useful point to consider as a Board when decisions are to be taken.

**It was resolved** that the document be amended to reflect comments from members.

Action: Julie Webster

## **5. Health & Wellbeing Strategy (Draft for approval)**

The members received a presentation from Helen Bromley on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy following the prioritisation process and task force work.

Comments from members on the strategy were as follows:

- Is there a place for case studies and pilot studies as well as looking at the quantitative and qualitative data?
- Good to see health inequalities featured but would like the issues around alcohol and the growing evidence to support Minimum Unit pricing reinforced.
- The growing concerns surrounding the increase in the elderly population and how their needs can be met should be highlighted.
- The urgent care system in terms of the ability to respond to the situation.
- Good to see that the WCCG Strategic Plan is broadly in line with the H&WB Strategy and indicates that the JSNA has been used.
- Big issue is how to cut down on emergency hospital admissions. How can things be done differently?
- How do we work with other agencies to avoid the increase in social isolation
- Challenge is how do we deliver

In responding to comments from members Julie Webster said the strategy is an overview of the action areas for the borough and illustrates an emerging partnership working on health and wellbeing issues on the Wirral. It is hoped that this Strategy is the catalyst for all agencies to work together to deliver for the people of Wirral.

Cllr Phil Davies enquired if there was a way of measuring where we are now and by how much do we need to improve.

Fiona Johnstone advised that the next step would be to articulate the actions and in acknowledging the comment made earlier by Cllr Harney it is important to understand people's experience and not solely use the data. There is the need to focus on these important issues together and think about how we performance manage our actions.

The Strategy was agreed in principle and amendments/comments would be incorporated into the final draft and sent by email to Members.

**It was resolved that:** Julie Webster will amend the Strategy based on the comments received and email the final draft to members.

Cllr Phil Davies thanked Helen Bromley, Tony Kinsella and Julia Webster for their work in producing the document.

## **6. Proposal for the Development of a Food Plan for the Borough.**

Julie Webster presented a paper outlining a proposal for the development of a Food Plan for Wirral. The proposal advocates a broader perspective to food issues linking health, health inequalities, the local environment and local economy; focusing on addressing 'upstream' causes rather than issue led responses and treatment services.

The Board was asked to consider this proposal and endorse the development of a Plan sponsored by all Board representatives. In taking forward the principles of this Plan, a consultation event is proposed to engage with a wide range of stakeholders from across Wirral working with neighbourhoods to identify gaps and action tailored to local communities.

**It was resolved** that the Plan be adopted.

## **7. Update**

### **Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral National Commissioning Board Area Team**

Moira Dumma advised that she had been appointed as Director of Area Team from 1 April 2013 and that the Area Team reported into NHS England previously called the National Commissioning Board (NCB). The Area Team will be a direct commissioner for Primary Care Services across Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral and Specialist Services across the North West. She also advised that the Clinical Commissioning Groups will assume responsibility for Commissioning community and Secondary Care Services.

Discussions will be held with all parties in the patch in an effort to provide care across the Northwest and work within the single operational model of NHS England. The members were further advised that all CCGs have now been authorised (some with conditions attached) and the Area Teams will be working very closely with CCG colleagues and will also have an assurance role to ensure delivery of services. It was further advised that this is a developing business working with all partners across the patch

Cllr Phil Davies enquired how decisions are arrived at with regard to the services being commissioned.

Moira Dumma advised that commissioning is undertaken on the needs of the local population together with the needs identified across the Northwest. The NCB is moving to commissioning against a Standards Framework that is understood by all and also to ensure commissioning is equitable across the country.

Cllr Smith stated that Wirral's priorities are known and how would this be delivered locally.

Moira Dumma advised that the Constitution sets out the legal duties for all commissioners and if there are priorities agreed by the H&WB Board then the CCG and Area Team will discuss these needs/priorities.

### **8. Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group – Strategic Plan**

Dr Phil Jennings, Chair Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (WCCG) presented the Strategic Plan for the period 2013 - 2016. This document sets out the vision for the future of health and health care in Wirral and has been produced in line with the CCG authorisation process. It is currently out for consultation and has been developed using data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and stakeholder engagement.

The Plan identifies 11 key strategic priorities. These build on and represent the commitment to the NHS Constitution and the NHS Outcomes Framework (*Everyone Counts*) and reflect the group's continuing commitment to local service improvement to meet local priorities and needs. The document also aims to provide a comprehensive statement of direction and intent for Wirral CCG and to highlight the priorities of service improvement which will require a detailed programme of investment and disinvestment to support service transition. The document also references the structure of the WCCG, the population it serves and also areas of responsibility.

Fiona Johnstone, Director of Public Health, Wirral, was pleased to note that the Plan makes reference to the prevention agenda.

It was also acknowledged that in Section 7 the Strategy emphasises partnership working and the need to connect with other agencies and this was welcomed by the group. In response to a question from the floor around safeguarding, it was stated that responsibility for safeguarding lies with the CCG in all services that will be commissioned.

Dr Jennings also advised of an initiative being developed locally and with the aid of modern technology that will offer a link to accessing health related services to the people of Wirral. However it was also recognised that a section of the community do not have access to technology but that this initiative was an additional aid being made available.

The Board was asked to note the NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group Strategic Plan for the period 2013-2016.

The document was noted and in summary Councillor Phil Davies, on behalf of the Board, thanked Dr Jennings and also encouraged members to respond to the consultation exercise.

### **9. Wirral Borough Council – Corporate Plan**

The Corporate Plan 2013-16 sets the strategic vision and priorities for the Council. The work of the Council as described in the Corporate Plan contributes to the wider

health and wellbeing of the Borough, and has been informed by a public consultation exercise which reached c. 7000 local people. . Cllr Davies asked all members to note the importance of having a consistent approach around the key drivers to deliver the health and wellbeing agenda from all areas, i.e. WCCG, Children and Young People's Strategy, Health & Wellbeing Strategy, etc.

Cllr Phil Davies asked the Board to note the Plan that had been adopted by full Council on 5 March 2013.

The Plan was noted.

#### **10. Children and Young People's Directorate – Preventive Services Review**

The members received the presentation from Julia Hassall being a summary on a new approach around the service. The direction of travel was supported and noted.

#### **11. Update on the Development of Healthwatch**

Graham Hodgkinson advised the members that the development of Wirral Healthwatch is a statutory requirement. A decision on the future organisational model is now required to enable Healthwatch to be established on Wirral from April 2013.

The paper presented to the Board was to inform and assure the H&WB Board that the development is advanced and of the most appropriate model for a successful Wirral Healthwatch organisation. The paper would be submitted to Cabinet with a request to agree to build upon the legacy of Voluntary Community Action Wirral in partnership with LINK and to use this experience to develop Wirral Healthwatch as a subsidiary company of Voluntary Community Action Wirral, as this would be the most suitable model for Wirral.

The paper was noted.

In response to a question as to who would be the representative for Healthwatch, Annette Roberts advised that she would notify details in due course.

#### **12. For Information : Spotlight on Series**

Julie Webster reminded members that Cormac Russell would be visiting in May to deliver a Masterclass on Asset Based Community Development. This would be held on 16 May in the Floral Pavillion,

#### **13. Date of Next Board Meeting**

The next Formal Board meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 July 2013 at 4.00 pm in Wallasey Town Hall.