

At a meeting of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board held on 17 July 2014.

Present:

Sue Braysher	Peter Catchpole	Marie Dodd
Christine Field (Chairman)	Diane Henderson	Alan Kennedy
Nigel Lynn	Minesh Patel	Martin Pearson
Amanda Rogers	Frances Russell	Christopher Snowling
Andrew Williamson	Judith Wright	

Apologies:

Katie Armstrong	Peter Evans	Kevin Peers
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Chairman's Welcome

20. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting including Colm Donaghy the new Chief Executive of the NHS Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust.

Declaration of Interests

21. There were no declarations of interest.

Urgent Matters

22. The Chairman reported receipt of two letters from the Department of Health (DoH) explaining that the Board would be required to propose its own performance fund based on a guideline level of reduction of emergency admissions of 3.5% and that the exact level would depend on the Clinical Commissioning Groups' plans. The correspondence also explained that the Board's submitted plan now required additional financial data around metrics, planned spend and projected savings and that detailed guidance on what was required and what implications it would have for the Better Care Fund (BCF) planning process would be supplied in the near future by a newly created national BCF Programme Team.

23. The Chairman proposed that the Joint Commissioning Strategy Group (JCSG) take the lead on providing the required information and report back to the Board as appropriate.

24. Resolved that the JCSG would consider and take action on the issues encompassed in the recent correspondence from the DoH and report back to the Board as appropriate.

Minutes

25. Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Mental Health in West Sussex

26. The Chairman acknowledged all partners in attendance at the meeting to present reports on this item and thanked them for making the time to take part. The Chairman asked the Board to consider how it could make a difference to help deliver and maintain good mental health in the West Sussex population, to identify multi-agency needs to support this and how it could help to ensure parity of esteem between mental and physical health needs in the development of services.

Dementia

27. Members received presentations on mental health and dementia from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Team, Healthwatch West Sussex, the County Council and Alzheimer's Society; on Dementia Friendly Crawley and Dementia Friendly Communities; on the Joint Dementia Framework 2014-19 and on service users from representatives of Carer's Support. (Copies of presentations and reports appended to the [agenda papers](#)).

28. In the discussions that followed members of the Board highlighted the importance of:

- agreeing priorities and ensuring consistency of good service provision for those living with dementia across the County
- good residential care for those in advanced stage of dementia
- the dementia prevention agenda
- addressing loneliness and depression in older people
- increasing the understanding of the services available
- supporting people with dementia to live well in the community
- the value of carers and importance of supporting their health and wellbeing
- working to ensure NHS 111 is able to address mental health needs
- insight engendered by work to establish Dementia Friendly communities
- improving systems of urgent care support
- addressing the contractual issues of ensuring compatible data sharing and information systems
- joining up all the good work that is going on and avoiding fragmentation
- Addressing people's prejudices and fears about dementia
- Creating community resilience

29. The Chairman thanked participants for their input and urged members of the Board to consider becoming Dementia Friends and champions for mental health.

30. Resolved that:

The Board noted the areas highlighted and agreed to prioritise these in line with its person-centred, coordinated and integrated approach outlined in the Joint Dementia Framework.

Adult Functional Mental Health

31. The Board received presentations on Functional Mental Health from representatives of the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust, WSCC Mental Health Commissioning, Coastal West Sussex Mind and the Capital Project. (Copies appended to the [agenda papers](#)).

32. In the discussions that followed members of the Board highlighted the importance of:

- 24/7 services, and particularly appropriate out of hours services that to reduce reliance on A&E facilities
- addressing perceived stigma around mental illnesses
- improving data and information sharing processes and ensuring these were integrated across health and social care and other sectors such as education and Police
- addressing isolation and loneliness in older people and giving support for services to improve general wellbeing
- support for people who do not have informal carers
- support for people who cannot afford to buy care
- improving information on how to access services, including through a single point of access
- consistency and understanding around the primary care mental health referral process and the need for an agreed definition of what constitutes an urgent referral
- clearer, louder patient voices to inform service improvement
- a whole-person approach
- parity of esteem between physical and mental health
- joining gaps, not filling them, not making the landscape more complex
- addressing the lack of mental health service provision in the north of the county
- the key role of the Board in addressing the wider determinants of mental health (e.g. housing, employment, physical health, caring responsibilities) and ensuring a more co-ordinated approach
- taking an innovative approach to service delivery
- the need for better education in schools regarding mental health
- addressing concerns raised by service user organisations regarding the availability of in-patient mental health services

33. Resolved that the Board undertook to ensure the areas highlighted were reflected in its commissioning intentions to be considered in early 2015.

34. The Chairman thanked members and those attending for their input to the discussions and drew attention to the recent Prime Minister's Challenge which encouraged Health and Wellbeing Boards to sign up to the [Carer's Call to Action](#). The Chairman acknowledged comments already made on the importance of carers as essential partners in care and highlighted the aims of the initiative.

35. Resolved that the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to sign up to the Carer's Call to Action.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Update

36. The Board received a verbal update from the Principle Manager of the Public Health Unit on the work underway to refresh the JSNA. The responses received following the recent call for evidence were currently being analysed and collated and a summary would be available on the JSNA website in due course.

Board Communication and Engagement Update

37. The Chairman introduced Senior Adviser, Helen Kenny to give an update on progress towards a Communication and Engagement Framework for the Board. (Copy appended to the [agenda papers](#)). The Board noted that its Communications Network had been established, a further newsletter had been published and members invited to give feedback and content for that, and that a blog was soon to be launched for the Chairman for which input was also invited. The Board also noted that a web based Knowledge Hub would soon be available for HWB members to enable them to access and share information.

38. The Board noted that plans for a stakeholder event to gather information to feed into the refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy would be held on 08 September (Post Meeting Note: This will be held at the Charis Centre in Crawley) from 1.30pm with a further informal meeting for Board Members to be held (prior to the formal meeting) on the morning of 16 October starting at 9.30am.

Meeting Dates 2014/15

39. The Chairman reminded Members that the next formal meeting of the Board would be held at 2pm on 16 October at County Hall in Chichester.

The meeting closed at 4.35pm.