

4 February 2015**Agenda Item: 8****REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD****CHAIR'S REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide members with information on issues relevant to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Information and Advice**Care Act**

1. The Board had previously noted the increased burden resulting from the implementation of the Care Act and a letter was sent on behalf of the Board to Norman Lamb to highlight this.

A response has been received from the Department of Health which recognises the scales of the challenge that the Act presents. It outlines plans to support Councils to understand the financial implications of the Act, how the Department of Health is exploring central funding allocations to cover the new burdens and potential support products which will be available shortly.

Urgent Care

2. There has been significant coverage of the pressures on urgent care both locally and nationally, with all the local acute trusts failing to meet the 4 hour target. Plans are in place to address this and are being monitored by system resilience groups (or equivalent forum) in Bassetlaw, Mid and South Nottinghamshire. Given the likely impact on all parties, it is proposed that the Board receive a report at the next meeting to outline the local position and actions.

Health and Wellbeing Board Peer Review

3. The Health & Wellbeing Board Peer Review is being held between 3-6 February 2015 to coincide with this meeting. Board members are invited to attend the initial feedback session on **Friday 6 February 2015** at 2pm in the Civic Suite at County Hall.

For further information contact Nicola Lane, Public Health Manager, email: nicola.lane@nottscc.gov.uk tel: 0115 977 2130

Services for the deaf community

4. Nottinghamshire County Council has signed the British Sign language charter, making a public pledge to improve access to services for the deaf community.

Signing the pledge commits the council to five key pledges aimed at improving the rights of deaf people including:

- ensuring access for deaf people to information and services
- promoting learning and high quality teaching of British Sign Language
- supporting deaf children and families
- ensuring staff working with deaf people can communicate effectively in British Sign Language
- consulting with the local deaf community on a regular basis.

In 2009/10 there were around 970 deaf adults in Nottinghamshire and from the 2011 census, approximately 300 county residents identified British Sign Language as their primary language.

Board members are asked to consider raising the Charter within their own organisation to support an improvement in access to public services across the county.

For further information please contact Nigel Walker, Commissioning Officer tel: 0115 977 4016 email: nigel.walker@nottscc.gov.uk

Integrated Care Pioneers

5. The Integrated Care Pioneer scheme is a NHS England programme with the aim of supporting health and social care services to work together to provide better support at home and earlier treatment in the community to prevent people needing urgent care in hospital or in care homes, with a focus on innovative and transformational approaches to care delivery. The Health and Wellbeing Board previously submitted an application to the first wave of integration pioneers in June 2013 but was unsuccessful.

NHS England wrote to all Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) in November requesting applications from areas interested in becoming Wave Two Integrated Pioneers, with up to ten areas joining the existing Wave One pioneers. The programme provides the opportunity to be at the forefront of delivering integrated care for the population using innovative models of commissioning and service delivery. Tailored support from among forty partner organisations to help deliver plans.

An application setting out the Nottinghamshire County wide plans for integration was submitted on 10 December 2014, with final recommendations to be agreed by NHS England by 21 January 2015 and a formal announcement due on 27 January 2015. Five CCGs supported the Nottinghamshire application, covering the planning units of Mid and South Nottinghamshire, alongside Nottinghamshire County Council.

For more information contact Sarah Fleming, Better Care Fund Programme Manager tel: 0115 9932564 email: sarah.fleming@mansfieldanddashfieldccg.nhs.uk

Health and Wellbeing Board Meetings

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board has been operating since 2011. Since this time there has been an increasing remit for Health and Wellbeing Boards as a result of national policy. Alongside continued communication and engagement, this has resulted in an increased work programme for the Board, which has become more difficult to manage through bimonthly meetings. Members are all aware of the impact of this on the time available to look at agenda items as well as the length of the Board meetings.

In order to better manage the agenda it is proposed that the Board moves to monthly meetings, rather than alternate formal meetings and workshops. If supported, this would be effective from June 2015. Stakeholder network events will still be held up to 5 times per year to provide development opportunities and partner engagement. Board members will be asked for their views on the proposed annual programme.

Health and Wellbeing Board Stakeholder Network

7. The Stakeholder Network event will take place on Tuesday 24 February 2015 between 6.30pm and 8.30pm at County Hall. It will focus on cancer. Invitations have been sent to Board members and wider stakeholders.

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Health & Wellbeing Board development (Lakeside Part 2)

8. Many members of the Board were involved in a session held last December 2013, to assist the development of the Better Care Fund at the Lakeside, Nottingham. This session explored issues beyond the Better Care Fund and highlighted the need to work together. It was extremely useful at promoting a common approach, allowing proper engagement with colleagues, especially from the Acute & Mental Health Hospital provider Trusts.

It is proposed that a similar session be held in April 2015, to allow the Board an opportunity to consider its role and progress around the Better Care Fund. It will also allow the Board and its partners to consider the results of the forthcoming Peer Review and look at how we work together in a positive manner.

The session is likely to be held on 29 April 2015. Board members are asked to hold this date in their diaries.

For further information please contact Cathy Quinn, Associate Director of Public Health tel: 0115 977 2882 or email: cathy.quinn@nottscg.gov.uk

Health and Wellbeing Board logo

9. A logo for the Board has been devised and is attached as Appendix 1. The logo will be used on all appropriate business of the Health & Wellbeing Board following this meeting.

Update on policy and guidance

There have been a number of policies and guidance documents issued which are aimed at health and wellbeing boards. The following is a summary of those which may be of interest to Board members:

10. [Planning for the Better Care Fund](#)

National Audit Office

This report by the National Audit Office accounts how government departments devised, amended and assured planning for the Better Care Fund (BCF).

11. **Planning for the Better Care Fund**

Local Government Information Unit Policy Briefing

Briefing by the LGiU on the National Audit Office report on planning for the Better Care Fund attached as Appendix 2.

12. [Carers strategy: second national action plan 2014-16](#)

This update to the national carers strategy provides an overview of achievements since the last update in 2010 and sets out key actions for the next two years. Major progress in identifying and supporting carers is being brought about by the Care Act and the Children and Families Act. The update encourages local areas to refresh their local carer strategies to ensure all partners are signed up to the latest developments.

13. [Integrated care: how to comply with Monitor's requirements](#)

Monitor has updated previous guidance published in July 2014. It aims to assist providers and commissioners of healthcare services, and health and wellbeing boards to comply with their integrated care obligations. It also explains the relationship between these obligations and the other rules that Monitor enforces.

14. [Healthwatch survey: 2015 health and care issues](#)

Results from a survey of local Healthwatch conducted during November and December 2014 have found that getting an appointment with a GP is the number one priority for the NHS to address over the next year. Other key issues were for a greater focus around discharge planning and ensuring people are properly engaged and involved in discussions around changes to local services.

15. [Manifesto for Community Pharmacy](#)

Pharmacy Voice, Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC) and the Independent Pharmacy Federation (IPF).

The Manifesto has been launched calling for politicians to champion community pharmacy and sign up to five key pledges.

- Encourage patients to think 'pharmacy first', and use pharmacy to help relieve pressure on GPs and emergency departments
- Improve patient choice and healthcare by making it easier to commission pharmacy services and backing more national services
- Help improve the public's health, recognising the accessibility and support community pharmacy can provide
- Enable patients, especially those with long term conditions, to get more from their medicines through better use of community pharmacy
- Help pharmacies to get access to the records, information and support they need to provide more effective and safer care to patients.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the report be noted.

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Chairman of Health and Wellbeing Board

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Constitutional Comments

14. This report is for noting only.

Financial Comments

15. There are no financial implications contained within the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All