

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary 3 February 2016

The Board meeting was held at Beeston Town Hall.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Steve Edwards gave the Board an [overview of CSE in Nottinghamshire](#). The safety of children using the internet is now a huge concern both locally & nationally & Steve gave examples of recent cases where children had been groomed by men on the internet & in person.

There has been local action jointly with Barnardo's, Childline & the NSPCC through schools & with parents using [e-learning](#) & other face to face training but there will always be more work to do. Many of the characteristics of child sexual exploitation are also common to other issues such as radicalisation, cyber bullying & sexting.

The most powerful way to identify children at risk is through their friends so there is work going on to educate children and give them the confidence to raise concerns with adults through schools, including local academies.

Board members welcomed the report but agree that work must continue. They raised concerns about how professionals & other adults were supported when they had to deal with cases of CSE. Board members were all encouraged to undertake the [PACE on line training](#).

Healthwatch update

[Healthwatch Nottinghamshire](#) is an independent organisation that helps people get the best from their local health and social care services. Jez Alcock gave Board members an overview of their work recently which is focused on gathering evidence & insight from local people. This is then presented to a prioritization panel to identify current issues.



There is a project looking at dementia care & another one will start soon looking at services for autism. Jez explained that there had been a focus on health services but that Healthwatch were working with social care to improve their evidence base.

Board members welcomed the update & in particular commented on the work looking at opticians services & transport for renal patients. They were keen to see Healthwatch utilize the networks that were already in place & the evidence they could provide, like the CCG patient networks & appointments data & the experience of professionals as well as the public.

The Board suggested that Healthwatch would be well placed to look at how successful the integration of services had been & asked that the prioritization panel consider whether that could be a future work stream.

Connected Nottinghamshire

[Connected Notts](#) was set up in 2013 as part of Productive Notts & it has focussed on information sharing across health and social care to improve the patient experience of services. The programme has 3 priorities which are the comprehensive geriatric assessment, end of life care & urgent & emergency care. It has also been working with health & social care to ensure that patient records used the NHS number as a unique identifier for everyone.

At this meeting:

[Connected Notts](#) – a programme to improve information sharing in health & care

[Child sexual exploitation](#) – what's happening in Nottinghamshire?

[Healthwatch Nottinghamshire](#) – an update on progress

[Mental health crisis care](#) – implementing the Crisis Care Concordat to improve support

[Health protection](#) – arrangements in Nottinghamshire

[Andy Evans described the progress made so far](#) which means that Nottinghamshire is well ahead of similar areas across the country. He described how a digital roadmap was being prepared for submission to the Department of Health in June 2016 to demonstrate how information sharing is being achieved. The roadmap is also being aligned with the transformation plans in south and mid-Nottinghamshire.

Andy assured the Board that Nottinghamshire was on track to deliver the national requirement for the NHS to be 'digital by default' by 2018. Progress in information sharing had been slow at first but there are now real benefits for professionals, patients and carers.

Board members are pleased with the progress made so far but were interested in how awareness of the NHS number system would be publicised & are also keen to continue to improve information sharing between GPs, hospital departments & other partners.

Nottinghamshire Mental Health Crisis Concordat

Karon Glynn gave an [update on how the Crisis Care Concordat](#) was being implemented in Nottinghamshire. The Concordat is a national initiative to improve the support people get during a mental health crisis & help prevent it happening again.

A Nottinghamshire Board has been set up, is chaired by the Police & Crime Commissioner which has developed [an action plan](#) to implement the Concordat in Nottinghamshire. So far this has delivered a [street triage service](#), better response to mental health issues through 111 & better crisis liaison in South Nottinghamshire. As a result more services are aware of mental health issues, there's a better response for people who do reach crisis & there have been fewer detentions under Section 136 – no children were detained in police cells last year.

More work is planned to improve crisis support in mid-Notts & Bassetlaw & to provide support to people with mental health issues, particularly help with housing issues resulting from changes to benefits, will be improved.

The Board were pleased with progress, particularly as mental health has been part of the urgent care vanguard in Greater Nottinghamshire & that there was a real interest in improving mental health support. It was acknowledged that there had been some problems at the end of 2015 but the local peak in demand for services reflected a similar problem across the country. Board members also welcomed the on going work to manage the transition between services for children to adult services.

Health Protection Update

Jonathan Gribbin & Vanessa McGregor presented the report on health protection in Nottinghamshire. Generally arrangements in the County are good but there are still areas where things could be improved. For example cancer screening rates for the county as a whole are good but there are small areas where uptake of screening is poor.

There are plans locally to address areas of risk including a Nottinghamshire plan to address antimicrobial resistance, which will include antibiotic guardians, updating pandemic flu plans, updating the Nottinghamshire Air Quality Strategy, looking at immunisation rates & also the management of small outbreaks of disease which have occasionally been difficult to deal with.

Board members supported the work which has been undertaken by Public Health but there were concerns that the annual flu campaigns were less effective & fewer people were being vaccinated. There was also concern about the implications of funding changes on public health work.

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🕒 **Next meeting 2pm, March 2nd 2016 at County Hall, West Bridgford**