

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary 6 September 2017

Councillor Doddy welcomed Councillor Lydia Ball as the new representative of Broxtowe Borough Council.

SEND Action Plan 2017-19

Jill Norman & Nicole Chavaudra gave the Board an [overview of the strategic action plan for Special Educational Needs &/or Disabilities \(SEND\)](#) in Nottinghamshire. The Plan will bring together all areas for development to improve services locally & has 4 themes: plans and pathways, health, education provision & preparing for adulthood. An accountability Board has been set up to oversee its implementation & the Health & Wellbeing Board will have a role holding organisations to account for delivery.

Board members asked about the thresholds for support & about alternative help where the thresholds aren't met. They also asked about returning children to mainstream education where possible.

Members asked about the impact of efficiency savings. Jill explained that the local authority continually seeks to achieve operational efficiencies in order to protect front line services. She confirmed that to date, no cuts have been made to local authority short breaks but a review of short breaks is currently underway. This is being undertaken with parents & young people in the spirit of coproduction so that any difficult decision can be made together.

Board members welcomed the integrated teams to help join services up & reduce the need for families to have to tell their story more than once.

Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19

After several delays the [Better Care Fund \(BCF\) for 2017-19](#) is now being finalised. David Pearson & Joanna Cooper outlined the Plan to the Board which includes additional resource from April 2017 for adult social care. The BCF has accelerated the pace of change needed to join up services. Nottinghamshire has been recognised nationally for successfully reducing delayed transfers of care (where people are ready to be transferred from hospital to another setting like a residential home or community care) & for progress with data sharing between different organisations involved in health & care.

Joanna gave some examples of where the BCF has delivered improvements like development of community teams across the county to support citizens accessing primary care, the disabled facilities grants which are now awarded consistently across the county & also improved collaboration on assistive technology to allow people to stay in their homes for longer.

The Members raised concerns about nursing homes which David explained are already a priority area, particularly for improving IT. They also asked about the role of Centene UK. David explained that they had been responsible for improving integration in other areas of the county & across the world & will be helping to improve coordination & integration in Nottinghamshire. The work is funded by resources provided by NHS England to deliver better value & meet the changing needs of our community.

Refresh of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The current Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy is due for refresh. Councillor Doddy presented a [consultation document](#) to Board members that outlined an approach to reduce health inequalities & increase healthy life expectancy. He explained that the consultation will run until 29 October 2017 & the results would be discussed at a closed Board workshop on 1 November to agree a final Strategy for 2018-2022.

At this meeting:

[SEND Action Plan 2017-19](#)

[Better Care Fund 2017-19](#)

[Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy refresh](#)

[Child Sexual Exploitation](#)

[Mental Health Crisis Care](#)

Board members asked about membership of the Board to make sure that the right people were involved to ensure the new Strategy is delivered. Councillor Doddy agreed that it will be reviewed as part of the Strategy implementation.

All of the Board members agreed to promote the consultation in their own organisation & local areas, including the [consultation events](#) which are being held in each of the districts across the county.

Child Sexual Exploitation

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a strategic priority for the Health & Wellbeing Board & Steve Edwards & Joe Foley came to the Board to give an [update on progress locally](#).

Steve explained that CSE was a problem everywhere & doesn't always involve physical contact – it can be in person or on line, involving perpetrators from anywhere in the world. Tackling CSE needs a coordinated approach from everyone who has contact with children & the support of the Health & Wellbeing Board is important to that approach.

The priority locally has been prevention through work with local primary & secondary schools so that children know when to speak to an adult. Early intervention support is available for children thought to be at risk of CSE. The Council has a contract with the Children's Society to support those at high risk of CSE & health partners have invested in a recovery programme for CSE victims.

Steve also explained that taxi drivers in Nottinghamshire have been trained to report anything suspicious & Councillors have also attended CSE training. There is also some core e-learning available to Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board partners.

Mental Health Crisis Care

The Board identified crisis support to people with mental health problems as a strategic action in 2015. Clare Fox came to give an update on progress of the [Crisis Care Concordat Programme](#). She explained that a partnership board was set up in 2015, chaired by the Police & Crime Commissioner to oversee the Concordat Programme. Locally work has included training frontline staff in mental health first aid & suicide prevention. Public Health funding for this training has now ended so ways to raise awareness in future are being looked at, including linking into the wellbeing@work programme.

Clare briefed members on other projects which included work with Healthwatch to engage with particular groups about their experiences of crisis support, street triage, the crisis house & A&E support. She also stressed that helping people to prevent a mental health crisis has been important & other projects have been set up including an information and service for GPs in the south of the county which enables them to speak directly to a consultant psychiatrist, as they can for physical health. Other services which offer non-medical support are also available. The Concordat has been scoping options for a local crisis café but without revenue funding have been unable to implement this, although some community groups offer mental health drop ins.

As well as the successful projects Clare highlighted some challenges around transporting people in a crisis to a place of safety in the best way & also sharing information between different organisations where they were supporting people. Following a recommendation from the January Board, the Concordat Programme will be evaluated & findings presented early in 2018.

Board members asked if the scope of the concordat could include people in care homes with dementia.

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🕒 **Next meeting 2pm, 4 October 2017 at County Hall, West Bridgford**