

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary 7 October 2015



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities

Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue

John Buckley, Chief Fire Officer & Wayne Bowcock, Deputy Chief Fire Officer attended the meeting to discuss how Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service could help improve health & wellbeing.

The role of the fire service has changed & while the service needs trained staff to respond to incidents, the demand for their services has decreased. The role of the service has also changed from reacting to incidents to having a greater focus on prevention. During this change the Service has maintained the trust & respect of the local community.

The Service is hoping to work collaboratively with other public services to use their skills around prevention & early intervention to improve health & wellbeing.

Board members were keen to discuss possible options to work together to utilise the offer made by the Fire & Rescue Service & agreed that a workshop should be arranged to discuss possible options.

Young People's Health Strategy

Kate Allen & Andy Fox presented the draft Young People's Health Strategy & the results of the Young People's Health Survey. There had been around 1,000 responses from young people to the survey as well as from health professionals and emotional/mental health had been a major issue.

Young people had also said that they wanted a single trusted source of health information which could also be used by health professionals.

The Board agreed that online health information was essential & that it could be used to raise the profile of young people's health, particularly around prevention. Board members also felt it was important to understand young people's development & also to recognise the impact of other youth workers such as scouting/guiding, youth clubs & sports clubs. Members agreed the Strategy but asked for clarity about how it would be put into action & its impact measured.

Additional link: [Nottingham Evening Post](#)

Excess winter deaths

Mary Corcoran & Joanna Cooper gave the Board an overview of excess winter deaths. In Nottinghamshire the estimated number of excess winter deaths is decreasing in line with the England average but deaths are still above those expected in other North European countries with a similar climate.

Most deaths occur in the over 75s which is a particular issue locally with Nottinghamshire's aging population. As well as deaths, cold weather has an impact on health which directly relates to pressures seen in the local health & social care system during winter, for example, information nationally from Accident & Emergency Departments shows that there is an increase in admissions relating to respiratory problems during the winter.

At this meeting:

[Fire & rescue](#) – the role of the Fire & Rescue Service in improving health & wellbeing

[Young people's health strategy](#) – draft strategy & website

[Excess winter deaths](#) – national standards & local performance

[Better Care Fund update](#) – progress against the BCF plan



🕒 **Next meeting 2pm, 2 December 2015 at County Hall, West Bridgford**

In Nottinghamshire a review of needs around excess winter deaths has been completed in the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) & preventative services have been developed. Progress locally has also been reviewed against new [NICE \(National Institute of Health & Care Excellence\) guidance](#) & an action plan will be developed to make sure that Nottinghamshire meets the recommendations made by the guidance. Bids have also been made for national funding for local projects.

The Board welcomed the report but highlighted issues with housing stock locally. Members were keen for a local standard for insulation to be developed, over & above those set nationally. They also asked for a review of housing stock in Nottinghamshire against national standards.

Better Care Fund update

Joanna Cooper gave the Board an update on the [Better Care Fund \(BCF\)](#) in Nottinghamshire covering six key areas:

1. Part of the [BCF plan](#) was to reduce non-elective admissions across the County by 3.7% but because of realignment of BCF plans with revised CCG operational plans this ambition has been reduced. The BCF will still be monitored against the original target of a 3.7% reduction during 2015/16.
2. The report outlined a proposed reduction in funding from NHS Mansfield and Ashfield CCG as a result of revised CCG operational plans. The Board were assured that their contribution remains above the minimum required.
3. There have been changes to reporting requirements for admissions to care homes. Part of the BCF plan is to reduce permanent admissions to care homes, in particular when older people are discharged from hospital. The national definition for this has changed to include people who are admitted to a care home on a short-term basis and targets have been refreshed to take this into account. The Board were keen to see more ways to support people to stay at home such as assistive technology, Extracare & more intermediate care.
4. Generally performance is on track for the BCF in Nottinghamshire. The accuracy of data recording for delayed transfer of care has been raised as an issue & might impact on achieving the targets for that aspect of the BCF plan. Draft progress reports are being submitted to NHS England quarterly & will be agreed by the Health & Wellbeing Board at the meetings which follow.
5. Locally there has been progress to improve access to quality seven day services & a number of schemes were highlighted:
 - multi-disciplinary care teams available at weekends in Mid-Nottinghamshire to avoid unnecessary hospital admissions
 - GP clinics to see patients referred by NHS 111 in Gamston
 - & telehealth support for patients with long term conditions in Bassetlaw.
6. The initial focus of the Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Pioneer offer of support will be on sharing good practice with EU partners & developing an Organisational Development Plan for the Pioneer Care systems.

The Board approved the report & noted that the relationships between the BCF schemes & primary care are key to maximising the impact of the schemes.

Chair's report

The next meeting of the Board would be a closed workshop to focus on workforce issues within health & social care locally. Members were particularly keen to hear from providers of mental health services locally.