Health & Wellbeing Board Meeting
6 June 2018

Dr Jeremy Griffiths was reappointed Vice-Chair of the Board & Councillor Doddy welcomed Councillor Tom Hollis as the representative of Ashfield District Council.

Chair’s report

Councillor Doddy reported on the 150th food outlet to be signed up to the HOT scheme in Nottinghamshire. JM’s Fish & Chip Diner in Retford will now be offering smaller portion sizes, lower fat spread & a 5 hole salt shaker as a result.

Tina Bhundia gave the Board an update on the Young People’s Health Strategy in Nottinghamshire. The Strategy was launched in 2014 & has delivered initiatives including a web site giving health advice specifically for young people in Nottingham, a text advice service & the C Card scheme. Tina explained that the Strategy was going from strength to strength & that as well as continuing these initiatives, more new services are planned.

Governance & leadership

The Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy was agreed in December 2017 & work is now underway to deliver its 4 ambitions. Board leads are in place for 3 of the ambitions – Ambition 1: A good Start – Corporate Director for Children’s Services, Ambition 3: Healthier Decision Making – Director of Public Health & Ambition 4: Working together to improve health & care services – Corporate Director for Adult Social Care.

The Board agreed to appoint Councillor Doddy as the Board lead for Ambition 2: Healthy & sustainable places & to establish a group coordinate the place based groups & priority leads.

Board members also agreed to take on champion roles to support the ambition leads & provide leadership for the other Board functions – the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment & health protection. Roles will be confirmed at the July workshop & officer support identified.

The July workshop will focus on Ambition 2: Healthy & Sustainable Places – the food environment.

JSNA progress

As part of the review of governance in February the Board agreed to support a new vision for the JSNA in Nottinghamshire. Kristina McCormick explained that the JSNA is currently made up of 46 chapters, based on specific topics but that there is potential to incorporate a place based approach to support the ambitions in the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy & the Integrated Care System (ICS).

The Board has agreed to approve new chapters of the JSNA in the future & Kristina explained that she is developing guidance to help members do that. The Board will also oversee how topics are prioritised.

Members asked if the refresh of topics can be timed to coincide with commissioning cycles to give up to date evidence to support commissioning decisions.

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Strategy ambition 2 Healthy & Sustainable Places: Domestic abuse & sexual violence

Gill Oliver presented a summary of the outcomes from the workshop in April which looked at domestic abuse & sexual violence, a priority within Ambition 2 of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy: Healthy & Sustainable Places. The workshop identified potential actions for partners, some for the life time of the Strategy & others which can be achieved over the next 12 months.

Members welcomed the recommendations and recognised the connection that domestic abuse and sexual violence has with other Board priorities such as mental health, sexual health and drugs and alcohol. They were particularly keen to hear about education and support for children & young people both for those affected & also to encourage healthy relationships.

Better Care Fund

Joanna Cooper gave the Board an update on the performance of the Better Care Fund in Nottinghamshire. Joanna explained that performance had been improving during the last quarter of 2017/18 but that 5 of the 6 performance targets had not been met, generally because of an increase in demand during the severe winter conditions.

Board members were assured that the BCF steering group will be reviewing the issues which have been impacting on performance. They were also pleased to note that Nottinghamshire is currently the 12th best performing local authority in the country for discharges from hospital into social care.

STP annual report

The Sustainability & Transformation Partnership in Nottingham & Nottinghamshire aims is to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people in Nottinghamshire, while simplifying and streamlining the way that people get care and support. Nicole Atkinson presented an update on the partnership to the Board, which had been gathering pace over the last 6 months.

Nicole explained that the changes in Nottingham & Nottinghamshire are helping to move from a reactive health & care system to a more proactive approach to caring for citizens, working on a community basis so that there are services which meet local needs. GP practices are also working together more & collaborating with other providers.

Nicole described one project involving care homes where GP practices work with a specific home to develop relationships with patients & staff to improve the service provided. This has resulted in a reduction in hospital admissions. Another project – Call for Care – has been developed in Mid-Notts to offer an assessment to patients within 2 hours of a phone request. This has reduced hospital admissions & has meant patients are discharged more quickly from hospital.

Board members are keen to publicise the successes of the partnership & are particularly interested in the prevention & self-care work within the partnership to keep people healthy & avoid the need for hospital services.

Members also noted that there are similar issues within South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw & that prevention is a key theme of their plan.

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