

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary 9 January 2019

Chair's report

Councillor Doddy highlighted the publication of the new [10 year plan for the NHS](#) which includes a focus on preventing illness & tackling health inequalities.

Safeguarding Children Annual Report

Chris Few, Independent Chair of the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Board presented the Board's [Annual Report for 2017-18](#). He highlighted successes for the year which included training staff as well as a number of serious case reviews which have been completed. The Board has reviewed child deaths & is working to improve safer sleeping & asthma management as a result.

Chris explained that recent legislation will lead to Local Safeguarding Children Boards being replaced by new safeguarding arrangements. A new Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership has been formed to oversee safeguarding and joint arrangements to review child deaths across the county & city have been introduced. The new partnership should enable greater involvement of schools & young people in the safeguarding arrangements.

Board members welcomed the report but raised concerns about the number of young people excluded from school & the impact of changes to Homestart services on children & young people in Mansfield & Ashfield.

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018

The [DPH annual report for 2018](#) focusses on violence prevention. The report was presented to the Board by Jonathan Gribbin, who explained that it covers a range of issues from self-directed violence through to domestic abuse & knife crime, some of which are not immediately visible but which have a serious impact on the people affected & their families. The nature of the issues also means that many people also suffer in silence.

As part of the presentation, Sarah Quilty outlined a newly funded initiative to ensure that frontline workers are equipped to routinely ask people about adverse childhood experiences. Sarah explained how emerging evidence indicates that being asked helps people to exercise increased control of their lives leading to improved outcomes for them.

There is also work in Nottinghamshire to tackle knife crime, which Dave Wakelin of Gedling Borough Council is leading across the county & city. Dave explained to Board members that the impact of knife crime on victims & their families is huge. In Nottinghamshire there is a partnership approach to dealing with the issues including local communities & community & voluntary organisations as well as the police & that the support of the Board would support that work.

JSNA chapter - autism

Anna Oliver presented the Board with a draft [JSNA chapter on autism](#) for approval. The chapter pulls together local & national evidence, best practice & data as well as feedback from people who are autistic & their families & the staff they work with.

At this meeting:

[Safeguarding Children Annual Report](#) – review of 2017-18 & future arrangements

[Director of Public Health Annual Report](#) – focus on violence in Nottinghamshire

[JSNA chapter](#) – autism
Evidence of need & recommendations to address

[JSNA Chapter - cancer](#)
New chapter outlining evidence of need & opportunities for prevention

[JSNA Chapter – sexual health & HIV](#)
Refreshed chapter outlining health needs & recommendations to address them

Anna explained that the JSNA chapter identifies a number of issues which include diagnosis, transfer between children & adults services, the needs of different groups of people & employment.

The Board were asked to approve the chapter which sets out the evidence of need in Nottinghamshire. An action plan will be developed about how to address these needs & potential actions for the Board will be outlined in a paper later in the year.

Board members supported the chapter but suggested that the recommendation to support employment opportunities would best sit with the Place Department within the County Council. Members noted that there is more support available for people in crisis but suggested that diagnosis and early help could reduce the need for this support. Nottinghamshire is one of the only areas to have a specialist Asperger's Service which improves diagnosis rates locally.

JSNA Chapter - cancer

Another JSNA chapter was presented which outlines the issues around [cancer in Nottinghamshire](#) bring together evidence as well as identifying opportunities to improve prevention & outcomes for those people diagnosed with the disease.

Sue Coleman presented the chapter & explained that 4 out of 10 cancers are considered preventable & that not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight, eating fruit and vegetables and drinking less alcohol were key factors identified as being important in reducing the risk of being diagnosed with cancer. These are also linked to deprivation.

Many of the recommendations in the JSNA chapter are specific to health but there are a number which also relate to wider partners.

Board members asked for more information about the services in Bassetlaw. They also raised concerns about the impact of cancer on people who are working age & also around particular groups such as people who are deaf & need interpreters & trans people who may not access services because of stigma.

JSNA Chapter – sexual health & HIV

The [sexual health chapter](#) of the JSNA has been refreshed & the update was presented for approval by the Board by Matt Osborne. Matt explained that the chapter had been refreshed in collaboration with the City & that the recommendations will inform an action plan to address the health needs identified.

Matt explained that chlamydia testing remains a concern & that although the number of tests has increased it is still below average. The chapter also looks at future needs & that new tests as well as the roll out of new sex & relationships education would impact on available resources.

Board members welcomed the evidence & recommendations within the JSNA chapter but raised concerns about the impact of data sharing on anonymity. Members were also concerned about a perceived reluctance from schools to engage with sexual health services, as well as access to services for older people & the use of social media to promote healthy sex & relationships.

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🕒 **Next meeting 2pm, Weds 6 March 2019 at County Hall, West Bridgford**

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