

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary 3 June 2015

Councillor Bosnjak welcomed a number of new members to the Board including Councillor Andrew Tristram from Mansfield District Council and Derek Higton, Acting Corporate Director for Children, Families & Cultural Services. Councillor Susan Shaw from Bassetlaw District Council had also joined the Board. Stephen Kell was confirmed as vice-chair of the Board for the next year.

Public Health Committee annual summary

Chris Kenny, the Director of Public Health presented a summary of the work of the Public Health Committee during the last year. The Committee is responsible for the statutory public health duties of the County Council, which makes a significant contribution to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board discussed the Public Health response to emerging issues. The only issue which isn't on track for the department is public health input into spacial planning but this will be on a future Board meeting agenda.

Better Care Fund update



Sarah Fleming, the BCF Programme Manager gave an update on progress for the [BCF](#). She explained that the position at the end of 2014/15 was on track for four of the six key performance indicators. The biggest challenge for delivery was around non-elective admissions to hospital but there is a lot of work planned for 2015/16 to support the delivery of all the performance indicators.

Schemes are already underway that have been successful in delivering the 4 hour standard for A&E more recently. This has also improved the morale of the department.

Concerns were raised about waiting time to access to disabled facilities grants. The BCF Programme Board will be taking forward a piece of work to investigate the implementation of DFGs in more depth.

Healthy child programme & public health nursing

Kate Allen, Consultant in Public Health gave the Board an update on changes to the Healthy Child Programme & public health nursing in Nottinghamshire. An integrated Healthy Child Programme, including health visiting services and school nursing, will be commissioned during 2015/16, to be in place by October 2016. There will also be additional investment in the Family Nurse Partnership which supports young first time mums.

The new Healthy Child Programme service will make sure that resources are distributed equitably across the county to more effectively address health inequalities.

The Board were keen to use lessons learned from other transformation work to develop this work & for CCGs to be involved in the service tender process. Members also stressed the need to ensure services are integrated around children & that strong relationships and joined up working between different professionals are part of the service specifications. This will build on effective links which have been developed between services such as GPs & health visitors.

At this meeting:

[Public Health Committee](#) – annual summary of activity

[Better Care Fund](#) – update on progress & changes to the Bassetlaw Plan

[Health child programme/public health nursing](#) – plans to commission an integrated service

[Breastfeeding](#) – why it's important & how to support women

[Mystery shopper report](#) – how young person friendly are health services in Nottingham?

Breastfeeding

The Board heard from Kate Allen about the importance of breast feeding for babies and mothers. Rates of breast feeding in Nottinghamshire are low compared to other areas of the country.

Councillor Wheeler told the Board about an initiative to improve breast [feeding rates and support in Gedling](#), where places could be accredited as being breast feeding friendly. The Board agreed that it was important to give women the choice & support to breast feed their babies to improve their health.



The Board discussed the importance of support from fathers & community based motivational support once women were discharged from hospital after having their baby. During the meeting Board members were encouraged to implement the initiative in their own organisations. Mansfield District Council & Ashfield District Council both committed to rolling out a similar scheme to the one in Gedling.

[See coverage in the Nottingham Evening Post.](#)

Nottinghamshire mystery shopper report

Following a [discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board](#) previously a group of young people had been trained to go 'undercover' as 'mystery shoppers' to test how young people friendly local services are. Irene Kakoulis described the programme which was based on the national 'You're Welcome' criteria. A video is available made by the young people themselves which describes the project & what they found.

The Board thought that the mystery shopper programme was really positive & supported further development of it through the Nottinghamshire Young People's Health Steering Group. They also supported an event to be held on 13 August 2015 to look at the findings of the mystery shopper programme & young people's health & welcomed any opportunity to build the confidence of young people in health services.

Chair's report

Following the discussion at the Board meeting in April autism training has been arranged for the Health & Wellbeing Board & for housing officers in the district & borough councils.

In response to the update on policy & guidance & the item from the [Kings Fund on Workforce Planning](#) Board members agreed that they would have a meeting to focus on workforce issues & planning in the autumn to include wider partners in health & social care. This *has provisionally been planned* for the October 2015 Board meeting.

Members also highlighted the new Department of Health [fund for homeless people](#).

As a result of changes to the agenda for the Health & Wellbeing Board & other events it has been agreed that the Board meeting on 1 July 2015 is cancelled & items deferred to September.

There will be a Stakeholder Network event on 13 August at MyPlace in Mansfield which will focus on young people's health. Information about the event & how to book tickets are on the [Nottinghamshire County Council website](#).