Health & Wellbeing Board Summary
Wednesday 4 September 2019

Please see Nottinghamshire County Council’s website for the papers and membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Chair’s Report

Councillor Steve Vickers opened the meeting and invited presentations from the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

Dave Wakelin provided a summary of the recently established Nottinghamshire Violence Reduction Unit. This will bring together different organisations, including the police, local government, health, community leaders and other key partners, to tackle violent crime. Dr Adam Brooks (a liver and pancreatic surgeon, and Clinical Director for the East Midlands Major Trauma Centre at Queen’s Medical Centre) has been appointed as the vice chair.

The Safer Nottinghamshire Board has also developed a plan to tackle fraud against vulnerable people in Nottinghamshire. Dave Banks of Rushcliffe Borough Council explained that fraud is now the most commonly experienced offence in the country and is significantly under-reported. A vast percentage of victims are elderly and vulnerable. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board welcome any opportunities to promote advice and ensure support is provided to those most at risk.

Although overseen by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, these initiatives will also help to support the ‘Healthy & Sustainable Places’ ambition within the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Actions to reduce the harm caused by drinking alcohol at harmful levels

Amanda Fletcher of Nottinghamshire County Council explained that excessive drinking of alcohol is the biggest form of substance misuse in Nottinghamshire. Alcohol misuse is associated with a wide range of health and social issues, including poor outcomes in physical health, mental health, employment, and anti-social / criminal activity. It also results in significant financial costs. Reducing substance misuse is therefore one of the 14 priorities within the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

At a workshop on Wednesday 3 July, the Health & Wellbeing Board and partners examined the public health actions currently being taken across the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) and Bassetlaw Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). This focussed on how a systematic approach could be taken to alcohol Identification & Brief Advice (IBA), both within frontline services and their wider organisations.

The current substance misuse provider in Nottinghamshire has been commissioned to deliver training on alcohol IBA to public-facing professionals across many organisations. IBA is a simple intervention that aims to motivate at-risk drinkers to reduce their alcohol consumption and therefore lower the risk of alcohol related harm. It is estimated that for every eight people who receive IBA in key settings (e.g. primary care), one will reduce their consumption to lower risk levels. On a

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population level, this offers significant opportunity for change. For further information, please see the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for substance misuse.

Better Care Fund (BCF) performance update

Paul Johnson of Nottinghamshire County Council presented a performance report on the Better Care Fund. This included an update on performance targets, the 2019-20 planning timetable, and work to develop a more collaborative approach to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG).

Updates were provided on:
- BCF1: Total non-elective admissions into hospital (general and acute)
- BCF2: Permanent admissions of older people to residential and nursing care homes
- BCF3: Proportion of older people who were still at home 91 days after discharge from hospital into reablement / rehabilitation services
- BCF4: Delayed transfers of care from hospital
- BCF5: Percentage of users satisfied that adaptations met their identified needs
- BCF6: Permanent admissions of older people to residential and nursing care homes directly from a hospital setting.

Risks associated with delivery of the Better Care Fund are monitored on a quarterly basis and escalated to the steering group and Health & Wellbeing Board as required.

Approval of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for 1,001 days: conception to age 2

The first 1,001 days, from conception to age 2, are widely recognised as a critical period of development. This Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) chapter explores the factors that influence a child’s physical, social and emotional development. Understanding this helps to identify which children will be at greater risk of poorer development, school readiness, and life chances.

A child’s physical, social, emotional, and brain development between this period is shaped by a number of key factors including good maternal mental health, parent-infant interaction, secure attachment, healthy pregnancies, the protection and promotion of health in infancy, and the quality of the home learning environment.

A parent’s ability to support their child’s health and development can be adversely affected by domestic abuse, maternal stress, level of income, teenage parenthood, their own adverse childhood experiences, and having multiple vulnerabilities or complex social needs.

The Health & Wellbeing Board approved the new JSNA, including the proposal to establish a new ‘Best Start Group’ to oversee the recommendations within the report and to work closely with the Local Maternity & Neonatal System Board. Further information, including the full list of recommendations for commissioners, is available on Nottinghamshire Insight.

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