Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 21st May, 2014.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall(Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy(Vice-Chairman), Alan Foster, Karen Hawkins (substitute for Ali Wilson), Cllr Ken Lupton, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Tony Beckwith, Jane Humphreys, Peter Kelly, Paul Williams, Bev Walker (substitute for Audrey Pickstock)

Officers: Sarah Bowman, Emma Champley, Claire Spence (PH); Michael Henderson (LD)

Also in attendance: Colin Morris (SLSCB), Aishah Waite, Steve Rose (Catalyst)

Apologies: Cllr David Harrington, Barry Coppinger, Audrey Pickstock, Ali Wilson

HWB Declarations of Interest

11/14

There were no declarations of interest.

HWB Minutes of Joint Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership held on 2612/14 March 2014 and the Board meeting held on 28 April 2014

The minutes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership meeting held on 26 March 2014 and the Board meeting held on 28 April 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

HWB Commissioning Board's Minutes

13/14

Adult's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group - 25 March 2014

The minutes of the Adults' Health and Wellbeing Group held on 25 March 2014 were noted.

HWB Stockton Local Safeguarding Children Board Update - Presentation

14/14

The Committee received a presentation from Colin Morris, Independent Chair of Stockton's Local safeguarding Children Board.

The presentation covered a number of areas including;-

- the Safeguarding Board's Governance arrangements. Reference was made to the Board's considerable workload and consequent lengthy meetings. The Board also had a number of sub groups including the Learning and Improving Practice Sub Group, which, amongst other things, undertook Serious Case Reviews. Particular reference was also made to the Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing and Trafficking (VEMT) sub groups, which had Tees Valley wide and local versions. It was queried if the Sexual Health service was linked into VEMT and it was suggested that a copy of the membership be provided to Peter Kelly.

- Common Assessment Framework (CAF). Encouraging increased appropriate use of CAF was important in helping to address the major challenge of numbers of children in need/child protection cases/LAC going up. Some additional funding had been provided by Public Health to create an enhanced CAF Team and it was expected that this would be very beneficial.

- Signs of safety A multi agency regional initiative, supported by Ofsted. The Signs of Safety model was a tool intended to help practitioners with risk assessment and safety planning in child protection cases.

- Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) - A way of bringing front line practioners into one place. Options were being considered across the Tees Valley.

- Ofsted. Reference was made to the planned multi agency inspections, from April 2015, which was the subject of a report later on the Board's agenda.

- Revised Early Help Strategy. This was a very important multi agency Strategy. The Strategy would come back to the Board for final approval in July. Endorsement by the LSCB would help get the message across. The CCG would take it to its Board when finalised.

The Board noted that it would receive a further update in 6 months.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

HWB Peer Review of Safeguarding Children Arrangements

15/14

The Board received a report that presented the findings of the LGA Safeguarding Practice Diagnostic Review (Children), held in March 2014. A copy of the review report was provided to Members.

It was explained that the Review had been undertaken over three days and focused on a number of key lines of enquiry:

- The quality of assessment, decision making, supervision and management oversight in referral and assessment

- the application of thresholds in early help, CAF referral and step down processes

- The quality of practice in long term children in need cases involving neglect and domestic violence.

Members noted that the outcomes of the review had been positive but it was agreed that it was important not to be complacent. An improvement Plan was being developed to incorporate the findings of the review and the Critical Friend Review undertaken earlier in the year. The Improvement Plan would be monitored by Cabinet, LSCB and Children and Young People's Select Committee.

The Board noted the workload, capacity, staffing issues facing Children's Services. These issues were the subject or regular update reports to Cabinet and the LSCB. Children's Services was a priority for the Council and resources continued to be provided.

RESOLVED that the content of the report be noted.

HWB Single Inspection Framework Update 16/14

The Board was provided with a briefing paper produced by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS), relating to Ofsted's initial evaluation of the Single Inspection Framework.

The briefing paper also provided information on the multi-agency inspections programme, that would start in April 2015.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

HWB Development Session - Healthy Weight

17/14

Members received a presentation entitled Healthy Weight.

The presentation, amongst other things, provided details of:

- the causes of obesity and who was at the greater risk of becoming obese.

- what the consequences of obesity could be for children and adults.
- the prevalence of obesity in children and adults.
- what action could be taken to prevent obesity.
- current investment in weight management services.

- the Healthy Weight Services Review that was underway. It was explained that it was intended that a new service model based on consultation findings, other areas of good practice and national evidence would be designed.

Members asked a number of questions and were encouraged to contact Claire Spence, should they have any further queries, or wish to provide comments into the review.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

HWB Winterbourne View - verbal update

18/14

Members were provided with an update, including the recent LGA Stocktake visit, related to the Winterbourne View Improvement Programme.

It was indicated that precise written details of individuals in NHS England commissioned services were required by the Council/CCG. The NHS representative explained that she would escalate this issue to her Director. Noted that the LGA was also escalating this.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

HWB Better Care Fund

19/14

Verbal update

The Board received an update on the BCF process.

It was explained that Government had expressed some nervousness about the impact BCF may have on providers' services. It had asked for additional assurances that CCGs had been fully involved in developing plans.

The CCG representatives explained that there had been excellent collaboration around the development of Stockton's Plans.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

HWB Forward Plan

20/14

The Board considered the Forward Plan and Members were asked to consider any items that they may wish to have included.

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan be approved

HWB Chairman's Update

21/14

The Chairman had no update.