

AGENDA ITEM 5

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD

26 MARCH 2015

REPORT OF PARTNERSHIP CHAIRS

PARTNERSHIP MINUTES – FEBRUARY MEETINGS

SUMMARY

The Board has agreed that the Chairs of the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Children and Young People's Partnership will provide a short covering report with Partnership minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report and minutes be noted.

DETAIL

Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 3 February 2015

Domestic Abuse – Communications Plan

The Partnership was provided with the domestic abuse communications plan. Though the Partnership supported aspects of the plan, it was felt that further work was needed. In particular, the Partnership felt that the messages needed to be simplified, with clear, 'at a glance', details of where people could access help, highlighting 999 as an option if there was immediate urgent issues. Consideration of the communications plan reinforced that the Strategy, Action Plan and any associated plans were jointly owned, and the Partnership, and each individual member, had an important role/responsibility in ensuring their delivery. The Plan is being considered further, in the light of the comments made, and will be re-submitted to a future meeting.

Substance Misuse

This was an update on adult substance misuse in the Borough but rather than just providing information it provoked a very important discussion. Partners were keen to consider innovative approaches to this Service. There was discussion on treatment models including:

- the amount of time people remained in treatment.
- what the consequences of changing the current approach might be, for all partners, in terms of impact on services.

- the amount of funding currently provided as a proportion of the Public Health budget and where that funding might come from in the future

It was clear that the path the discussion had taken meant it would not be possible to deal with all the issues raised at the meeting and it was agreed that a half day event be organised to consider the issues discussed. An event has been arranged for Monday 15th June 2015 between 1pm to 4.30pm to be held in the Stockton Business Centre - 70-74 Brunswick Street, Stockton-on-Tees. Members of both partnerships have been invited.

Children and Young People's Partnership – 23 February 2015

Child Sexual Exploitation/ Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing, Trafficked

This was the main focus of this meeting and Rob Donaghy, Detective Superintendent, Chairman of the VEMT Group and Jayne Parry, Service Manager Looked After Children provided a presentation, which gave background and context, as well as details of the work being undertaken at present.

During discussion, the importance of using multi agency intelligence forms was strongly reinforced, as was the use of the Safer referral tool. Partners were encouraged to highlight issues, even if, in isolation, they appeared insignificant. No issue would be considered to be too small, as it was sometimes these that were instrumental in linking activities together and getting a clearer picture of areas of concern. All members were tasked with raising the profile of CSE/VEMT, in their organisations, and they have recently been signposted to the forms mentioned.

Sexual Health

The Partnership was informed of the process that would take place, as part of the review and re-procurement of the Tees Integrated Sexual Health Service.

During consideration safeguarding was highlighted and it was explained that this would be a fundamental part of any future contract.

Quarter 3 Performance

This report provided an update on performance, based on information at Q3.

Included in the information were details of very concerning low levels of initiated CAFs, for the year to date. It was highlighted to members that only 1 in 9 referrals for Children in Need had been in receipt of help and support via CAF. The matter had been considered at the Safeguarding Children Board and had been escalated to the Council's Chief Executive Officer. Discussion at the Partnership was very frank and direct, and there was an acceptance, by partners, that significant improvements in CAF activity was essential, given the positive outcomes it could have for families and in terms of reducing pressures on resources. The Partnership will have opportunities to monitor this situation further, at future meetings.

On other matters, within the performance report:

- the Partnership discussed access to CAMHS data and noted that TEWV would be providing information relating to referrals and other activity for the Hartlepool and Stockton CCG area. The Partnership asked that TEWV be requested to break this

down to Council level. A positive response had been received and specific details were being worked through.

- Members discussed Hospital Admissions for self-harm and were concerned that Stockton's figures were significantly higher than the England average. Since the meeting the Director of Public Health has arranged a meeting to consider this situation in more detail.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks arising from what is proposed can be categorised as low risk.

CONSULTATION

The content of the report reflects discussion at meetings of the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Children and Young People's Partnership.

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