

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 29th July, 2015.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall (Chairman),

Cllr Sonia Bailey, Tony Beckwith, Barry Coppinger, Emma Champley (substitute for Peter Kelly), Cllr Gillian Corr (substitute for Cllr Harrington) Liz Hanley (Substitute for Jane Humphreys), Alan Foster, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Di Hewitt, Steve Rose, Ali Wilson

Officers: Margaret Waggott, Michael Henderson, Peter Mennear (LD)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr David Harrington, Peter Kelly, Jane Humphreys, Martin Barkley

1 Declarations of Interest

2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on 16 June 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3 Quality Premiums 2015/2016

Members were presented with a report relating to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Quality Premium Guidance for 2015/16 and provided members with an overview of the guidance, together with details of the approach to be taken to select local indicators that had been submitted to NHS England.

Details of the indicators, that had been chosen, were provided to the Board. These related to avoidable emergency admissions, mental health, dementia and maternal smoking at delivery.

It was explained that the Quality Premium for 2015/16 would reward CCGs for improvement in health outcomes and would be paid to CCGs in 2016/17. Based on population the Quality Premium provided an opportunity to earn £1,428,885 should all measures be achieved.

Members noted that a number of NHS Constitution indicators had been identified and, if these were not achieved, monies would be deducted.

The Board discussed the report and it was noted that any additional funding from the Quality Premium was non recurring and there was considerable uncertainty about what, if anything, might be available each year. It was suggested that the Board receive updates on the Premium and, potentially, future discussion could take place about how any one off funding received might be allocated.

The Board recognised the tight deadlines that had been placed on the submission of the planning documents and the decisions that had to be taken outside a meeting of the Board. The Chair explained that if similar circumstances arose, on other issues, he was happy to be consulted outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report be noted and the local indicators selected for the Quality Premium 2015/16 be ratified.
2. the Board receive a further update and consider how any funding received might be allocated.

4 NHS Five Year Forward View

Member received an update on NHS Forward View and, in particular, work that was taking place relating to the Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard and Getting Serious About Prevention. It was explained that a substantial joint paper would be provided at the Board's next meeting

Reference was made to the announced reductions in Public Health funding. Members noted that reductions were likely to be in the region of £900k - £1m, recurring. The Board agreed that this would have a detrimental effect on prevention.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

5 Forward Plan

Members noted the Forward Plan. There was a discussion about the Board's meeting, scheduled for 26 August 2015, and some members indicated that they would not be available to attend. It was agreed that availability would be canvassed.

RESOLVED that:

1. the Forward Plan be noted.
2. members availability be canvassed and, based on the response, the Chair would make a decision on whether the meeting would go ahead.

6 Chair's Update

The Chair referred to the work of ANEC's Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs' Network and suggested that minutes of it's meetings be submitted to the Board.

Details of a free Local Government Association facilitated self-assessment which the Board could undertake ahead of any Peer Review, were provided. The Board agreed that the assessment would be useful and a date should be sought for the autumn.

Members recognised that restructures at NHS England had caused capacity

issues for directors and it was sometimes difficult for them to attend meetings of the Board. It was accepted that non-director substitutes may attend instead.

Members were informed of recent regional discussions about minimum unit pricing of alcohol and it was anticipated that Chairs of Health and Wellbeing Boards, Leaders and Mayors, from local authorities in the region would be pushing within the region would be pushing for introduction of MUP rather than using byelaws locally.

The Chair distributed the Executive Summary of a report, produced by Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), called Smoking Still Kills. The report called for a new five year comprehensive Government strategy to replace the Tobacco Control Plan for England, which would run to the end of 2015, and set out a number of recommendations, including tough new targets to drive smoking rates down. ASH had requested that organisations endorse the report and the Board agreed that it would do this. Individual members indicated that they would ask their organisation to consider endorsing the report, if they hadn't already done so.

RESOLVED that:

1. that minutes of the HWB Chairs' Network be submitted to future meetings.
2. the LGA facilitated self assessment be arranged for the Autumn.
3. the Board endorse the Smoking Still Kills report.