

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 25 March 2015
Report of the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Chair's Report – Health and Wellbeing Board

Summary

1. It was agreed as part of the working protocol between Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) that the Chair of the HWB would bring regular updates on the work of the HWB. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Background

2. The joint working protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 16 July 2014. As part of the protocol, it was agreed that the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board would attend Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis to inform the committee of the work of Board.
3. At the bi-annual meeting between the Chairs held on 10 October 2014, it was agreed that the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board's report would focus on the areas currently most relevant to the HOSC work plan.

Consultation

4. Not applicable to this report.

Options

5. Not applicable to this report.

Analysis

6. The following topics that were discussed on 11th March 2015 may be particularly relevant to Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Patient Story

7. The Board started their meeting with a new item entitled 'patient story'. A previous user of mental health services attended the meeting and told a powerful story about the experiences he had had. The Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledged that some of the issues he raised were still of concern but that progress had been made in certain areas. It was strongly felt that the aspiration of the Board should be to never take anyone into a police cell who presented solely with a mental health issue.
8. In addition to this the Board recognised the wider responsibilities of the Care Act around wellbeing, provision of information and advice, waiting times for access. Where there are waiting times for access the Board agreed to look into non-traditional ways to bridge this gap. For instance by providing online and telephone support mechanisms to ensure there is some support available at all times.
9. It was agreed to look at solutions to the issues raised and bring these back to a future meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Governance and Assurance Arrangements for the Health Protection Function of City of York Council

10. The Board received a report and presentation on assurance arrangements for the health protection function. The Board agreed to the establishment of a Health Protection Assurance Board. This Board will report directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board by way of annual report but will also escalate any concerns they have to the Board as and when required.

Annual Report of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

11. Sub-Boards of the Health and Wellbeing Board are required to produce an annual report to present to the Board. The Chair of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Partnership Board presented the report highlighting the work that had taken place around their four key work streams which were taken from the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Key successes were the provision of a Health Based Place of Safety, work towards making York a Dementia Friendly City and work around the re-procurement of mental health and learning disability services.

12. It was also acknowledged that there was still work to be done in particular around dementia, student health, transitions and learning disabilities.
13. The annual report had also been produced in easy read format.

Consultation and Engagement

14. The Board received a report on consultation and engagement which set out a summary of feedback received from various events that had happened across the city in the past 12 months. The report also set out guidance on future engagement and the direction the Health and Wellbeing Board might like to take in relation to this.
15. Taking a very broad look at the discussions and feedback from all events known about there were four key emerging concerns that appeared to be frequently highlighted no matter what the topic under discussion was and these were:
 - communication, information sharing and advice (including shared care records)
 - voluntary sector involvement
 - carers
 - mental health
16. A more detailed breakdown of these was included as an annex to the report and board members were asked to take these back to their own individual organisations.
17. In addition to this the Board agreed to work on developing a formal engagement, consultation and communications action plan that encompassed the work of all the organisations around the Health and Wellbeing Board table; especially in light of the need to start work on the 2016-19 Joint Health And Wellbeing Strategy early in the summer of this year.

Other issues

18. The Board also received reports on the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which the Board have now signed off; Winterbourne Review; the refreshed Operational Plan 2015/16 for NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and the Better Care Fund.

Council Plan

19. This Report relates to the “Protect Vulnerable People” element of the Council Plan. It also relates to delivering against the priorities set out within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2016.

Implications

20. There are no known implications attached to this report. Implications arising out of any of the reports referred to can be found in the original papers of the Health and Wellbeing Board’s meeting on 11th March 2015 – see the link in “Background Papers” below.

Risk Management

21. There are no known risks attached to this report.

Recommendation

22. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Reason: To keep members of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee up to date with the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Background Papers:

The Health and Wellbeing Board meeting papers for the 11th March 2015 are available [here](#):