

## **Update from the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB)**

The minutes and agendas of formal Health and Wellbeing Board meetings can be accessed via the following link:

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=763&Year=0>

In addition to the formal meetings the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board also reports the following:

1. Local Government Yorkshire & Humber Health & Wellbeing (Vice Chair) Wakefield – May 13 / Sept 13/ Jan 14 - The City of York Council has taken an active role in these meetings since 2011, becoming one of the lead members. These regional meetings bring together cross party Health & Wellbeing Board chairs, senior officers and partners from the NHS and Public Health to share best practice and work together on challenges and barriers to integrated Health. The last meeting looked at the journey each authority was taking with its Board, its make up and whether it was working and where partners were with their Better Care Fund submissions
2. The Changing Health Landscape & Tackling Health Inequalities: I jointly chaired this session held at West Offices in September 2013. This was a partnership session which was incredibly well attended and featured several key note speakers covering topics such as; 'tackling health inequalities and the role of public health'; 'tacking health inequalities across our region' and 'York: meeting out health challenges'.
3. Department of Health - Forward Thinking Group February 2014 - I was asked in December 2013 to join the Department of Health Forward Thinking Group. I am one of only two Health & Wellbeing Chairs in the country to do this – the other is Coventry. The group was set up in 2003 and comprises of leading academics and medical practitioners, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), CEOs of Virgin Care and Barchester and political representation – a maximum group of 30. The group is used to obtain views on current and future government policy to help shape and feed in to the process of Government.

4. The day, in February, centred on the Better Care Fund. Civil Servants made various presentations and were informed by the room about the 'mistakes' being made in the handling of the process – too tight time lines, no clear direction, multiple pilots with no clear parameters to their work, etc. A senior Civil servant, in his presentation, suggested that CCGs and Councils –in their Public Health and Adults budgets – had 'spare cash' that they could put in to the Better Care Fund to help buffer what health professionals and Councils see as a 15% real cut. The 'spare cash' statement received unanimous disagreement
5. It was pointed out that the process could end up being one of a 'postcode lottery' as there seemed to be – and those there confirmed – more money in the south and London. I asked about the 'national message' and whether there were any plans for a national communication plan, or whether local areas would convey their own messages – It was reported there was little to do this, perhaps some publications. There was agreement that a single central message was required to ensure that those using services, and the general public, understood the reasons for integration and this was not seen solely as an exercise to cut health and social care services by our residents.
6. Updated statistics from the meeting:
  - By 2030 over 65 year olds will grow at four times the speed of under 65 year olds
  - Between 2008 and 2018 those with multiple long term conditions will grow from 1.9m to 2.9m
  - If services were provided as they are now in 2020/2021 then the health system would need an extra £30bn a year.
7. It was also said that there would have to be an understanding that Hospitals will get smaller and wards close as care is moved out in to the community, especially in the light that the costs of care, its GDP is set to double by 2040.
8. 'Under the Weather' February 2014 - In my role as Health & Wellbeing Chair, and due to my work with the Department of Health,

I was asked to chair, in York, '*Under the Weather*' a joint Department of Health/Public Health England/ Environment Agency. The meeting was also held in Manchester.

9. The meeting was to launch the new Sustainable Development Unit (Environment Agency) toolkit and looked at the effects of climate change on Health and Social Care and how services will need to be 'resilient' in the future – it also went further to discuss how poor environmental coded housing could effect health and how poor transport due to weather extremes could affect people accessing services.
10. A link to the 'tool' for health and social care providers to use in relation to their JSNA is:  
  
[http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/documents/publications/Adaptation\\_under\\_weather\\_2.pdf](http://www.sduhealth.org.uk/documents/publications/Adaptation_under_weather_2.pdf)
11. Looking at the information presented, and clearly in light of recent weather, it was both interesting and worrying the work that needs to be done by ourselves, our partners and Government in regard to a number of areas including planning legislation. Whilst we have as a Council looked at Climate Change through aspects of Planning, Environmental and Housing we need to look at this is a joined up approach to and with care. I will be asking Officers to look in to a briefing later this year in to how we can work aspects of the 'toolkit' in to our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
12. After discussions with David Pencheon (Director) Sustainable Development Unit (SDU), the City of York Council has been asked to be one of a handful of authorities to take a lead on this agenda. I have been asked for my involvement due to my understanding across the agenda of Health, Housing and the environment. A meeting is being arranged with the SDU to see how we can help take a national lead in their 5 year Strategy which is committed to supporting localities in developing and delivering opportunities, co-benefits, challenges and ways of working that could help embed the principles of Sustainable Development within local cross system approaches to future proof health and well-being.

13. Development Sessions - The Board held a Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014 around developing the Better Care Fund in readiness for submitting this to NHS England on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
14. The next Development Session for the Board is currently being planned and is likely to be held in June/July 2014 and be focussed around mental health.
15. Working Relationships - In March 2014 I met with Councillor Funnell, Chair of Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Siân Balsom Healthwatch York Manager and various officers to discuss how we can better work together. A draft framework setting out how this might happen is presented in a separate report on this agenda.
16. Health and Wellbeing Board Stakeholder Event – Also in March I attended and jointly chaired a joint event between the City of York Council and the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group which was held at the Merchant Taylors Hall and attracted over 80 partners and members of the public from across the City. Presentations were given on Integration and the Better Care Fund and on how the Priory Medical Group was going to pilot work and spread out good practice across their services.
17. Comments and questions received from those attending covered topics such as ‘how would carers be better involved?’; ‘the role of patient confidentiality’; ‘how will the message of integration be published?’; ‘how can organisations work better together to provide services when residents cannot currently get access to GP?’ and ‘what will happen in the future after 5pm Monday to Friday?’
18. Importantly a ‘round table’ process took place and notes of this will be available on the City of York Council and the CCG website fairly soon, along with copies of the presentations. It is hoped to hold another meeting in around 6 month’s time.
19. Section 136 Suite - I visited the suite in early April. The suite has its own discreet entrance where either ambulances or police vehicles can drive up to the door at which there is a ramp. Once inside the

suite is light and airy and good adaption has been made of the listed building.

20. There is an office, an interview room and two 'safe rooms'. Both are ligature free and no fittings or fixtures could be used for self harm - furniture consists of three wipe clean chairs which can be joined to create a sofa so an individual can have a sleep. This is the same of the en-suite wet rooms which are one of the most up to date of any suite in the country. The interview room has four colourful chairs and feels welcoming. The Office allows staff to work and monitor the two 'safe rooms' - each room has CCTV in, this is not for recording purposes but for monitoring, as the Trust was not able to put viewing panels in the Grade 2 listed doors. It is the only Suite in the country to have this.
21. Since its opening at the beginning of February 2014, to the end of March, 22 people have been referred and 4 went on to become in-patients. These numbers are lower than expected but as it is early days yet they are not viewed as typical. I will be asking for a six-month up-date to be brought to the Board
22. Other Meetings - As Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board I hold rotational meetings with the partners on the Board. During the year I have met with:
  - Mark Hayes Vale of York CCG – July 2013/ September 2013/ January 2014
  - Chris Long NHS England – February 2014
  - Garry Jones – August 2013
  - Kevin McAleese Chair Safeguarding Adults – May 2013/ February 2014
  - Simon Westwood Chair Safeguarding Children Board – February 2014
  - Alexandra Norrish - Department of Health – October 2013
  - Rebecca Kerr : Sustainable Healthcare Steering Group Research – November 2013
  - Leon Clement , Defra - Project on the health impacts of poor air quality – November 2013
  - David Smith – November 2013
  - David Pencheon (Director) Sustainable Development Unit -NHS

England/Public Health England on Climate Change & links to Health – March 2014

- Garry Jones York CVS and David Smith The Retreat – April 2014
- Meeting with Frank Griffiths, Chair of Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust – April 2014

23. In attendance – I have also attended the following meetings:

- LGA Health and Wellbeing Leadership – Delivering Improved Outcomes for Local Communities – June 13

24. In the future months the following are also planned:

- A joint meeting is to take place between myself and the Chairs of the Children's and Adults Safeguarding Board. The meeting has three objectives; to see how they work of the Boards can feed in to the Health & Wellbeing Board, to prevent unnecessary duplication of work and to help with the statutory roles that the Children's Board take on in April 2014 and the Adults in 2015.
- During the next two months I will be meeting with;
  - Patrick Crowley, Chief Executive and Alan Rose Chair of York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
  - Chris Butler (Chief Executive) and Frank Griffiths (Chair) of Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
  - David Pencheon (Director) Sustainable Development Unit
  - Dave Jones Chief Constable North Yorkshire Police