

DARTFORD GRAVESHAM AND SWANLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting of the Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday 27 August 2014 at 3.00pm.

Present:

Councillor Ann Allen (In the Chair)

Councillor Tony Searles (Sevenoaks District Council)

Graham Harris	Dartford Borough Council
Lesley Bowles	Sevenoaks District Council
Melanie Norris	Gravesham Borough Council
Tristan Godfrey	Kent County Council

Jay Edwins	Kent County Council
Su Xavier	Kent County Council
Andrew Scott - Clark	Kent County Council

Debbie Stock	Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Elizabeth Lunt	Clinical Commissioning Group

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roger Gough and Jane Cribbons, and from John Britt, Sheri Green, Anne Tidmarsh, and Cecilia Yardley.

In view of the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Gough, it was noted that Councillor Ann Allen would chair the meeting.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

16. URGENT ITEMS

The Chairman reported that there were no urgent items for the Board to consider.

17. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON 18 JUNE 2014 TOGETHER WITH ANY MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 18 June 2014 were agreed as a correct record subject to the amendment of the name of Dr Catherine Handey.

18. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE KENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON 16 JULY 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM.

The Board considered the Agenda for the meeting of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board held on 16 July 2014, and the following issues were raised:

Kent Fire and Rescue Service. (KFRS)

It was reported that the KFRS had made a very informative presentation to the Kent Board and that it would be useful for our Board to receive such a presentation, as the Service had definite links with a number of service areas represented on our Board.

It was also suggested that it would be beneficial to stage a workshop type event within the next three months to disseminate relevant information between KFRS and services such as Housing, Community Safety Teams, and Children and Families services.

Local Implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

It was noted that the Kent Board had requested details of consultation / publicity events being undertaken by local HWB Boards to highlight the priorities that each local Board was pursuing.

It was also noted that this Board had adopted the issues of Falls Prevention, Childhood Obesity and Domestic Violence as the priorities which were of particular relevance to local residents.

Additionally it was reported that publicity work on these issues was being undertaken by the Gravesham Gateway, in a number of half term events by Sevenoaks DC and that such work could be undertaken by Dartford BC and that Elaine Henson and Anna Card would be the Officers to contact regarding this.

It was suggested by Debbie Stock that a report on the work would be presented to the next Board meeting.

19. BETTER CARE FUND - UPDATE

The Board received a report, initially presented to the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board, which explained changes to the Better Care Funding (BCF) arrangements with particular emphasis on mitigating the risks associated with failure to reduce emergency admissions. Additionally the report set out progress on the BCF nationally, the next steps which were planned in its implementation and issues that need to be resolved before any decisions on BCF are finalised.

It was noted that up to £1 billion of the BCF nationally will be allocated to local areas to spend on out of hospital services according to the level of reduction in emergency admissions they achieve.

Additionally local areas will be expected to identify their own targets for reductions in emergency admissions levels and they will be allocated a portion of the £1 billion performance money in the fund in accordance with the level of performance against this ambition.

It was understood that the exact impact of this was not clear, as guideline reductions identified by government related to 3.5% or 185,000 fewer admissions annually, and how local targets fit in with this was not explicit.

Concern was expressed regarding the re - provisioning of community health walk in services the contracts for which were coming to an end, and it was agreed that a report on this be added to the Agenda for our next meeting.

Additionally it was noted that there seemed to be quite a high vacancy level in the Community Nurse service and the Board asked for an update on this and on efforts to recruit to this service.

The Board agreed to note the content of the report.

## 20. MENTAL HEALTH GROUP REPORT

The Board considered a report which gave details of the work of the Mental Health commissioning Service, including that relating to Children's Mental Health Services.

The report detailed progress on the following areas

- Primary Care Psychological Therapy Service
- Primary Care Mental Health Specialists
- Personality Disorder Peer Support Group (Medway Engagement Group and Network – MEGAN)
- Porchlight Community Link Workers
- Dementia Services
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service. (CAHMS)

Some concern was expressed by Board members at a lack of information from the Commissioning Groups was reaching senior levels in borough hierarchies, and consequently it was agreed that the Agendas for the group meetings be forwarded to borough representatives for information only.

Additionally it was agreed that Naomi Harris would brief senior borough Officers on Mental Health matters when appropriate.

With regard to the CAMHS provision, it was reported that there had been a reduction in waiting times for clients and this was generally welcomed, that there was a possibly a joint responsibility with Children's Boards, and that investigations were underway into the integration of commissioning on a Kent wide basis.

21. COMMISSIONED CAHMS PRESENTATION AND UPDATE

It was agreed that in view of the close connections between the information contained two topics, a single report would be given to cover items 20 and 21 on the Agenda.

22. DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES IN THE BOARD AREA.

The Board was reminded that it had requested a demographic breakdown of its area of responsibility together with a projection of population growth and ethnic composition for the next 25 year period.

The Board therefore received a report from Andrew Scott – Clark which detailed the projected changes in population and ethnic make – up for the area.

It was noted that the projections made were not forecasts, in that they took no account of policy nor development aims which had not yet had an impact on observed trends.

The statistics indicated that there would be a population increase across the whole area of around 50,000 people with an above average growth in the numbers of people from ethnic minority backgrounds although this was not spread evenly across the Board area..

The Board expressed concern that the growth in population would require a substantial increase in health resource provision, and that this would need to be borne in mind by the newly formed Urban Development Corporation responsible for the Garden City Development.

Consequently it was agreed that Dr Lunt would write to the Chairman of the Kent Health and Wellbeing board stressing our concerns and seeking reassurance on this issue.

The Board noted the report.

23. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING GROUP - FURTHER REPORT

It was noted that consideration of this item was to be deferred to the next meeting.

24. UPDATE TO BOARD WORKPLAN

The Board considered its published work plan for the forthcoming year and agreed changes as set out in the attached Appendix.

25. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There were no issues raised.

26. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS 2014 - 2015

The Board received details of the schedule of meetings for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

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The meeting closed at 5.10pm