

DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

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 17 June 2015.

Present:

Councillor Roger Gough	– Kent County Council (Chairman)
Councillor Ann Allen	– Dartford Borough Council
Councillor David Turner	– Gravesham Borough Council
Councillor Tony Searles	- Sevenoaks District Council & Swanley Town Council
Sheri Green	Dartford Borough Council
Graham Harris	Dartford Borough Council
Hayley Brooks	Sevenoaks District Council
Tristan Godfrey	Kent County Council
Melanie Norris	Gravesham Borough Council
Sarah Kilkie	Gravesham Borough Council
Su Xavier	Clinical Commissioning Group
Debbie Stock	Clinical Commissioning Group
Dr Liz Lunt	Clinical Commissioning Group
Stuart Collins	Kent County Council
Cecilia Yardley	Healthwatch

76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Lesley Bowles, and it was noted that Hayley Brooks was attending on her behalf.

The Chairman, Councillor Gough welcomed Councillor David Turner to his first meeting of the Board. Councillor Turner was replacing Jane Cribbons as the Member representative for Gravesham Borough Council as a result of the recent political changes arising from the Local Government elections in May.

Councillor Gough expressed his thanks to Councillor Cribbons for her hard work and commitment to the Board over the past three years.

77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

78. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Health and Wellbeing Board held on 15 April 2015 were approved as a correct record of that meeting.

79. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2015

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The Chairman reported on the following matters which were discussed at the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

Health Infrastructure

The Kent Board has identified proposals for an Infrastructure plan to address the challenges arising from residential and other developments across the County.

Comments on the Plan will be invited from all relevant parties with specific emphasis on the Commissioning Groups.

Workforce Issues

Problems recruiting and retaining Health Service staff are well recognised, and the Kent Board has established a one year Task and Finish Group to consider and assess ways to address the matter.

Assurance Framework

It has been recognised that this needs better consideration by the Kent Board, with emphasis being placed on some specific issues including preparations for winter pressures.

80. URGENT ITEMS

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

81. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board received a position statement on actions arising from previous meetings.

It was reported that the workshop event identified as an urgent issue at the last meeting and involving Kent Fire and Rescue, had now been finalised, and would take place at 2.00pm on Friday 10 July at Dartford Civic Centre.

82. PROGRESS AGAINST DGSHWB PRIORITIES

The Board considered a report, presented by Sheri Green, which explained the history of the development process for the Board's current priorities, and outlined the progress that the Board had made against the identified priorities.

It was noted that following a meeting on 5 August 2013, the DGS HWB (whilst in its development phase) had considered a presentation from KCC Public Health that provided statistical data detailing the key public health issues across the CCG area, broken down by district and set in the context of current population data and projected demographic trends.

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Arising from the presentation the Board determined that it could not tackle all issues and agreed to focus on the following:-

- Obesity
- Falls
- Health Inequalities
- Demographic pressures
- Mental Health
- Teenage Pregnancy

It was also noted that the Board had agreed to look at the wider determinants of health as well as at the clinical information available, and what action the Board had taken against these particular priorities.

Additionally the Board had recognised that it needed to consider other issues, including the Better Care Fund submissions, CCG Commissioning and Operational Plans and various Kent-wide strategies such as the Kent Alcohol Strategy.

In addition to providing a review of performance Mrs Green explained that the report sought to define a way forward for the Board, to question the focus of the Board's work, and to identify priority areas for the concentration of efforts.

After much discussion the Board agreed

- i. that in general terms the Board should review the Local Health Profiles annually and consider which issues it wishes to place particular focus on, either through the HIGs or its own meetings.
- ii. that through consideration of the recently published Profiles, Officers should identify priorities for inclusion in a report for consideration by the next meeting of the Board
- iii. that Su Xavier co - ordinate the production of the report identifying priorities for the Board for the forthcoming year

It was further agreed that the Board would

- iv. maintain a focus on the changing demography of the area and the pressures that this will place on health services.
- v. review falls data in 6 months to assess whether the new Pathway has had an impact or if more needs to be done, and by whom.
- vi. receive the Kent Teenage Pregnancy Strategy once available for local consideration

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83. UPDATE ON REVIEW OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

The Board received a brief report on the review process and informed Members of a number of meetings which had taken place with local stakeholders, developers and NHS England relating to the review and resources that would be required to adequately provide for the needs of the growing population in our area.

The Board noted the information.

84. REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S OPERATIONAL GROUPS

The Chairman welcomed Stuart Collins to his first meeting of the Board.

Mr Collins introduced a report on the work of the Children's Operational Groups (COGs) and explained the statistical analysis provided on the performance compared to targets identified in the Kent Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Arising from this the following points were raised

- The possible split of data to allow Swanley's performance to be considered separately from Sevenoaks
- That Gravesham's teenage conception rates should be considered by the relevant COG with a view to identifying and implementing best practice from elsewhere
- Issues relating to the meaning of some data – are reductions in numbers of cases a good or bad thing in some targets
- The possible addition of "Direction of Travel" and "Trends" to certain data sets in future reports.

The Board was otherwise happy with the content and presentation and noted the report.

85. REPORT FROM HEALTH INEQUALITIES GROUPS INCLUDING UPDATE ON MIND THE GAP

The Board was informed that the Health Inequalities Groups (HIGs) were not currently in a position to report to the HWB as they were awaiting statistical data from the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory on the main area of their work, the "Mind the Gap" strategy.

The Board noted the position and agreed to postpone receiving the HIG report until the review of the Mind the Gap strategy and associated action plans are complete.

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86. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There were no issues reported for dissemination.

87. BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Board received and noted a report on its work plan for the future and on a number of amendments which were made arising from this meeting.

The meeting closed at Time Not Specified

Councillor J I Muckle
CHAIRMAN