

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 9 December 2015.

PRESENT: Councillor Roger Gough (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Ann D Allen MBE
Councillor Tony Searles
Councillor David Turner
Debbie Stock
Dr Elizabeth Lunt
Sheri Green
Graham Harris
Andrew Scott- Clark
Stuart Collins
Sarah Kilkie
Lesley Bowles
Cecilia Yardley

ALSO PRESENT Tristan Godfrey - Kent County Council, Val Miller - Kent County Council, Public Health, Dr Su Xavier - DGS Clinical Commissioning Group.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Melanie Norris.

The Chairman being absent at the start of the meeting, Mrs Ann Allen took the chair until he arrived.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

41. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Dartford Gravesham and Swanley Health and Wellbeing Board held on 7 October 2015 were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting.

42. URGENT ITEMS

It was confirmed that there were no urgent item for the Board to discuss.

43. ITEMS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Board received a report on work issues which were outstanding from previous meetings and noted that the only uncompleted issue related to work on engagement with schools being undertaken by the Chairman.

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44. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD.

Councillor Roger Gough, having arrived during the discussion of the last item, took the Chair from this point onwards in the meeting.

Councillor Gough reviewed the meeting of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board held on 18 November 2015 and drew Members' attention to the following items which were discussed.

- Learning disability / self-assessment framework
- Growth and Infrastructure Framework – where the DGS Board is in the forefront of discussion
- Public Health Service Commissioning Plans – as discussed at the 7 October meeting
- The Assurance Framework – a more focussed approach is being adopted and individual topics are to be discussed. A report on obesity will be presented to the May 2016 meeting.

Councillor Gough also confirmed that the Annual Report of the Kent HWB had been confirmed and approved for publication.

In addition Councillor Gough reported that in January the Kent HWB intended to consider

- The Impact of the government autumn financial statement on health provision
- The future of the Better Care Fund in individual Health regions
- The impact of the increased demand over the winter months on Hospital and other healthcare services.

45. REVIEW OF FALLS DATA AND THE EFFICACY OF THE FALLS PATHWAY

The Board received a report which provided an update the group on the work undertaken in DGS with regards to falls in the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley area.

The report informed Members that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Public Health have been collaboratively reviewing the falls pathway within and had summarised the work undertaken which will continue into 2016 / 2017 in the following topics

- Established Community Falls service

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- Review of Acute frailty pathway
- Creation of Falls 'hub' via Access 2 Resources
- Postural stability classes across Kent
- Falls intervention with extra care housing
- Continuation of Kent wide Falls group
- Integrated falls pilot with Kent Fire & Rescue Service
- Polypharmacy review in DGS
- Re-established care home provider forum to focus on falls

The Board noted that it appeared that work on avoiding hospital admissions as a result of a fall was succeeding within DGS area, as there has been a reduction in both short stay and long stay admissions so far in 2015/16.

It was noted however that there had been an increase in Accident and Emergency attendances so there is more work to do to try and address why and how people are falling in the first place in order to reduce A&E attendance, as well as maintain a downward trend in admissions.

In the absence of the report authors Dr Su Xavier had agreed to note any issues and pass these on to for resolution.

Concern was expressed that there appeared to be some discontinuity in the commissioning process for falls prevention work. District Councils were also concerned that the commissioning process had led to a reduction in the number of venues where treatment could be received and a loss in opportunities to integrate with other services..

Cecilia Yardley of Healthwatch enquired if a more detailed picture of individual injuries was available, and Dr Xavier agreed that this ought to be possible.

In addition to these points Board Members asked for additional information on the following issues

- Kent Fire and Rescue Involvement in falls prevention;
- Any feedback from residential and nursing homes on work being undertaken;
- Work being undertaken by member District Councils in falls prevention, including joint working with local housing associations; and,
- The integrated Falls pilot

Councillor Gough thanked Officers for the report, and the Board agreed to receive a further update in six months.

46. REPORT FROM CHILDREN'S OPERATIONAL GROUPS

The Board received a report from Stuart Collins, Head of Early Help & Preventative Services (North Kent), on the work of the three Children's Operational Groups (COGs) in the board area, and also detailed

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information from each COG area in relation to the objectives and targets identified in the Kent Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The report updated the board on the key priorities of the COGs and local issues that had been identified as follows; and provided comparisons between the three district areas and where available, the national and county figures in order to provide some context for comparison.

Priorities

- Tackle Key Health Issues where Kent's performance is worse than England Average
- Tackle Health Inequalities
- Tackle Gaps in Service Provision
- Transform services to improve outcomes, service user experience and value for money
- Work across all services to improve education outcomes

Local issues

- Raising awareness of Sexual Exploitation and developing services to reduce prevalence.
- Increasing levels of childhood obesity
- Young Carers

It was noted that although the report was compiled on behalf of the three district level COG's, these are soon to be relaunched and renamed Local Children's Partnerships Groups (LCPG). These will continue to monitor progress against indicators and use the available data, along with local knowledge, to determine priorities for work relating to children's issues.

Arising from consideration of the report a number of issues of concern were identified and the following points were made:

Given that the statistics for Gravesham show that the levels of improvement in the area are not as rapid as in adjoining areas, what can the Borough Council do to aid the work of the COG / LCPG in Gravesham?

Will the new LCPG be developing a blueprint for using the "Voice of the Family / Voice of the Child" in its work in the future? If this is so Healthwatch would be keen to contribute to the development process.

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What changes were proposed in the work and work practices of the new LCPG compared to the extensive tasks undertaken by the COGs?

It is understood that funding will be available direct to schools to facilitate Mental Health care, do we yet know what schools are to be asked to do for this funding?

The Board agreed to note the report.

47. PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP ON OBESITY

The Board was reminded that at their meeting held on 19 August 2015 they had established a task limited work group to co - ordinate action planning surrounding efforts to reduce obesity amongst both children and Adults in the Board area, which had been identified as a priority issue by the Board.

The Board further noted that Val Miller and Dr Su Xavier had agreed to lead this work.

Arising from this the Board received a report which,

- a. presented data from the most recent National Childhood Measurement Programme;
- b. explained work which had been undertaken so far and identified possible partner groups;
- c. outlined initiatives which were being undertaken by Kent County Council and Public Health England;
- d. presented a draft action plan template which required completion by contributing bodies; and,
- e. Identified the following four themes which formed the basis of the template.
 - Environmental and social causes of unhealthy weight
 - Give every child the best start in life and into adulthood
 - Develop a confident workforce skilled in promoting healthy weight
 - Provide support to people who want to lose weight

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Arising from the discussion of the report the Board agreed that

1. The proposed approach to action planning outlined in the report was a suitable way forward and was appropriate.
2. Details of any additional organisations for inclusion in the consultation on the Action Plan be passed to Dr Xavier and Val Miller
3. The draft framework for the Action Plan be considered by member bodies, completed, and returned to Dr Xavier and Val Miller in time to enable a further report to be presented to the February meeting of the Board.

48. SWANLEY REGENERATION

The Board received a short presentation from Lesley Bowles on the history, process, and opportunities that were projected from the plans to redevelop Swanley Town centre.

It was reported that a number of the Board's Member organisations were involved in the planned redevelopment and that important aspects of green space were included within the plans.

It was agreed that further reports be submitted to the HWB in due course.

49. UPDATE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR THE HEALTH SECTOR AND THE SHAPE OF SERVICE PROVISION.

It was noted that there was not a substantive report to be considered at this Agenda item, but the Board was informed that the bid submitted under the Healthy New Towns initiative had advanced to the second stage of the selection process and that a short presentation was to be made at 10 Downing Street on the bid.

50. MEETING DATES FOR 2016 / 2017

The Board received a list of proposed meeting dates for the 2016 / 2017 year and agreed that it should be considered for confirmation at the meeting of the Board scheduled for February 2016.

51. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was no information for dissemination to other Board Members.

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52. BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Board received and noted a report on its work plan and noted the following additions to the plan for our February meeting which arose from this meeting.

Developments in Swanley

Obesity Framework: Completed Forms

National Obesity Strategy: Communications Strategy