

## **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 24 February 2016.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Roger Gough (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Ann D Allen MBE  
Councillor Tony Searles  
Councillor David Turner  
Sheri Green  
Graham Harris  
Melanie Norris  
Sarah Kilkie  
Lesley Bowles  
Cecilia Yardley

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jenny Ellis, Job Centre Plus; Elizabeth Fairbairn, Violence Reduction Nurse; Val Miller, KCC Public Health; Dr Su Xavier; Dartford, Gravesham, and Swanley CCG

### **53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Stuart Collins, Tristan Godfrey, Dr Elizabeth Lunt, and Debbie Stock.

Councillor Ann Allen apologised in advance that she would be late attending the meeting.

The Chairman being absent at the start of the meeting, Councillor Searles took the Chair until he arrived.

### **54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

### **55. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Wednesday 9 December 2015 were confirmed as a correct record of the meeting.

### **56. KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Chairman, Councillor Gough having joined the meeting reviewed the meeting of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board held on 27 January 2016 and drew Members' attention to the following matters which were discussed.

Winter Service Performance. The Kent Board had noted that there had not been any major service issues over the winter period but was concerned that this was possibly due to the very mild weather conditions.

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Issues relating to Darenth Valley Hospital were also noted but it was recognised that these were local issues only and not related to the winter.

Sustainability and Transformation Plans. The Kent Board was updated on Guidance circulated by the Department of Health relating to sustainability and transformation plans for health provision within the County. The Chairman commented that the intended “footprint” for the plan was likely to be Kent and Medway with three local focus areas of East, West and North Kent.

In response to a separate point raised by a Member, the Board agreed that it wished to receive a report on adolescent mental health, at a future meeting.

**57. URGENT ITEMS**

It was noted that there were no urgent items for the Board to discuss. The Action Plan for the Obesity Framework was circulated for discussion under Agenda item 11. ( Minute 63 below)

**58. ACTIONS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Board received a report on work issues which were outstanding from previous meetings, and noted that a number of matters had been added to the Board’s work plan.

Arising from this Councillor Turner enquired about the progress of dementia awareness training in schools and it was agreed that Stuart Collins would cover this during discussion on dementia scheduled for the next Board meeting.

**59. REGENERATION IN SWANLEY**

Following on from her presentation to the Board at the meeting held on 9 December 2015, Lesley Bowles further updated the Board on the progress of the planned regeneration at Swanley Town Centre.

Mrs Bowles reported that

- A Consultant had been engaged to draw up a Masterplan for the regeneration and they would look at the data arising from the public consultation exercises to be undertaken
- Public consultation had been undertaken, with both a shop unit being used to canvass passers - by and via an on line survey
- Specialist transport consultants Urban Flow had been engaged to look at traffic and transport issues

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- Work was to be undertaken in local schools to ensure that a balanced demographic of consultation was obtained
- Meetings are to be arranged with all stakeholders to consider health provision in the Town Centre

It was reported that despite the fact that detailed analysis of the consultation had yet to be undertaken, a major area of concern identified was traffic congestion and that public transport issues had not been seen as a priority matter.

The Board expressed a need to have further comment on the Masterplan when drafted and noted that a further update would be provided at a meeting towards the end of the summer.

Arising from the discussion of this matter Councillor David Turner raised the matter of grant funding for sports clubs to provide taster events to encourage young people to take up sport, which he felt would be of benefit to both their physical and mental health and wellbeing.

It was noted that some Councils employed Officers to undertake this role by direct provision and others by commissioning.

The Board therefore agreed to further investigate the progression of this initiative.

**60. EMPLOYABILITY AND HEALTH: A PRESENTATION**

The Board received a presentation from Jenny Ellis the Thames Gateway Manager from Job Centre plus.

Ms Ellis provided details of the numbers of persons claiming Employment Support Allowance, and thus unfit to work, in both Dartford and Gravesham together with a breakdown of the figures into physical and mental causes, highlighting the economic cost of mental health issues to the Country of around £105.2 billion per annum.

She explained the levels of support available to such claimants through her Service in terms of counselling and advice, job identification and local events such as job fairs.

She also highlighted problems encountered by her service relating to medical details provided by General Practitioners on fitness to work notes provided to clients, and on liaison with health professionals regarding public health matters.

The Board agreed

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1. To receive a further report on the liaison between the CCG and Job Centre Plus relating to education of GPs
2. To note that Dr Xavier was to work with Job Centre Plus on a strategic approach to employability and health particularly around Public Health issues.

**61. VIOLENCE REDUCTION INITIATIVE**

The Board were informed of the details of an initiative currently undertaken by Staff Nurse Elizabeth Fairbairn of the William Harvey Hospital Ashford, to establish a violent crime reporting programme across hospitals in Kent, Surry and Sussex.

The initiative consisted of the collection of data by local hospitals, the collation and the anonymization of the data and the transmission of the data to local Crime and Safety Partnerships who are able to use the data as intelligence in identifying violence hotspots and trends.

It was reported that national experience had shown that once implemented the initiative can

- Informed the targeting of police resources
- Inform Licensing applications and appeals
- Target problem premises
- Aid the Violence diffusion effect (Violence diffusion – research shows that when there is a decrease in violence in the public areas less violence filters into home and thus Domestic Abuse rates decrease)

Ms Fairburn explained that while NHS had now made the reporting of violence mandatory she had not been able to complete the necessary introduction to all the hospitals in her designated area, and the funding for the initiative was due to expire at the end of March 2016, and unfortunately new funding had not been identified.

The Board noted the great value of the initiative and expressed its concern that funding was an issue and it was suggested that local Crime and Safety Partnerships should be able to contribute to the funding of this project.

The Board therefore agreed that the local Crime and Safety Partnerships be approached to obtain the necessary funding for this initiative to continue.

**62. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARDS**

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The Board was informed that an offer had been received from the Local Government Association to provide development support for our Board and thus enhance our relationship with the Kent HWB and provide better outcomes for Kent residents.

Arising from discussions with the LGA and the Chairman of our Board it was proposed that the LGA facilitated a workshop event for the DGS Board, which would provide an opportunity to learn from other Boards, and to consider

- how well the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley Board is currently working,
- how it links with the Kent Board,
- whether membership needs to be changed/expanded in any way; and
- how to further develop the Board

It was also noted that the Board would need to identify a topic for the workshop event to focus on and would need to decide on the details of how the workshop was to be staged.

The Board agreed

- i. To take up the offer of support from the LGA
- ii. That the topic of Obesity be the subject of the Workshop event
- iii. That the workshop should be a freestanding event and not use a currently identified Board meeting date
- iv. Further issues be resolved between the Chairman and Officers

**63. LOCAL OBESITY FRAMEWORK: UPDATE**

Dr Xavier and Val Miller gave a brief update on the progress of the Local Obesity Framework and circulated to the Board a partially completed Action Plan Template which detailed progress and targets for the four themes identified in the Framework.

Board Members were invited to report on any inaccuracies identified in the Template and to pass any suggestions on publicity and promotion of the initiatives to Dr Xavier and Val Miller.

It was also suggested that the identification of an "Obesity Champion" may aid in publicising and progressing the work of the Action Plan and Framework.

The Board agreed that, as obesity had been identified as the topic for the LGA workshop event identified at item 62 in these minutes, it was appropriate that further consideration on the details of the Framework should be undertaken at that event.

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

It was reported that a decision on the Healthy New Towns bid submission was to be announced shortly and that the Board would be advised accordingly.

**65. MEETING DATES FOR 2016 / 2017**

The Board received and approved the schedule of meetings presented for 2016 / 2017 subject to further discussions on the viability of holding a meeting in August 2016.

It therefore was agreed that Board Members assess their availability to attend the meeting scheduled to take place on 10 August and be prepared to make a final decision on this matter at the next Board meeting.

**66. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The Board was informed that the Community Review of “Mind the Gap” by Chris Bentley had been circulated by Val Miller.

It was also suggested that the Board may wish to contribute to the consultation exercise currently under way on the proposed new River Thames crossing, although it was noted that there may be differing views within the Board on the proposals.

**67. BOARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Board received a report on its work plan and noted the following additions to the plan for forthcoming meetings, which had arisen from this meeting.

- Progress against DGS HWB priorities: Kent Teenaged Pregnancy strategy – move to “To be Scheduled” section
  - Dementia Issues: move to 6 April Meeting
  - JSNA Issues: chair to discuss this item with Officers.
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