

BARNET HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD (SHADOW)

Minutes of meeting held on 22 March 2012 at, 9:00am
Committee Room 2, Hendon Town Hall, the Burroughs London NW4 4BG

Present:

Councillor Helena Hart (Chairman)	Cabinet Member for Public Health, LBB
Councillor Andrew Harper	Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families, LBB
Councillor Sachin Rajput	Cabinet Member for Adults, LBB
Kate Kennally	Director of Adult Social Care & Health, LBB
Ceri Jacob	Associate Director, Joint Commissioning, LBB / NHS NCL
Bernadette Conroy	NHS Barnet, Non-Executive Director (deputising for David Riddle)
Alison Blair	NHS NCL Borough Director (Barnet)
Dr Sue Sumners	Clinical Commissioning Group Chair and Lead, West Locality Cluster
Dr Clare Stephens	Clinical Commissioning Group Lead, North Locality Cluster
Dr Charlotte Benjamin	Clinical Commissioning Group Lead, South Locality Cluster
Gillian Jordan	Chair of Barnet LINK
Dr Laura Fabumni	Assistant Director for Public Health, NHS NCL (deputising for Dr Andrew Burnett)

Also present:

Andrew Nathan	Chief Executive's Service, LBB
John Murphy	Governance Service, LBB

Apologies:

Robert McCulloch Graham	Director of Children's Service LBB
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1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Item 5: Draft Health and Well-Being Strategy

Kate Kennally advised the Board that the development of risk register for next year was to be incorporated into the Forward Work Programme.

Item 8: Health Services in North Central London – Quality and Safety

Ceri Jacob and Alison Blair to provide details of a seminar session on investment in the Quality of Care Homes and the usage of primary care funds to the May meeting of the Health and Well-Being Board

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Robert McCulloch Graham Director of Children’s Service LBB.

An apology for absence was received from Dr Andrew Burnett with Dr Laura Fabumni substituting in his place.

An apology for absence was received from David Riddle with Bernadette Conroy substituting in his place.

3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were none.

4. HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY

The Chairman of the Health and Well-Being Board introduced the item noting the many improvements both in content and presentation made to the Strategy since its first draft.

Kate Kennally, the Director of Adult Social Care and Health, LBB, presented a summary of the Strategy to the Board, noting how it set out a clear programme for delivering the objectives of improving the health and wellbeing of Barnet citizens and patients. She highlighted that the Strategy was based upon a strong evidential base incorporating the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the findings of the Marmot Review. It was also noted that the production of the Strategy had involved stakeholder engagement with two engagement exercises having taken place in relation to the integrated commissioning Strategy.

She drew the Board’s attention to appendix two, the proposed consultation and engagement plan for the Strategy. The Board was informed of the significance of the consultation process, particularly its relation to understanding public views in relation to meeting of responsibilities and duties of the local authority and residents own responsibilities for their own health and wellbeing.

The Board was informed that the Strategy was based upon four main themes:

- preparing for a healthy life;
- wellbeing in the community
- how we live and;

- care when needed.

This thematic approach would provide a basis for responding to the challenge of the Borough's demographic changes and the resulting health and wellbeing issues that will arise in the coming years.

In relation to questions regarding target setting and monitoring progress the Board was informed that the Strategy would adopt targets that are considered the most relevant to health and wellbeing strategic priorities. Furthermore, targets would be monitored and reported to the Board to assess progress.

The Board was also reassured that the targets would be reviewed annually with results being published in the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health. This annual report will provide a means for the public to hold the Health and Well-Being Board to account and ensure that the Strategy was being delivered.

The Chairman noted the positive response of the Children's Trust Board and the Youth Board and commented on the positive role they can play in helping achieve targets such as reducing the rate of obesity in reception year school children.

Councillor Harper, the Cabinet Member for Education, Children and Families, also noted the importance of engagement with the Children's Trust Board as well as other groups such as the Role Model Army to help address issues such as health inequalities experienced within the Borough. Councillor Harper also noted the importance of not being complacent in relation to targets, such as the number of NEETs within the Borough, which may be lower than other London Boroughs but nevertheless should be carefully monitored.

In relation to the public consultation process, Bernadette Conroy, Non Executive Director, NHS North Central London, drew the Board's attention to the importance of the use of language, for example, talking to young people using language and phrasing that they understood and were familiar with. She also highlighted the possibilities for delivering health messages through everyday channels such as maths and science lessons. These lessons could provide a platform for young people to engage with the rationalising of the health and lifestyle choices they make such as understanding the process and consequences of consuming high levels of calories.

Dr Sumners also noted the importance of presentation in getting the Strategy's message across to the Public particularly in reference to the Public Health story presented through the JSNA. Gillian Jordan, the Barnet LINK representative supported this point commenting on the need to ensure that health and wellbeing messages were delivered in an accessible but non-patronising manner.

In response to these comments Ceri Jacob, Associate Director Joint Commissioning, LBB/NCL stated that the presentation of the Strategy's message would be tailored to suit audiences as appropriate.

Dr Stephens supported the comments made by Ms Conroy in relation to schools but noted the challenge of working with a largely prescriptive school curriculum. However, Kate Kennally also reminded the Board of the work of the Children's Service with schools in developing means of supporting children's health and wellbeing across the Borough.

Councillor Rajput, the Cabinet Member for Adults commented upon the challenges faced in addressing mental health issues and its relationship to unemployment with the Board commenting on the subtleties and complexity of mental health issues.

Mrs Gillian Jordan commented upon the difficulties being reported by individuals seeking assessment for mental health issues. In response, Ceri Jacob advised the Board that the Council was undertaking work to improve the assessment process.

In relation to measures and targets the Board discussed the complexities of deciding on appropriate measures for evaluating the wellbeing of the Borough's residents particularly in relation to breast screening; male prostate and colo-rectal cancer screening (tie-in to national screening).

Kate Kennally commented that the key point was the need to have reliable baseline figures and to ensure that the Strategy captures how they are measured.

Action – Public Health to confirm whether the breast screening uptake target is sufficiently challenging.

Action - Dr Sumners to provide clarification in relation to figures for colo-rectal screening.

Following discussion of the content of Appendix B – the Consultation and Engagement Plan – Members of the Board raised the following points:

- Kate Kennally clarified in response to Dr Stephens' query that the figure of £250 available to Barnet Homes tenants was per group
- Bernadette Conroy highlighted the importance of people's environmental surrounding to their health and wellbeing. In particular she suggested that efforts should be made to engage young artists and school children to brighten up hoardings. Councillor Harper noted that many hoardings were situated on private property which could hinder gaining access as property owners must give their consent. The Board agreed that environmental improvements of the type described by Ms Conroy could be included within the public consultation.

- Councillor Harper suggested that residents forums could be utilised for the consultation process with the Barnet Youth Board and Role Model Army also providing a channel for engaging young people in the consultation.
- Dr Sumners noted the importance of gaining insight into all the physical activities that mature residents enjoy in order to consider health promotion beyond activities limited to the gym environment.
- The Chairman suggested that the fourth theme of care when needed was extended to include “and to improve the patient experience.”

Action – Bernadette Conroy to forward to board members a more detailed description of possible opportunities for engaging residents in environmental improvements.

Action – The fourth theme of the Strategy to be extended to include “and to improve the patient experience”.

RESOLVED that –

- 1) The Health and Well-Being Board approves the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, ‘Keeping Well and Keeping Independent’ for consultation.
- 2) The Health and Well-Being Board endorses the consultation and engagement plan set out in appendix 2 of the report.

5. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Andrew Nathan, Strategic Policy Adviser, introduced a potential work programme for the Health and Well-Being Board for 2012/13. Board members were invited to note and comment on the proposed work programme with particular reference to the proposal to adapt the structure of future meetings to include both formal board meetings held in public and workshops for Board members to support effective joint working and prioritisation arrangements in this shadow year of operation. This proposal was based on the outcomes from the Board Development Session organised by NHS London in February to which the Board attended.

In relation to the monitoring of targets and measures included within the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report, Board members suggested that the review of at least one of these measures should be included as a standing item on the work programme of the Board.

Action – Andrew Nathan to forward details of arrangements for a workshop session that is due to be arranged with the Marmot Review team.

Action – Board members to forward any comments in relation to proposed work programme to Andrew Nathan.

RESOLVED that –

- 1) **The Health and Well-Being Board note the draft forward work programme.**

6. PUBLIC HEALTH TRANSITION PLAN

Rohan Wardena, Public Health Transition Programme Lead, presented a report updating the Board on the development of the local transition plans and process to prepare for the transfer of public health responsibilities from NHS North Central London Cluster PCT to Barnet Council.

Mr Wardena asked the Board to endorse a Memorandum of Understanding, which was not a legally binding document, between NHS North Central London Cluster PCT and Barnet Council supporting the development of joint transition plans and the definition and operation of shadow working arrangements during 2012/13.

The Chairman stated that she wished to note formally for the public record her concerns in relation public health funding in Barnet. At a public health spend per head of population of £32, Barnet would receive the fifth lowest allocation in London which was substantially lower than the London average of £40 per head. She felt this level of funding would make it extremely difficult to provide the recommended increase in health checks and obesity reduction services. She confirmed that strong representations had been made to NHS NCL, NHS London and the Department of Health in this regard.

Action – That Board members send their comments in relation to the Memorandum of Understanding to Kate Kennally and Alison Blair to enable the submission of the signed document to NHS London by the 5th of April 2012 .

RESOLVED that-

- 1) **The Board endorse a Memorandum of Understanding, subject to final comments to be submitted by Board members, between NHS North Central London Cluster PCT and Barnet Council to support the development of joint transition plans and the definition and operation of shadow working arrangements during 2012/13.**
- 2) **The Board endorse the approach to develop and implement joint local public health transition plans.**

7. MINUTES OF FINANCIAL PLANNING SUBGROUP

The Board considered the minutes of the Financial Planning Subgroup which was a standing item providing updates to the Board on the joint planning of health and social care funding in accordance with the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and the NHS Quality Improvement and Productivity Plan (QIPP).

RESOLVED that –

- 1) The Board note the minutes of the Financial Planning Subgroup.**

8. OLDER ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Peter Cragg, Co-Chair of the Older Adults Partnership Board, and Caroline Chant, Joint Commissioner Older People and Physical Sensory Impairment, presented the Older Adults Partnership Board Annual Report.

In addition to the points noted in the report Mr Cragg reported he was encouraged by earlier discussions relating to community engagement in relation to the Health and Well-Being Strategy's consultation process.

Mr Cragg drew the Board's attention to an Aging Well pilot that had commenced on the Stonegrove Estate which would include discussions and workshops with local residents aimed at getting their views on what it meant to age well on the estate.

Mr Cragg noted that these workshops could also provide a platform for the Health and Well-Being Strategy Public Consultation process.

Finally, Mr Cragg wished to draw a distinction between the role of the LINK, which he saw as acting as a vehicle for scrutinising the work of the Health and Well-Being Board, and the Older Adults Partnership Board, whose role was aligned to helping build relationships between the Board and the Community.

Caroline Chant presented the Health and Well-Being Board with an overview of the annual report.

RESOLVED that –

- 1) The Health and Well-Being Board note the Older Adults Partnership Board Annual Report.**

9. MEETING WITH CHAIRS OF PARTNERSHIP BOARDS

The report provided the Board with feedback from the Partnership Boards allowing for the needs of service users to be factored into the development of strategies and programmes overseen by the Health and Well-Being Board.

The Chairman advised that it had been agreed that the Partnership Board members would hold more joint meetings in the coming year.

RESOLVED that –

- 1) The Health and Well-Being Board note the minutes of the meeting between the Chairman and the Partnership Boards held on February 9 2012.**

10. ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT (Agenda Item 12)

There were none.

The meeting finished at 11:05 A.M.