

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

23 APRIL 2013

1 PM TO 2.25 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Linda Kirby (chair), Margaret Brierly and Maxi Martin.

Eleanor Brown and Dr Howard Freeman, MCCG

Kay Eilbert, Yvette Stanley, Simon Williams, LBM

Chris Frost, MVSC

Melanie Monaghan, Carers Support

ALSO PRESENT: Myrtle Agutter and Eileen Nutting, Merton Seniors Forum

Jennie Chapman

Kris Witherington, Clarissa Larsen, Susanne Wicks, LBM

1 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No declarations were made.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr Geoffrey Hollier and Barbara Price

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 FEBRUARY 2013

RESOLVED: That the minutes are agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 MATTERS ARISING

Eleanor Brown suggested that acronyms in reports and minutes should be kept to a minimum now that papers for these meetings will be in the public domain

5 ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

RESOLVED: To take item 8 (LINKS report on mapping services for people with mental ill-health and carers) before item 5.

6 LINKS REPORT ON MAPPING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILL HEALTH AND CARERS

Jennie Chapman introduced this report and invited questions and comments. She noted that the report does not aim to give a qualitative evaluation of services in the borough, but to map the services available in three categories; day opportunities, out of hours care and carers' services. She also advised that when this report was commissioned, mental health services were also being commissioned, so the report could be out of date

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Eleanor Brown advised that out of hours services are an area of concern and that she will raise this at the Clinical Resource Group.

Simon Williams advised that this report will be considered along with other feedback from service users, carers, local providers and the voluntary sector. A response will then be formulated.

Dr Kay Eilbert noted that the One Merton Group has asked the Public Health Team to put together a group to develop a mental health strategy

Melanie Monaghan noted that there are several opportunities for the voluntary sector to be involved in this work.

Chris Frost noted that mental health provision is one of the key priorities for Healthwatch.

RESOLVED: That commissioners should report back to the Board on this issue in six months.

7 INTEGRATED CARE IN MERTON

Simon Williams introduced this report. Both he and Eleanor Brown noted the positive input from all parties so far, which must be maintained.

Yvette Stanley welcomed the report and highlighted the importance of integration and progress already made with regard to children's services.

Report received.

8 STRATEGIC SERVICE REDESIGN OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

This report was introduced by Eleanor Brown. She updated the Board on Better Services Better Value explaining that the proposals have been revised to take in part of Surry and that the formal consultation programme is planned for later this year. She also outlined Better Healthcare Closer to Home and the progress of the Nelson local care centre, which should be open and operational in February 2015. The St Helier Hospital urgent care centre will open on 9 May.

Simon Williams reported that although the progress with the Nelson site and the recent opening of the Raynes Park surgery is positive, this highlights even more the need to provide similar services in the east of the borough; although an ideal site has not been found in the past, work is currently taking place to find a site that is suitable from a clinical, planning and financial perspective.

Councillor Maxi Martin expressed her concern that there has been little progress with the project particularly when bridging the gap between the east and west of the borough continues to be paramount. She suggested that today should be the date when the marker was set down for progress to be made.

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Dr Howard Freeman reminded the Board that progress has been made in the east of the borough, even if a local care centre has not been built; nearly all GP premises have been upgraded or redeveloped. He also reminded the Board that progress may be slow, particularly in times of economic downturn. Furthermore the changes to the NHS have added another layer of complexity. He welcomed Simon Williams' suggestion of further consideration of a site for a care centre.

With regard to social care provision, Simon Williams suggested that the Board may like to see the Target Operating Model (TOM) for Adult Social Care and Children's Services, which gives details of the structure and organisation of social care and children's services.

Councillor Maxi Martin urged that services plan effectively for the transition from children's to adult services.

RESOLVED: That the Board be kept updated on progress of securing a site for a local care centre in Mitcham.

Report received.

9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY MONITORING

Dr Kay Eilbert introduced this report and gave thanks to Clarissa Larsen and Julia Groom for their work on the report.

RESOLVED: That the Board agrees the monitoring arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing strategy.

10 ST GEORGE'S CONSULTATION ON BECOMING A FOUNDATION TRUST

Simon Williams introduced this report and advised that the public meeting held in March was positive. Eleanor Brown noted that it was good to see both LB Wandsworth and LB Merton represented in a balanced way in the proposals.

RESOLVED: That the Health and Wellbeing Board agree their response to the consultation, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.

11 CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION STRATEGY

Yvette Stanley introduced this report and highlighted the need for such a strategy. Councillor Maxi Martin commended the strategy and noted the need to be vigilant. Councillor Linda Kirby paid tribute to the safeguarding of children carried out by children's services and Councillor Maxi Martin.

RESOLVED: That the Health and Wellbeing Board endorses the Child Sexual Exploitation strategy and action plan.

12 TRANSITION OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE LONDON BOROUGH OF MERTON

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Dr Kay Eilbert introduced the report.

Report received.

13 CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE OF MERTON HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Simon Williams introduced the report. He emphasised the partnership element of the Board and noted that if possible, the Board aims to make decisions by consensus.

Dr Kay Eilbert suggested that the Board should take advantage of the local authority's control over levers that impact on public health, such as Planning and Licensing and suggested that someone from Environment and Regeneration should be invited to attend future meetings of the Board.

Simon Williams advised that the Sustainable Communities and Transport thematic partnership will be charged with looking at their impact on public health through their lead in delivering Priority 4 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will be reporting to the Board in January 2014. He suggested that in the meantime, consideration be given to inviting representatives to future meetings if appropriate. Chris Frost advised that the CEN representatives also attend the Sustainable Communities Partnership.

Councillor Linda Kirby stated that there must be co-operation from and with the Sustainable Communities and Transport thematic partnership and this should be discussed further at future meetings.

RESOLVED:

To note the constitution of the Health and Wellbeing Board;

To agree the revised terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

To note the implications for all members of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Council's code of conduct and declaration of pecuniary interests.

14 HEALTHWATCH AND NHS COMPLAINTS ADVOCACY

Kris Witherington introduced this report. He explained that MVSC had been appointed as the provider HealthWatch Merton, after a formal tender process.

Councillor Linda Kirby extended thanks to Councillor Margaret Brierly and to Melanie Monaghan for evaluating the bids for the Healthwatch Merton.

Eleanor Brown asked that someone from VoiceAbility attend a future meeting of Merton CCG to explain how the advocacy service will operate.

Report received.

15 DIGNITY IN CARE CHAMPIONS

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Eileen Nutting and Myrtle Agutter gave a short presentation on the Dignity in Care Champions pilot scheme, funded by Comic Relief and LB Merton. They explained the background, outlined the feasibility study and how the pilot will work, the timescales, the aims of the project, the impact on homes and the vision for the pilot model.

Whilst noting his support of the project, Simon Williams expressed concern at the use of the term “inspectors”, which may cause confusion with the Care Quality Commission.

In response to questions, Eileen Nutting confirmed that all volunteers will be fully disclosure checked. She also advised that the project will be launched at this year’s Celebrating Age Festival on 19 September.