

Minutes of the Meeting of the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board held on 8 May 2009

Present: Laura Roberts (Chief Executive, NHS Manchester), (Chair), Councillor Basil Curley (MCC), Geoff Little (MCC Deputy Chief Executive (Performance)), Sara Todd (Head of Regeneration, MCC) Jan Didrichsen (Interim Director of Adult Social Care, MCC), Fionnuala Stringer (Assistant Director Adult Social Care, MCC) Mike Wild (MACC/CN4M), David Regan (Director, JHU), Zoe Cohen (NHS Manchester), Salle Dare (LINK)

Apologies: Colin Cox (JHU), Sally Bradley (NHS Manchester), David Williams (Manchester Carers Forum) Jill Meredith (Principal Manager, Adult Social Care, MCC)

In attendance: Andrew Wells (Audit Commission) and Peter Jones (MPSL).

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2009 were **agreed** as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

(a) Vascular Checks pilot programme (minute 2(d))

Dave Regan informed the meeting that almost 4,000 people had taken part in the pilot. Pharmacists in particular had been very enthusiastic about the pilot and it was hoped to build on that for any future development. He thanked all those who had taken part.

(b) Responding to the economic downturn (minute 6)

Dave Regan reported on a number of current activities aimed at supporting residents and organisations in Manchester through the current economic downturn. These included a key role for the new Citywide Healthy Living Network to tackle worklessness, enhancement of the condition management programme in Manchester, Salford and Trafford, the promotion of the Manchester Credit Union and the Helping Hands Campaign.

Mike Wild informed the meeting that the Voluntary Sector had produced a report on the economic downturn and he would arrange to circulate this to the Board.

Sara Todd said that MCC Regeneration were focusing on projects that would help people into work.

Geoff Little added that the Public Service Board would receive a report on the economic downturn at its next meeting.

It was **agreed** to note the current work being undertaken on the economic downturn.

(c) Comprehensive Area Assessment (minute 7)

Dave Regan informed the meeting that information continued to be collated from all partners as part of the ongoing dialogue with the Audit Commission

(d) Core Cities Health Improvement Conference (minute 9)

Dave Regan informed the meeting that the Conference would be held in Liverpool on 20 May 2009. The Conference would look at All Age All Cause Mortality and the Minister for Public Health would be attending.

3. Support and Challenge

The Chair said that following the last meeting of the Board two reports had been circulated for information and discussion: World Class Commissioning Panel Report and the Adult Social Care Business Plan.

A. World Class Commissioning

Zoe Cohen introduced the report on World Class Commissioning. The report, published in November 2008, was produced as part of a DoH initiative to encourage PCTs to improve their commissioning processes. It set out five main recommendations for the PCT to consider:

1. simplification of the PCT's explanation for its choice of priorities and outcomes.
2. further strengthening of links to secondary care.
3. further exploitation of its potential and ensuring that recent changes would enable delivery of the business plan.
4. consistent application of recognised quality improvement methodologies to improve the quality of care in Manchester.
5. sharing best practice with other PCTs.

Manchester PCT was broadly happy with the report and the ratings awarded but it accepted that more work needed to be done on a number of areas.

A number of issues arose in discussion, including

(a) a balance needed to be struck between the existing ambitious stretch targets and what could realistically be achieved with existing resources; the World Class Commissioning project was a three year process and outcomes and use of resources would be considered in years 2 and 3; the report did consider programme budgeting in 23 areas and found that in mental health, for example, there was high expenditure but relatively poor outcomes;

(b) there had already been some changes to PCT commissioning as a result of the report; the PCT was looking to work more constructively within its own organisation and with partners, such as the Adult Social Care, in the provision of services;

(c) there was a clear link to the current CAA process; and continued alignment of priorities and activities was needed to ensure delivery of the Community Strategy through the LAA, particularly in delivering the priorities identified by the Manchester Board: worklessness and aspiration and well-being.

It was **agreed** that

(i) the report be noted.

B. Adult Social Care Business Plan

Fionnualla Stringer introduced the draft Adult Social Care Business Plan 2009-2012. The broad aim of the Plan was to improve outcomes within the resources available. Under the Plan, Adult Health and Social Care would have a commissioning and delivery division. Services would be locality-based and the immediate objectives for 2009-2010 were targeted prevention to reduce delay or dependence, individual budgets (a key driver for the department) and creating a market place by, for example, developing in-house services to become business units.

The Board broadly welcomed the Plan and pointed to a number of issues that would require further discussion, including

- the need to ensure that under the Safeguarding Adults policy to ensure that the risks created by individual budgets were appropriately managed; other Partners could help to support this work through their existing networks
- the need to link the ASC Business Plan with the PCT's Business Plan
- development of better links to hard-to-reach groups and the voluntary sector
- demographic trends and their impact on services
- workforce skills

It was **agreed** to note the report and to receive progress reports at future meetings of the Board.

4. National Support Team Visit

David Regan introduced a report on the recent visit to Manchester by the DoH's National Support Team (NST) for Health Inequalities. The visit took place in March. The NST focused on the National Public Health Service Agreements that aimed to reduce the gap in life expectancy and mortality from the major killers between the quintile of local authorities with the greatest burden and those with the national average.

The visit comprised an opening plenary session, a number of individual discussions, a workshop on major programmes, a community engagement focus group and a closing plenary. The NST subsequently made a number of recommendations, which the Board would need to consider over the coming months. These included:

- setting more testing local targets to narrow the gap
- comprehensive delivery plans contained in the Partnership's Thematic Action Plan
- Further analysis of seasonal excess deaths
- a Partnership-wide review of the relationship between the statutory and voluntary sector
- clarification of 2010 targets for cancer, and cardiovascular disease
- further development of a shared approach on monitoring equality of service use.

The NST would be returning in summer to agree priorities for further support from NST. In the meantime discussions would continue with partners to progress the recommendations made and to produce a draft Delivery Plan for approval by the Board.

It was **agreed** that

(i) the report be noted.

(ii) the draft Adults Health and Well-being Delivery Plan be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

5. Points for Life Governance

David Regan introduced a report setting out proposals to strengthen the governance arrangements for the Points 4Life pilot. The structure, set out in detail in the report, envisaged the setting up of a company, limited by guarantee, to oversee the project.

It was **agreed** to note the report.

6. Safeguarding

Fionnuala Stringer updated the Board on recent developments. Training sessions on Safeguarding were being held for General Practitioners. An Annual Report would be prepared over the next few months, which would highlight the contribution of all organisations involved.

It was **agreed** to note the report.

7. Investment Strategy Sub-Group

David Regan informed the Board that the Sub-Group had finalised the Working Neighbourhoods Programme for 2009/10.

8. Standing Items and Items for information

(a) eHealth/Manchester Digital Strategy

David Regan informed the Board of a pilot initiative in Hull and agreed to bring a further report on the links to the Manchester strategy to a future meeting and arrange a separate briefing for interested parties.

(b) Greater Manchester Strategy and City Region Status

David Regan informed the Board that the Greater Manchester Strategy would be produced in July as part of the City Region developments. It represented an opportunity to progress a number of Partnership issues.

10. Any Other Business

(a) Health and Well-being Network

Mike Wild informed the meeting that the Network held an event in April that discussed how well-being was measured. He would be happy to produce a report for a future meeting of the Board on well-being and on performance management and related key policy issues.

(b) Councillor Basil Curley

The Chair on behalf of the Board thanked Councillor Basil Curley, who was attending his last meeting, for all his hard work and contribution to the Board during his term of office as Executive Member for Adult Services.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday 24 July 2009 in Committee Room 9 at the revised time of 1.30-3.30pm.