

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2017**

PRESENT:- Brian Mattock (Lay Chair), Councillors Fionuala Foley, Brian Ford and Ray Ballman (Swindon Borough Council), Michelle Howard (Healthwatch Swindon), Nicki Millin (NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group), Gill May (NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group), Angus Macpherson (Police and Crime Commissioner) and David Wray (Voluntary Action Swindon).

Also in attendance were: Matt Bywater (Swindon Borough Council), John Gilbert (Chief Executive, Swindon Borough Council), Cherry Jones (Director of Public Health, Swindon Borough Council), Dr Rebecca Maclean (Speciality Registrar in Public Health, Swindon Borough Council), Jo Osorio (Healthwatch Swindon), Simon Ratcliff (Local Safeguarding Children's Board Strategic Manager, Swindon Borough Council), Sue Wald (Interim Director of Children's Services, Swindon Borough Council) and Maria Young (Head of Children, Families and Community Health, Swindon Borough Council),

An apology for absence was received from Peter Mack (Clinical Chair Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group).

### **13. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

### **14. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

### **15. Public Question Time**

No Public Questions were asked.

### **16. Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016-19**

The Board considered a report of the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board setting out its Business Plan for the three years 2016-2019. The Business Plan had been updated to reflect progress against the core function and to set out the plan for 2017/18.

Mr Simon Ratcliff (Local Safeguarding Children's Board Strategic Manager), on behalf of the Board's Chair, introduced the Business Plan which was in its second year and set out the nine core functions and four strategic priorities for improvement. Mr Ratcliff also explained that the intention of the Business Plan was to be comprehensive on the range of work to be undertaken whilst sub-groups would be responsible for developing work and achieving targets and priorities.

Following the presentation of the report Board members discussed the matters raised including:

- Whether the Board had the resources available to fulfil a comprehensive Business plan.
- The role and membership of the Board's Business Plan Sub-Groups.
- The way in which Serious Case Reviews are identified and progressed.
- The audit of Section 11 Reviews and follow up in year 2 of the Business Plan's three year rolling programme.
- The role of Quality Assurance within the Business Plan.
- The role of education establishments within the work of the Safeguarding Board and how quality input can be achieved with stretched educational resources.
- The role of Statutory Authorities in Sub-Group work.
- Cross organisation working to ensure the objectives relating to child exploitation and missing children were robust.

Resolved – That the Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2016/19, the Board Priorities for 2017/18 and links to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board be noted

## **17. Restorative Youth Services Plan 2017-18**

The Board received a report of the Service Manager, Restorative Youth Services, setting out the Restorative Youth Services Plan for 2017/18 reflecting upon previous performance, and the priorities and business risks for the forthcoming year. The Plan also covered the confidential youth counselling service On Trak, and the youth alcohol and drug misuse service U-Turn.

Matt Bywater - Service Manager, Restorative Youth Services, introduced the report highlighting key areas and following the presentation the Board discussed issues raised including:

- Work with the probation services teams and other partners for older youths to ensure a smooth transition of service delivery.
- The restructuring of the Restorative Youth team following a 40 percent reduction in Government funding (it was noted that funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office and Swindon Borough Council had been maintained at previous levels). The restructuring had focused upon maintaining the delivery of frontline services.
- The confidence of the Service Manager, Restorative Youth Services, that service levels could be maintained on current funding with joint work involving partner organisations as cuts had largely focused on backroom services.
- The spike of referrals to the service which was largely the result of reductions elsewhere as well as an increase in self referrals.
- Concerns regarding the level of knife crimes although the Board noted that this was a national as well as local issue.
- The value of early intervention and programmes run in conjunction with partners such as the Junior Good Citizen Programme.
- The role of Out of Borough work and the challenge of the local Youth Offending Teams and visits to children in such circumstances.

Resolved – (1) That the Board notes and approves the Restorative Youth Services Plan for 2017/18 which incorporates strategies for meeting Government

and local targets for reducing first time offending, re-offending, remand, custodial rates and substance misuse, together with strategies for the timely and effective delivery of confidential youth counselling services and programmes, delivery of the youth domestic programme abuse programme RESPECT.

(2) That, further to (1) above, the Restorative Youth Service Plan 2017/18 be referred to the Cabinet for its information.

## **18. Draft Swindon Early Help Strategy 2017-2022**

The Acting Director of Children's Services, Swindon Borough Council, submitted a report seeking the Board's approval for the Early Help Strategy 2017/2022. The report set out the work and contribution of partner organisations in ensuring that every child and young person in Swindon has a healthy start in life.

Ms Maria Young, Head of Children, Families and Community Health, Swindon Borough Council, introduced the report and following her presentation the Board discussed points raised including:

- The role of Early Health Assessments and planning process to offer a better integrated Early Help Offer for young people.
- Referrals at the Family Contact Point, the use of early interventions, and the sharing of information should an intervention be required (although this did not always involve joint working).
- The training and technology available to partners and schools through the Local Safeguarding Children Board.
- The need to encourage more use of central records both during single agency and joint agency involvement.
- The six priorities set out within the Draft Early help Strategy 2017-2022.
- Issues that need to be addressed to ensure improvements including ensuring schools know how to properly access the system doer assistance, more collective working to effect positive change and additional work on library resources and threshold document for intervention levels.
- More targeted intervention through a schools team and children locality teams, to maximise results from the resources available.
- The reasons for the number of referrals levelling out over the previous four years.
- The role of schools representatives, who have two representatives on the Early Health Sub-Group, in encouraging good practice and in providing information on resources available to schools.
- The benefits accrued through the use of multi-agency training in adopting good practice and a common approach to early health.
- The use of school governors to help spread knowledge of early intervention tools and assistance.
- The benefits of establishing a multi-agency working group to highlight and focus upon the six priorities with the draft Early Help Strategy.

Resolved – (1) That the draft Early Help Strategy 2017-2022, attached as Appendix 1 to the report of the Acting Director of Children's Services and support to the development to the action plan associated with the strategy to revitalise Swindon's Early Help Offer be approved.

(2) That further to (1) above, Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet and the Governing Body of the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group be recommended to adopt the draft Early Help Strategy 2017-2022.

**Swindon Healthy Weight Strategy**

The Board received a report of Dr Rebecca Maclean, Speciality Registrar in Public Health, Swindon Borough Council, setting out the refreshed Swindon Healthy Weight Strategy.

Dr Maclean introduced the report and advised the meeting that the strategy was aimed at supporting people in maintaining a healthy weight. The report also identified the need to focus on groups requiring assistance through a vision and rationale for multi-agency action and the identification of other strategies as necessary.

Dr Maclean also noted that inequalities were being addressed by targeting schools in areas of deprivation through specific programmes.

Following the presentation by Dr Maclean the Board discussed issues raised including:

- The need for engagement by the public in the strategy which would offer leadership.
- The current situation which saw 25% of the Swindon population classed as obese which was above the national average.
- The cost to the NHS and partner organisations in dealing with medical issues arising from an overweight population.
- The need for people to regulate their food intake, look for healthy food substitutes and to undertake more exercise to address the problem.
- The need to address the issue of obesity in children who did not have a choice in lifestyle options.
- The need to clearly identify what parts of the strategy were working together with those that weren't in order to maximise the strategy's effectiveness.
- The need to work with businesses, schools and national campaigns, such as the National Healthy Workplace Charter, to raise awareness of the need for behavioural and environmental changes.
- The role that employers can play in the strategy through offering more healthy choices in canteens or vending machines. This could be achieved by showing them the benefits of a healthier workforce.
- The need for innovative training in the promotion of a healthier lifestyle, for instance fans having the chance to train at Swindon Town Football Club.
- The role of highlighting dangers to health, such as diabetes and higher risks of dementia in overweight people, in any promotion of healthier lifestyles and choices.
- The need to identify accessible options to people with disabilities who might find it hard to use commercial facilities and to ensure these were published appropriately.
- The need to continue the discussion on communication and engagement with communities.

Resolved – (1) That the Swindon Healthy Weight Strategy 2017-2022 be supported and approved.

(2) That Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet and the Governing Body of the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group be recommended to adopt the Swindon Healthy Weight Strategy for 2017-2022.

**20.****Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report**

The Board received a report of the Director, Healthwatch Swindon, setting out the organisation's Annual Report for 2016/17 and updating the Board on the work undertaken during the reporting period.

Mr Jo Osorio, on behalf of the Director, Healthwatch Swindon, introduced the report and tabled an Erratum to the Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report 2016/17.

Mr Osorio noted that Healthwatch Swindon aimed to achieve the following goals which had proven to be challenging:

- Enable local people to influence the planning, delivery and commissioning of local services.
- Respond to local people's expectations when they sought support to requests from commissioning colleagues in getting people involved.

Mr Osorio also noted that Healthwatch Swindon had grown from no volunteers to 17 and advocacy work had included 41 brief interventions.

Following the presentation by Mr Osorio the Board discussed issues raised including:

- Accountability Care and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.
- Support advocacy in respect of NHS Services provided to the public prior to any complaint.
- Work undertaken during the previous year which had included looking at health issues for rough sleepers and discussions with Threshold Housing Association as part of this work.
- Other highlights of the year including the use of social media to engage with people, volunteering, attendance at Boards, Committees and working groups across the Borough and the hosting of an aging well event in March 2017.

Resolved – That the Healthwatch Swindon Annual Report 2016/17 be noted and Healthwatch Swindon be thanked for their work and contribution to healthcare in Swindon.

**21. Joint Commissioning Group - Minutes for information and comment**

The Board received an update from Sue Wald, Director of Adults Services, Swindon Borough Council in respect of national and Local Government Association discussions in relation to the better Care Fund Guidance that had been received from Government. Ms Wald also noted that the Better Care Fund submission needed to be made by 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017.

Resolved – (1) That the minutes of the Joint Commissioning Group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 be noted.

(2) That the amended Terms of Reference for the Joint Commissioning Group be noted.