

# Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board held on the  
**20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.**

## **Present:**

Dr Navin Kumta – (Chairman);  
Councillor Brad Bradford, Portfolio Holder for Highways, Wellbeing and Safety, ABC  
(Vice-Chairman)

Graham Gibbens – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, KCC;  
Tracey Kerly – Chief Executive, ABC;  
Philip Segurola – Social Services Lead, KCC;  
Faiza Khan – Public Health, KCC;  
Sheila Davison – Head of Health, Parking and Community Safety, ABC;  
John Bridle – HealthWatch Representative;  
Theresa Oliver – HealthWatch Representative;  
Helen Anderson – Chair, Local Children's Partnership Group;  
Christina Fuller – Head of Culture, ABC;  
Deborah Smith – KCC Public Health;  
Liz Shutler – East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust;  
Richard Robinson – Housing Improvement Manager, ABC;  
SallyAnne Logan – Chilmington Community Management Organisation Project  
Manager, ABC;  
Matthew Nouch – Policy Planner, ABC;  
Neil Fisher – Head of Strategy and Planning, CCG;  
Dr Jim Kelly – Kingsnorth Medical Practice;  
Gerrard Abi-Aad, Head of Health Intelligence, KCC;  
John Rivers – Rural Community Network;  
Chris Morley – Ashford North Community Network;  
Emma Hanson, Head of Strategic Commissioning Adult Community Support, KCC;  
Austin Hardie – Shaw Trust;  
Shelley Southon – Enterprise Manager Mental Health and Employment;  
Councillor Geraldine Dyer, Lead Member Highways, Wellbeing and Safety, ABC;  
Keith Fearon – Member Services Manager, ABC.

## **Apologies:**

Peter Oakford – Cabinet Member, KCC, Simon Perks – Accountable Officer, CCG,  
Caroline Harris – Voluntary Sector Representative, Lisa Barclay – CCG, Martin  
Harvey- Patient Participation Representative.

## **1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

- 1.1 It was agreed that Dr Navin Kumta and Councillor Brad Bradford be elected  
as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Board for 2016/17.

## **2. Notes of the Meeting of the Board held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

The Board agreed that the notes were a correct record.

## **3. Update on Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities**

### **(a) Reduced Smoking Prevalence Update Report**

Faiza Khan explained that 18% of the adult population in England smoked, however, the figures for Ashford were 26.4% which was slightly higher than the national average. This level increased to 42.1% among routine manual workers which compared with the England rate of 28%. This equated to an estimated 25,000 smokers living in Ashford at an economic cost to the community of £39.8 million per year. She further explained that a Task and Finish Group had been set up to address the trend of smoking prevalence in Ashford and the Action Plan would target activities in the wards that had the highest smoking.

The Vice-Chairman said that the figure set out within the report which stated that there were 960,000 deaths per year associated with smoking was shocking and he asked the Board to consider whether it should write to the Health Secretary seeking a ban on the sale of tobacco.

During discussion on this suggestion, it was noted that if this occurred it was inevitable that the sale of illicit tobacco would increase and therefore control over the composition of the cigarettes would be lost. It was also suggested that perhaps Ashford could be a pilot in terms of promoting smoke free places, for example the Town Centre and parks which could be considered as part of the process to “de-normalise” smoking.

Graham Gibbens outlined the steps currently taken to reduce smoking prevalence which included more discreet sale, the introduction of plain packaging and initiatives to discourage smoking generally. He supported the suggestion that Ashford consider making the Town Centre smoke-free and he said he believed that this would be a massive initiative and no doubt the issue of how the ban would be enforced would be paramount.

The Chief Executive said that in terms of approaching the Health Secretary the Board might wish to consider seeking support to further national campaigns aimed at smoking cessation and also outlining what Kent did on a County-wide basis in terms of this issue.

Dr Kelly commented that e-cigarettes were assisting smokers to cease their habit and therefore it was more the issue of banning tobacco sales rather than products which contained nicotine.

Graham Gibbens suggested that in addition to writing to the Health Secretary a letter also be sent to the Kent Leaders and the Kent Health and Wellbeing

Board as he considered it important that despite reducing budgets, there was a need to ensure that the budget for tobacco control was maintained.

**The Board agreed that:**

- (i) the proposed ambitions to reduce smoking prevalence in Ashford be supported.**
- (ii) further progress and update reports be received at future meetings.**
- (iii) the Chairman of the Board write to the Rt Hon. Damian Green MP and seek his support in raising the matter of banning the sale of tobacco with the Health Secretary and a similar letter be sent to the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board and Kent Leaders. The letters to also highlight the work being undertaken locally on this priority and the need to protect public health funds that are directed towards reducing smoking prevalence.**

**(b) Healthy Weight Update Report**

Deborah Smith advised that a priority Action Plan to facilitate the delivery of activities and new initiatives had been completed which fell under six work streams. The report sought the Board's approval to the delivery of these activities.

**The Board agreed that:**

- (i) the approach proposed by the Task and Finish Group be approved.**
- (ii) the six work streams that would form the basis of this work be agreed.**
- (iii) further progress and update reports be received at future meetings.**

## **4. Sustainability and Transformation**

**(a) Kent and Medway Sustainability Transformation Plan**

Neil Fisher reported that the Kent and Medway Sustainability Transformation Plan would review existing service provision across all health economies. The Plan would endeavour to form a five year forward view for the whole of Kent but with specific aspects of the Plan focussing on the provision in West, North and East Kent. In terms of Primary Care, Neil Fisher said that there were vacancy issues and there was a general need to reconsider how services were delivered. Neil Fisher further explained that a formal public consultation exercise would commence in the Autumn and essentially the document would focus on shifting service provision into the community via the community networks.

**(b) East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust**

Liz Shutler, Director of Strategic Development Planning – East Kent Hospitals University Trust, gave a presentation entitled “Sustainable Healthcare”.

The presentation had been published with the Agenda for the meeting and was available on the Council’s website under  
<https://secure.ashford.gov.uk/committeesystem/ViewAgenda.aspx?MeetingId=2009>.

Liz Shutler drew attention to the fact that of the 1100 acute hospital beds, in the region of 300 were occupied by patients who did not need to be in a hospital and would have been better for the services to be provided out of hospital, on a community basis.

**(c) GP Federation’s Vision for Healthcare in Ashford**

Dr Jim Kelly and Gerrard Abi-Aad gave a presentation on the “Enhanced Primary Care and Scale and a Vehicle for New Models of Care”. Following the meeting, copies of both presentations had been published on to the Council’s website under  
<https://secure.ashford.gov.uk/committeesystem/ViewAgenda.aspx?MeetingId=2009>.

During the presentation, Dr Kelly commented that whilst the current Local Plan out for consultation showed an estimated rise in the population of 30,000 there were no specific sites detailed within the Local Plan for new healthcare premises. He hoped that as part of the consultation health providers would ensure that they discussed this issue with the Local Plan’s team and provide specific consultation feedback.

**(d) Community Networks**

Chris Morley, Ashford North Community Network and John Rivers, Ashford Rural Community Network gave a presentation on the work of the networks. Reference was also made to the Ashford South Community Network on behalf of Caroline Harris. Following the meeting the presentation had been published with the Agenda for the meeting and is available on the Council’s website under  
<https://secure.ashford.gov.uk/committeesystem/ViewAgenda.aspx?MeetingId=2009>.

In terms of the Ashford North Community, Chris Morley expressed a wish for Borough Councillors to become involved as at the present time he said that no ABC representatives had come forward to be represented at the meeting. In terms of the forthcoming consultation on the Local Plan, Chris Morley said that he believed the Health and Wellbeing Board members should consider making their own submission as part of that consultation in terms of the types of facilities it would like to see provided to meet healthcare provision in the near future. He said he was also supportive of any proposals to make Ashford a smoke-free town centre.

With reference to the rural network, John Rivers explained that the principle issue related to the lack of public transport which he said had reduced by in the region of 20% prior to previous service provision. He also expressed a wish that the use of IT become more efficient as he believed its universal application across different providers would help to meet the changes envisaged over the next five years.

The Chief Executive asked Liz about the nature of the questions which would be proposed during the Sustainability Transformation Plan consultation as she believed they needed to be readily understandable in terms of the general public.

Neil Fisher explained that the matter was still subject to discussions with clinicians and therefore the range of options for consultation was not yet available. He, however, indicated that different aspects of the overall Plan would be consulted upon.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked all the presenters for attending the meeting.

**The Board agreed that:**

- (i) it was important for the right type of delivery vehicle to be put in place.**
- (ii) there was a need to ensure that a communication strategy was in place in terms of the consultation and ongoing issues associated with service provision.**
- (iii) health service providers be encouraged to respond to the Local Plan and Infrastructure Plan consultation in terms of the provision of future services.**
- (iv) ABC Members and representatives of Parish Councils be encouraged to participate in the community networks.**
- (v) the Board receive an annual report from the networks.**

## **5. Live it Well and Wellbeing Café**

- 5.1 The Board received a presentation from Emma Hanson, Head of Commissioning, Kent County Council, Austin Hardie, Director of Transport and Enterprise Activity Shaw Trust and Shelley Southon, Enterprise Manager, Mental Health and Employment.
- 5.2 The presentation had been published with the Agenda for the meeting and is available on the Council's website under <https://secure.ashford.gov.uk/committeesystem/ViewAgenda.aspx?MeetingId=2009>.

- 5.3 In accordance with Procedure Rule 9, Mr Claughton, a member of the public said by way of introduction that he hoped that the good work that had previously been undertaken by the former operator of the Centre, would continue in the future. He, however, said that he was disappointed at the way the KCC had handled the procurement process in terms of the current operator of the Centre. He said that he understood that the former operator had provided monthly reports to Kent County Council and data every six months. He believed that the change would have a huge impact on those residents in the Borough with mental health.
- 5.4 Austin Hardie said that the Shaw Trust was aiming to provide safe spaces for people with mental health issues and support would be provided by Community Navigators in order to ensure access to appropriate services. Currently, 15 safe spaces were available which enabled persons to visit, have a cup of tea and access a range of support services. In terms of the current centre, Austin Hardie said that he considered that it had been substandard in the past and therefore Shaw Trust's task was to make the Centre better and he said that if the Centre under Shaw Trust's management was not a success, he would be answerable to the Board and his own Chief Executive.
- 5.5 In terms of premises for the Centre, Emma Hanson advised that no firm commitment had yet been made on the current premises as it was considered that a Centre located nearer the Town Centre would be more preferable and more visible to be public.
- 5.6 The Chairman commented that if the Centre did relocate, there would be a need to ensure that the communication channels were in place to ensure that the previous clients were aware of the change in premises.
- 5.7 Graham Gibbens advised that as the appropriate Portfolio Holder at Kent County Council, he had taken the decision to award the current contract to Shaw Trust. He emphasised that no additional money was forthcoming from Central Government and it was important that no cuts were made locally in terms of the provision for mental health care. He believed that the current proposal ensured best value and would maintain the long-term provision of the service.

**The Board noted the report.**

## **6. Kent Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

- 6.1 The Agenda contained links to the full agenda papers for the above meeting. The Chairman gave a brief summary of the issues discussed at the meeting.

## **7. Partner Updates**

- 7.1 Included with the Agenda were A4 templates submitted by all Partners apart from the Clinical Commissioning Group.

**(a) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

Neil Fisher apologised for not providing the update with the Agenda papers and then gave an update on the current initiatives the Clinical Commissioning Group was dealing with. This included a staff reconfiguration exercise and focussing on the new Sustainability Transformation Plan. In terms of the provision of future premises to serve health needs, Neil Fisher explained that in the past the CCG had not fed directly into the Local Plan process, however, he advised that in the future this would happen to a much greater extent.

**(b) Kent County Council (Social Services)**

Update noted.

**(c) Kent County Council (Public Health)**

Update noted.

**(d) Ashford Borough Council**

Update noted.

**(e) Voluntary Sector**

Updated noted.

**(f) HealthWatch Kent**

Update noted.

**(g) Ashford Local Children's Partnership Group**

Updated noted.

## **8. Forward Plan**

- 8.1 Neil Fisher advised that there might need to be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Board following publication of the Single Transformation Plan for consultation.

## **9. Dates of Future Meetings**

The next meeting would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2016. This would focus on children and young people

Subsequent date 18<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

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