

Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board held on the **18th July 2018.**

Present:

Councillor Brad Bradford - Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing, ABC (Chairman)

Dr Navin Kumta – Clinical Lead and Chair, Ashford CCG (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Jenny Webb – Deputy Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Wellbeing, ABC

Sheila Davison – Head of Community Safety and Wellbeing, ABC

Karen Cook – Policy Advisor, KCC

John Bridle – HealthWatch

Chris Morley – Patient and Public Engagement (PPE) (Ashford CCG)

Roy Isworth – KALC

Matthew Capper – Director of Performance and Delivery (NHS Ashford and Canterbury)

Ann Redman – Service Manager, Social Services, KCC

Dr Jim Kelly - Ashford Clinical Providers

Dr Sadia Rashid - Chair of Ashford Clinical Providers

Helen Anderson – Ashford Local Children’s Partnership Group

Jane McAvoy – Ashford Local Children’s Partnership Group

Angela d’ Urso – Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager, ABC

Belinda King – Management Assistant, ABC

Keith Fearon – Member Services Liaison Manager, ABC

Apologies:

Sharon Williams - Head of Housing, ABC, Jo Frazer - Head of Adult Social Care PMO.

1 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Resolved:

That Cllr. Bradford and Dr Navin Kumta be elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively of the Board for 2018/19.

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Cllr. Mrs Webb and Chris Morley made Voluntary Announcements as they were Directors of the Ashford Volunteer Centre.

3 Notes of the Meeting of the Board held on 18 April 2018

Resolved:

That the Board agreed that the notes were a correct record.

4 Update on the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting – 28th June 2018

- 4.1 The Minutes of the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 28th June 2018 could be accessed using the link provided under item 4 on the agenda.
- 4.2 Navin Kumta summarised the items discussed at the meeting, it being noted that there were no specific actions to be addressed by the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board. Karen Cook advised that this first meeting had considered work around the STP footprint and the Prevention and Local Care agenda. The next meeting would look at establishing a performance dashboard and outcomes.

5 Delivering Local Care from a Social Care Perspective

- 5.1 Ann Redmond gave a presentation on delivering Adult Social Care within Local Care and the STP. The presentation was broadly based on the one which had been published on the Council's website under:
<https://ashford.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s2546/item%206.pdf>
- 5.2 Ann Redmond advised that the basic principle sitting behind the initiative was to keep people safe and living in their own homes and thereby avoiding stays in hospital. The initiative would require the realignment of staff resources and the allocation of case loads according to appropriate skill bases. It was proposed that the initiative would commence from 6 August 2018.
- 5.3 Karen Cook explained that this was a major change for services in the County and confirmed that the changes were being made within existing budgets. She believed that this move to person centred care would provide a much better service to the public. Chris Morley suggested that it would be helpful if the changes were more widely publicised. Although it was acknowledged that the changes mostly affected back office functions, Karen Cook agreed to relay this comment back to Jo Frazer.
- 5.4 In response to a further question, Ann Redmond clarified that a member of the public would have only one point of contact and it was hoped that there would be a seamless delivery in terms of team working.
- 5.5 Roy Isworth advised of his work with the Tenterden Day Centre and with Age UK and said that the volunteers were able to provide many aspects of support to people discharged from hospital apart from nursing but this would need effective liaison with the East Kent Hospital Trust. Additional attendees at the

centre would also help to alleviate the loss of funding stemming from the reduction in government grant. Ann Redmond said that she would be very interested in working with the Day Centres and it was agreed that a meeting be arranged between the relevant parties and the Chairman of the Board to take this forward.

- 5.6 Dr Jim Kelly said that General Practices were generally struggling in terms of supporting the increasing number of patients within their communities and considered that social care workers should be based within GP surgeries. Karen Cook confirmed that social workers would be part of local care teams. Dr Sadia Rashid also said that there was a need for all GP's within Ashford to work together and take the lead in looking towards the provision of a dedicated new primary care health centre. Dr Rashid also explained that it was important for GP's to be made aware when patients were due to be discharged from hospital. Matthew Capper explained that Integrated Discharge Teams would aid this process and said that KCC Directors now sat in on meetings at CCG level to ensure that plans lined up. The STP view was that the role of the hubs should be expanded.
- 5.7 Chris Morley suggested that it may be helpful for a representative from the Discharge Teams to be invited to a future meeting.
- 5.8 The Chairman thanked Ann Redmond for her presentation.

Resolved:

- That (i) **the Board agreed that the report be received and noted.**
- (ii) **a meeting between the Chairman and Roy Isworth and Ann Redmond be arranged to discuss the potential assistance available from the Day Centres in terms of patients discharged from hospital.**

6 Ashford Health & Wellbeing Board Going Forward

- 6.1 Sheila Davison explained that the report set the scene for a discussion on the future of the Board in light of changes made at County level ie the establishment of the new Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board and wider STP activity. She understood that the Chairman of other local Boards in Kent had received a letter from the Chairman of the Joint Board advising that local Boards were no longer to be sub committees of KCC. Sheila Davison also advised of the joint work with the other East Kent authorities on public health work and the possibility of an East Kent Board or suitable alternative. She also referred to the ongoing difficulties in engaging with some local Board partners and also the difficulty of identifying an appropriate representative for the voluntary sector. In terms of the responses to the questionnaire circulated to partners, she advised that this had resulted in mixed views, with some favouring a stronger East Kent model and others supporting a more local perspective.

6.2 The Chairman opened up the issue for discussion and a summary of the comments expressed at the meeting is set out below:-

- Local views were very important and it would be helpful to feed these into any discussion at the East Kent level to ensure that work was synchronised across the County.
- It was important for local Health Commissioners to take into account the increase in the local population and to ensure that primary care was appropriately funded to help avoid the need for patients to have to visit A&E.
- Ashford should have a facility, similar to the Estuary View Centre in Whitstable and the Board needed to be active in helping to make this happen.
- The current Board arrangements enabled local voices to be heard, which may be lost if issues were discussed at an East Kent level.
- The work of the current Board was particularly important in terms of the local priorities such as obesity, stop smoking and diabetes which would continue to be taken forward by the Task and Finish Group.
- Establishing a link with East Kent, and to meet with them on a six monthly basis, would help avoid duplication and streamline services across the area.
- There was a need for the Board to re-examine its key objectives as more recently it had become involved in organisational change issues, i.e. STP, rather than local priorities. It was acknowledged that the work of the Task and Finish Group did happen behind the scenes and that this needed to be a focus for a future Board meeting.
- If the Board had to focus on one key priority it was considered that this should be Obesity.
- It was important for Ashford to have its own identity and priorities as many young families were moving into the area and losing extended family support.
- The current arrangements provided a good networking opportunity.
- In terms of future liaison with the Voluntary Sector, it was considered that there was a need to be clear what opportunities/benefits were available to them by participating in the Board.

6.3 The Chairman thanked the Board for their helpful and constructive comments on this issue and said that it would be brought back to the next meeting.

Resolved:

That the outcome of discussions regarding future liaison with other East Kent authorities and options for the future agenda be subject of a report to the next meeting of the Board.

7 Partner Updates

(a) Clinical Commissioning Group

- 7.1 Matthew Capper said that he would circulate the formal update in due course but in the interim he wished to advise that a report on strategic commissioning would be produced and submitted to the Kent and Medway Joint Board. Work was also continuing on developing the Multi-Disciplinary Teams and also further work on the Estates Strategy.

(b) Kent County Council (Public Health)

- 7.2 KCC Public Health were no longer sending a representative to the Board and therefore there would be no future partner updates from them.

(c) Ashford Borough Council

- 7.3 Sheila Davison advised that the One You shop had been very successful and was now used by so many groups that the rooms within the facility had no space slots. It was hoped that they would move to larger premises and partners were asked whether they would consider contributing to the additional rental or relocation cost. It was also noted that the shop had been shortlisted for an Annual Award from the Royal Society of Public Health.
- 7.4 In terms of housing, Sheila Davison explained that ABC were working with health and social services on defining the model for future health and social care and housing provision for older people. A very useful workshop had recently taken place and further work streams on this were to be taken forward by a sub group. The council also had a housing representative attending the health complex cases meetings. Finally, the Borough Council had just approved to continue to support a dedicated Occupational Therapist to support disabled adaptations and support was being provided regarding hospital discharge processes. Further information on this priority and the actions being taken would come to a future Board meeting.
- 7.5 The Chairman also reported on the launch of the Rolvenden Rocket pilot which was a community transport scheme being funded by ABC with the aim of delivering transport to the village. Dr Rashid said that the idea could translate to diabetes care for those patients who needed regular insulin. Roy Isworth indicated that the Tenterden Social Hub had access to funding for a community bus service and options could exist to take forward the idea suggested by Dr Rashid for diabetes care. These ideas to be pursued by Roy Isworth and Dr Rashid as appropriate.

(d) Voluntary Sector

- 7.6 Not provided as position currently vacant.

(e) HealthWatch

- 7.7 John Bridle said that he had become aware of concerns in respect of the wheelchair service and he had therefore referred this issue to HealthWatch. He was also aware of problems and impact on people with learning difficulties when undertaking hospital visits and also the location of the disabled parking spaces in hospital car parks.

(f) Ashford Local Children's Partnership Group

- 7.8 Helen Anderson reported further on the information set out in the Partner Update and drew attention to work being undertaken with Maidstone and Mid Kent MIND and in particular work targeted towards young people faced with anxiety. Work on breastfeeding; Step Out and Work With Dads was also continuing. An event with Headstart had taken place on 6 July which had been well attended and which had provided useful feedback. Helen Anderson also drew attention to a member of her team who had been nominated for an award by the Royal College of Nursing.

8 Forward Plan

- 8.1 Given the discussion earlier in the meeting about the future of the Health and Wellbeing Board it was agreed that the following items should be considered by the Board:-
- Update on the option of working more closely across East Kent.
 - Suggestions for future themes/agenda ideas for the Board.
 - The Housing Priority.
 - Local Care Plan.
 - Update on the Hospital Trust with a focus on workforce issues.
 - Six monthly meetings

9 Dates of Future Meetings

- 9.1 The next meeting would be held on 17th October 2018.

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