



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT MEMBER BOARD FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING IN SHROPSHIRE HELD AT 9.00AM ON WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2011 IN THE SHREWSBURY ROOM, SHIREHALL.

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Present

Members

Mr K Barrow	Leader of Shropshire Council (Chairman)
Mrs A Caesar-Homden	Portfolio Holder, Children & Young People's Services, Shropshire Council
Dr H Herritty	Chairman of Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
Mr W Hutton	Non-Executive Director, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
Mr S Jones	Portfolio Holder, Adult Services, Shropshire Council

Officers

Mrs V Beint	Corporate Director, Health & Care, Shropshire Council
Dr L Griffin	Acting Chief Executive, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust
Mr D Taylor	Corporate Director, People, Shropshire Council

In attendance

Prof R Thomson	Director of Public Health
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1. Apologies for Absence

Mr H Darbhanga.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

The Board received the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2010 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Ofsted Safeguarding and Looked After Children Inspection

The Director of Children's and Young People's Services gave feedback on Ofsted's draft inspection report, including information on gradings for Safeguarding and Looked after Children and areas where more work was needed.

The Board noted this type of inspection would cease during the current year and be replaced by unannounced inspections. There were some challenges outlined in the report but the overall direction of travel was good. It was recognised that the Integrated Care System used by social workers was inflexible and too bureaucratic. Rod Thomson commented on Ofsted's recognition that this was a time of turmoil both nationally and locally which had in part influenced some of the gradings. Also recognised was that which needed to be put in place to strengthen the service with system harmonisation between the Council and the new Community Trust. The report was complimentary on work with young people and whilst there were areas for improvement, there was also good feedback. Leigh Griffin added that the bar had been raised but feedback was positive and Telford & Wrekin Council could learn from Shropshire Council's approach.

The Chairman added his acknowledgement of the ongoing work and a joint action plan with other agencies would be brought back to a future meeting.

5. NHS Health and Social Care Bill 2011

The Corporate Director for Health and Care presented her report attached to the agenda marked '5' updating the Board on key elements of the NHS Health and Social Care Bill published in January, 2011. Responsibility for health improvement was returning to local authorities and would build upon work already being undertaken with the Director of Public Health. Levels of funding had still to be announced and would be key to what could be delivered. The wider remit of Services would be joined up through Health and Wellbeing Boards and Scrutiny powers would be given to local authorities, in an extended role which had yet to be fully determined.

Resolved: That the report on NHS Health and Social Care Bill 2011 be noted.

6. Public Health White Paper

The Director of Public Health reported on a paper going through Parliament on "Healthy Lives, Healthy People" with consultation on proposed changes ending on 31 March 2011. A stakeholder consultation event had been held with colleagues from Telford & Wrekin Council on 2 March to raise awareness of the changes, particularly amongst key partner agencies, to establish what aspects of the proposals were welcomed and what were the main concerns and gaps in the proposals. A number of grey areas were identified which included Emergency Planning in relation to local and national roles and the split in responsibility for under 5's and 5 to 19 year olds.

Val Beint reported that members of Cabinet had approved a response to the consultation.

David Taylor suggested there should be some local flexibility for under 5's and undertook to provide information for the Chairman in forthcoming discussions with politicians.

7. GP Commissioning Consortium Arrangements

The Acting Chief Executive, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust reported on arrangements to develop GP commissioning with one consortium across the whole of the county. Elections to create a Shadow Transition Board to 2013 had been held. The Shadow Board included a number of GPs from across the county with Dr Caron Morton appointed Chair and Dr Bill Gowans, Vice Chair. A positive assessment meeting for pathfinder status had been held with the SHA which would present funding opportunities. With Dr Morton's appointment, governance arrangements were making progress and delegation of functions would be discussed at the second meeting. Work was in progress to strengthen the shadow board to involve GPs in particular.

The Chairman asked about the involvement of doctors in the north of the county. It was noted that Bill Gowans currently represented the north and efforts were being made to strengthen the involvement of GPs there through a number of clinical sessions in Oswestry, Whitchurch and Market Drayton.

Helen Herrity commented that Dr Morton had introduced an Innovations Group which GP members could dip in and out of. The issue of geographical representation had been raised at the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee and Dr Morton had offered to come to the next meeting to explain the process.

The Chairman asked the Board to accept the work in progress, acknowledging the input of the lead GPs and the solid base on which the Shadow Transition Board had been established.

8. Proposals for Shropshire Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board

The Corporate Director for Health and Care introduced her report on proposals to establish a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board by March 2012 which would replace the current Joint Member Board. Draft Terms of Reference were appended and it was suggested that in order for parties and the public to have a voice, a stakeholder forum could be set up to sit alongside the Board, as Board membership should be kept tight to aid committee working and maintain a strong voice. The forum would support and influence the Board.

Progress in developing the Strategic Joint Needs Assessment was being made with the support of the LGID and information would be brought to a future meeting. In recognition of work with the LGID, approval had been given to join the Early Implementers' Network.

Further discussions centred round bodies appropriate to feed into the Shadow Board and their differing accountabilities and also how the scrutiny function would work. The value in overlap whilst accountability was being worked through was raised and also the emerging role of HealthWatch which might result in duplicating the work of a stakeholder forum. CInCH were currently undertaking a number of road shows to provide further information for the public on HealthWatch.

The Chairman asked the Board to accept the paper with further proposals on the mechanisms to keep people involved being brought to the next meeting (this being the inaugural meeting of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board).

Resolved:

- A. That the report of the Corporate Director of Health and Care be received.
- B. The replacement of the current Joint Member Board by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board be approved.
- C. That revised terms of reference and proposals to engage with the wider stakeholders be brought to the next meeting.

9. Community Trust

The Acting Chief Executive, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust reported on progress, the aim being to have a Shadow Trust by 1 April 2011 and the Community Trust up and running on 1 July 2011. Mike Ridley had been appointed Chair designate, previously a non executive director at East Cheshire PCT and prior to that an NHS Chief Executive. Two non executives designate had been appointed, Angel Saganowska and Chris Bird. Jo Chambers had been appointed Project Director. A Chief Executive appointment would be made in a few weeks time. From a commercial perspective, the aim was to create a new Trust able to transform services and work with others in new ways.

10. PCT Cluster Arrangements

The Acting Chief Executive, Shropshire County Primary Care Trust reported that in order to ensure business continuity and resilience over the next two years, PCT functions and an executive authority had clustered together. The West Midlands would be the first to formalise arrangements by the end of June 2011. West Mercia was emerging and was in the process of appointing a Chief Executive with overall financial accountability and a team of executives to support the development of GPs. The body would be looking at broader aspects such as emergency planning. Director interviews would take place in April. It was essential to maintain strong leadership as there would be complex transitional tasks.

11. Dates/Times of meetings 2011

The Board noted the meeting dates for 2011, as follows:

Friday 8 April at 11.00am; Monday 13 June at 10.00am; Monday 24 October at 1.00pm and Monday 19 December at 1.00pm

The meeting ended at 10:10 am.

Signed.....(Chairman)

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