



Committee and Date
Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board

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**MINUTES OF THE SHADOW HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 9.30AM IN THE SHREWSBURY ROOM,
SHIREHALL, SHREWSBURY**

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PRESENT

Members of the Shadow Board:

Councillor A Hartley	Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing (Chair for meeting)
Councillor S Charmley	Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing
Harmesh Darbhanga	Cluster Locality Support Member
Dr Helen Herritty	Chairman, Shropshire CCG
Dr Caron Morton	Accountable Officer, Shropshire CCG
George Rook	Shropshire LINK
David Taylor	Corporate Director – People
Prof. Rod Thomson	Director of Public Health

Officers and others in attendance:

Janet Graham	Group Manager, Care and Wellbeing
Stephen Chandler	Group Manager, Assessment and Eligibility
Dr Julie Davies	Director of Strategy & Service Redesign
Councillor T Barker	Chairman of the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee
Councillor G Dakin	Chairman of the Healthy Communities Strategy
Councillor M Shineton	ALC representative

18. APOLOGIES

18.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor K Barrow, Dr Bill Gowans, Councillor C Motley, Carolyn Healy, Sonia Roberts and Paul Tulley.

19. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

20. MINUTES – 6 JULY 2012

20.1 Mr Rook indicated that he considered himself and Sonia Roberts should be listed as full Members of the Shadow Board. Subsequently, David Taylor and Prof. Rod Thomson also stated that they believed they too should be in the same category. Officers agreed to clarify this after the meeting and update the Shadow Board's membership accordingly for future meetings.

20.2 Mr Harmesh Darbhanga requested it be recorded that he was present at the previous meeting as this had not been recorded. It was confirmed that this was correct and would be duly noted.

20.3 RESOLVED

That subject to the foregoing, the Minutes of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 6 July 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman for the meeting as a correct record.

21. REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP BOARDS

21.1 Councillor Tim Barker, Chairman of Shropshire Council's Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee presented a report outlining the Scrutiny Committee's findings following its consideration of the current arrangements in Shropshire of the five Partnership Boards themed around key groups of vulnerable adults.

21.2 It was generally agreed that this type of work and communication should continue to be made and developed accordingly. Partnership Boards worked well bringing together service users, family carers and senior managers from public, private, community and voluntary sectors to ensure effective local co-ordination and strategic planning to improve the lives of vulnerable people and family carers. However, some concern was expressed at paragraph 3.4; better clarity in processes was welcomed but it was also felt that the new local structures should look to become fewer in number whilst increasing their effectiveness.

21.3 At the recent open day, working groups had been identified as the way to drive priorities forward. If the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board wanted to look at this model, Partnership Boards were favoured.

21.4 The need to develop a clear plan for Partnership Boards was noted. The formation of a virtual Stakeholder Alliance was becoming established and cross cutting work was growing, which was welcomed by the Shadow Board.

21.5 **RESOLVED:** That the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to consider its future consultation methods with groups of vulnerable adults in society and whether the existing five Partnership Boards continue to represent the best method of engaging with this sector.

22. WAITING TIMES AND QUALITY OF CARE

- 22.1 Dr Julie Davies introduced and amplified a report on Waiting Times and Quality of Care. The Shadow Board welcomed the significant improvements made over the past 12 months on reducing the backlog, which now puts Shropshire hospitals in a much more sustainable position.
- 22.2 It was noted that there would be a publicity campaign at the end of October to encourage the public to let health authorities know if they were falling behind. This campaign would be undertaken in conjunction with West Mercia. Constant improvements to patient communication were always strived for.
- 22.3 David Taylor asked for some background information from health colleagues to better understand targets etc for various waiting lists. Caron Morton kindly agreed to produce such a paper for the next Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in October, including the clinical evidence behind such targets.
- 22.4 **RESOLVED:**
- a) That the progress made by the local health economy towards achieving the national 18 weeks target be noted.
 - b) That the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board be assured that both main local acute providers will be achieving the national targets from October 2012 onwards
 - c) That a further report on the background of Waiting Lists be made to the 5 October Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

23. HEALTHWATCH SHROPSHIRE

- 23.1 Janet Graham, Group Manager Care and Wellbeing introduced and amplified a report on the establishment of Healthwatch in Shropshire. The current position was that the contract had been developed and a tender exercise started – with a closing date of 19 October. It was hoped to announce the outcome in December 2012, implement in January 2013 and start formally in April 2013.
- 23.2 Discussions about a potential joint procurement of Independent Complaints Advocacy Service with Telford and Wrekin Council are progressing well (paragraph 7.5).
- 23.3 Concern was expressed at the proposal for the Health and Wellbeing Board to monitor Healthwatch Shropshire. There was some discussion about two main issues that arose – firstly the constitutional arrangements and secondly the role of Shropshire Council's scrutiny in this. There was some fear that unintended consequences may arise. It was agreed that more time was required in order for this issue to be considered.

- 23.4 Rod Thomson highlighted Annexe A at Appendix 2 and the disparity in funding awarded to Shropshire in comparison to places like Sefton (similar population) and Staffordshire and Worcestershire who all got significantly more funding than Shropshire. To deliver a thriving Healthwatch in Shropshire would inevitably be a challenge.

RESOLVED

- a) That the preparations underway to establish Local Healthwatch in Shropshire be noted.
- b) That the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board oversee the awareness raising activity in relation to Local Healthwatch in the period to April 2013.
- c) That both the membership of the contract review group and the frequency of Healthwatch performance monitoring feedback to the Health and Wellbeing Board be given further consideration.

24. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENTS (JSNA) AND JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIES – DRAFT GUIDANCE

- 24.1 Members noted the draft guidance issued by The Department of Health for the development of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. The deadline for responses was 28 September 2012. Members with any further comments to make were urged to submit them to Carolyn Healy no later than 24 September 2012.
- 24.2 The draft response prepared by the Health and Wellbeing Executive, supported by the Committee Officer at Paragraph 5, was duly approved by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board
- 24.3 **RESOLVED:** That the final response to the Department of Health's consultation be as set out in paragraphs 5.0 to 5.18 of the report.

25. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

- 25.1 Members received and welcomed a report on the Health and Wellbeing Board Development Programme.
- 25.2 General feedback from Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board members was that the initial development day had been very worthwhile. However it was felt by some that more involvement between members was required in between meetings. It was also hoped to go back to a more open discussion-style meeting in future to discuss and agree priorities and take things forward.
- 25.3 It was noted that further clarification of the roles of the Board and the Executive was required

25.4 **RESOLVED:** That subject to the foregoing, the feedback from the first development session be welcomed and noted.

26. JOINT WORKING GUIDANCE FOR COUNCILLORS AND GP COMMISSIONERS

26.1 A report containing two guidance notes for local authority elected members and GP commissioners was received by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. The guidance notes were to promote greater understanding of the two roles and the structural and cultural differences between the NHS and local government in order that stronger partnerships may be developed

26.2 **RESOLVED:** That the guidance be noted for information.

27 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27.1 **RESOLVED**

That the next meeting of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board be held at 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 5 October 2012 in the Shrewsbury Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury.

Chairman:.....

Date:.....

The meeting finished at 10.30 am