



HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME BOARD
3rd November 2009
Committee Room 1, Civic Offices

Attendees:

Lorna Payne (LP), Corporate Director Community Well-Being (Joint-Chair)
Mark Ansell (MA), Associate Director Public Health
Lynelle Hayes (LH), Director of Strategic Commissioning
Simon Black (SB), Head of Communities, Libraries, and Culture
Janice Forbes-Burford (JF), Deputy Director of Quality and Nursing
Olga Benson (OB)
Steve Westrop (SW), Chair of Thurrock Local Involvement Network
Roger Harris (RH), Head of Strategic Commissioning and Resources
Levi Hinds (LeH), Healthier Communities Partnership Manager
Mick Lowe (ML), Change Director

Apologies:

Katherine Gronqvist, Director of Public Health (Joint-Chair)

Minutes and Matters Arising

- Minutes of the 8th September were agreed.
- Actions were updated (attached).
- The number of apologies and non-attendances were noted. This would be addressed as part of the Healthier Communities review.

Grays Community Hospital (Mark Ansell)

Key Points:

- Compulsory purchase order for the Community Hospital has commenced (3rd November 2009)
- There are on-going concerns related to the financial stability of the project – with other means and sources of funding being sought
- Whilst the Community Hospital is being developed, Primary Care Services are being expanded to allow improved access to services
- The direction of care services will be to reduce hospital admissions by focusing on prevention and re-enablement

Actions/Decisions

- MA to circulate report on outcome of the Community Hospital compulsory purchase hearing to HCPB members

Building Capacity in the Third Sector (Simon Black)

The verbal updated related to work commissioned by Adult Social Care involving the mapping of services and the production of draft agreements replacing existing Service Level Agreements (SLAs) for services delivered by Third Sector service providers.

Current Recommendations:

- To establish a Third Sector commissioning framework
- To establish a corporate approach to commissioning
- To scope the introduction of 'full cost recovery'
- To link the Council's Procurement Strategy with the commissioning process
- To establish a joint capacity building programme for commissioners of services and third sector organisations

Progress made to date:

- The development of a number of draft agreements based upon contract value
- The extension of the mapping process to all Council departments with 90% of information being collated

Next Steps and Key Points:

- A report will be tabled at a December Directors' Board
- An approach which allows engagement with all partners, service users and the community will be developed
- The possibility of undertaking the work jointly with the South West Essex NHS Trust will be explored
- Targeted focus around Mental Health will be considered – including the possibility of establishing a focus group through LINKs
- Concerns were raised by the Voluntary Sector about services being commissioned from organisations outside of Thurrock and expressed the needed for transparency
- Explicit reference to 'engagement' will be identified within commissioning and procurement plans

Actions/Decisions:

- MA to circulate 'Building Capacity in the Third Sector' to HCPB

Healthier Communities Programme Board Review (Lorna Payne)

Key Points:

- A review of the HCPB is to be conducted
- The review will include looking at issues such as tighter membership and ensuring a more focused agenda
- There are current difficulties with the number and type of items being placed on the Board's agenda
- The Board is not necessarily inclusive and needs to develop how it engages effectively/reflects views of service users, the Voluntary

Sector, and the broader community. An informal process may be required to achieve this

- The JSNA needs to link better with and drive the Board's agenda and needs to be a priority in the review it also needs to drive the commissioning agenda
- There needs to be a focus on health inequalities and improvement in addition to care provision
- The Board needs to be outcome-focused with the outcomes it wants to achieve needing to be clear
- Sub groups will also need to be reviewed and in some cases strengthened

Actions/Decisions:

- MA to provide comments regarding Public Health's involvement and priorities for the Healthier Communities agenda
- Reschedule meeting currently booked for the 5th January 2010
- Next meeting of the HCPB to consider the review in more detail including:
 - Key Priorities
 - Terms of Reference
 - Structure
 - Role of Executive Group

Sustainable Community Strategy (Mick Lowe)

The item is in reference to Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) re-draft which will go to the Council's Directors' Board and Shaping Thurrock Partnership on the 11th November.

Key Points:

- The Strategy requires more balance – in particular around health improvement and health inequalities and the inclusion of health improvement as an outcome
- The Citizen's Panel have been consulted and have broadly agreed with the priorities
- A fifth priority has been added as a result of the workshop held on the 22nd October – 'To build pride and respect and to empower local communities'

Actions/Decisions:

- LH to circulate version 11 (latest version) of the SCS to HCPB members
- HCPB members to comment on the draft SCS by 4th November

Performance – Balanced Scorecard Quarter 2 (Levi/Mark)

Key Points:

- NI 123 (Stop Smoking) – currently amber but confident of improvement throughout quarter 2

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- RO7 (Four Week Quitters) – green with target and reward funding already achieved
- RO7 (% people of pension age in receipt of pension credit) – under-performing and unlikely to achieve target. 60% threshold for the performance reward to be clarified
- NI 131 (Delayed transfers of care) – currently green but with confirmation being sought from NHS South West Essex

Actions/Decisions

- MA to clarify smoking figures for NI 123
- LeH to confirm 60% threshold for performance reward

Healthier Communities Executive Group (Simon Black)

Actions/Decisions

- Minutes of the Healthier Communities Executive 19th October were agreed

Any Other Business

Key Points

- Gerry Balding (Audit Commission) to attend each LSP Programme Board
- Voluntary Sector representatives thanked for their commitment to the HCPB
- Suggestion of raising awareness of and promoting Grays Medical Centre through the placing of signs in its windows whilst under development

Actions/Decisions

- LeH to invite Gerry Balding to attend post-review HCPB
- LH to circulate update on Grays Medical Centre including opening date
- Future meetings will consist of tighter membership, the community will be engaged in a more appropriate manner where the outcome of the review will be shared