

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

21 March 2014

FEEDBACK FROM THE ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of the Chair of the Adults Partnership Board

The Adults Partnership Board met on Tuesday 4th March, 2014.

Matters Arising

Karen Graham (KG) noted NHS England have apologised for the delay in getting back to the group regarding Sunderland and Newcastle Pharmacy discrepancies. Following discussions within the group it was agreed to raise the matter at the next Health & Wellbeing Board.

Warm Up North

Alan Caddick (AC) presented a report giving details on the problem of fuel poverty in Sunderland with over 25,000 people living in fuel poverty and 130 excess winter deaths.

The Warm Up North project commenced in September 2013 and will run for 5 years focusing on the Energy Company Obligation and Green Deal. There is the potential for 5,000 homes to benefit from energy efficient works. There are 9 north east authorities working in partnership with British Gas.

AC noted to help the project succeed there had to be a whole system approach with joined up intervention by social care, health and community services.

The board agreed to become the accountable body for a new multi-agency Affordable Warmth working group and to receive updates.

Older People's Action Group – Verbal Update

Alan Patchett (AP) provided an update on the Older People's Action Group and how it is working within Sunderland. The submission to WHO of the age friendly city action plan was discussed and that there had been delays to taking the plan to area people boards to sense check and identify gaps. It was hoped this would progress soon. AP suggested links to the Dementia pilot scheme currently underway in Houghton should be made.

Role of the VCS – Discussion Item

Graham Burt (GB) provided an update on the role of the VCS and the importance it plays in the City. GB highlighted the integral way of co-ordinating services for vulnerable people in the City and how important it is for the services to survive and flourish.

GB also noted the launch of the VCS Consortium.

It was felt that the key priorities of commissioners were not being communicated effectively to all VCS partners.

KG highlighted that one of the roles of the APB and the Childrens Trust was to have broader representation and to be used as an opportunity for information sharing. It was agreed that the membership of the APB should be reviewed to ensure membership was up to date.

BCF Update

Ian Holliday (IH) provided an update on the Better Care Fund (BCF). IH reported the draft proposal was submitted on the 14th February and as yet were still awaiting feedback. A further draft would be submitted on the 14th March with the final draft the first week of April. IH noted that there would be a pooling of resources with a minimum value of £24m but that to really effect service change, the figure should be nearer £169m and would include adult social care budgets, non-hospital based clinical services and potentially some public health budgets.

Transforming Care : A National Response to Winterbourne View Hospital Update

Alan Cormack (AC) provided an update on the current position for Sunderland following the Winterbourne View Report. AC reported that there are no longer any Sunderland people inappropriately placed in specialist hospitals.

The Board agreed with the recommendation that the CCG and Sunderland City Council should sign up to the Driving Quality Care Code.

Discussion Topic for Six Month Review & Forward Plan

The Board reviewed potential topics for its next 6 month review Welfare Reform, Healthy Ageing and the links between Housing and health. Following the previous discussions on fuel poverty and its health impacts, it was agreed Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty should be the focus for the next six months.

It was agreed to draw together the Forward Plan for the next year.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

The provisional date for the next meeting is the 6th May 2014.