

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 March 2015

FEEDBACK FROM THE ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of the Chair of the Adults Partnership Board

The Adults Partnership Board met on Tuesday 3rd March, 2015

5. Over2You

Amanda Ladner (AL) provided an overview of the Over2You project. South Yorkshire Housing Association (SYHA) is the lead partner in the project and is taking it forward in Barnsley Rotherham and Sheffield. SYHA approached Gentoo to deliver the project in Sunderland while St. Vincents Housing Association is delivering in Bolton and Rochdale. The purpose of the project is to increase user voice and enhance quality of care within Health and Social Care providers using volunteers sourced from the tenants of housing providers. The joint bid for funding was confirmed in June 2014 with the project taking place during 2014 - 2017.

This project has grown from the findings of the Francis Report and takes the innovative new approach of using volunteers to increase user voice and enhance the quality of care by conducting quality audits. AL outlined the benefits of the project to Gentoo customers and other residents in the City. To ensure successful delivery of the project AL reported the main partner of the project in Sunderland is Healthwatch. It was noted by members of the group that there could be other partners involved in the delivery. Carol Harries (CH) highlighted that City Hospitals Sunderland knew nothing of the project despite being a major provider of services and a key source of service users to which the volunteers would need access to. CH also queried the added value that the quality audits would bring on top of those already conducted.

GK felt that the project would help to inform residents about the health and social care system. The board agreed to accept a progress report with GK to meet Gentoo and provide feedback at a future meeting.

6. 5% Smoking Prevalence Update

Kath Bailey (KB) brought the Board an update about progress made on Sunderland's strategic aim to reduce tobacco related harm and reduce smoking to below 5%. Over the past 5 years smoking prevalence has been decreasing with adult rates falling from 29.7% to 23.2% in Sunderland, this compares to 18.4% nationally. KB reported on the 22nd October, 2014 Sunderland Tobacco Alliance held a visioning event and partners from across the City who are involved in tobacco control work were invited. Public Health facilitated a session on how to reach the target of 5% by 2025. The session asked stakeholders to think in terms of 'tobacco free' rather than 'tobacco control'. The topics covered in the event were: Preconception & Pregnancy; Adolescence & Teenagers; Young Adults 18-34/Older Working Age Adults; Retirement & Beyond; Full Life Course Approach; What could Services do? Priority Groups; Gaps. It was noted the value of educating children from a young age and other initiatives e.g. vouchers for not smoking during pregnancy. Cllr Graeme Miller (GM) felt there was a need to increase the

challenge on smokers to quit and agreed to receive further reports for information purposes.

7. New Horizons Project – Update

Jackie Nixon (JN) presented an update on the progress of the New Horizons Partnership (NHP) and the achievements over the year and ensuring implementation of the Sunderland 'No health without Mental Health local plan and also the 'A Life worth Living Action Plan. The New Horizons Partnership is a multi-agency group within the City which directly reports to the APB, Sunderland Mental Health Programme Board and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group. JN reported over the past year the partnership has completed some of its actions, one of which was the development of a pilot of a young health champion's programme within four local schools. Through this programme there are now 79 young health champions and a further two schools have signed up. It was noted by the end of 2015 there should be over 200 young health champions. JN also reported the national 'Time to Change' campaign had been in Sunderland for two days for the Sunderland International Airshow and engaged with over 3,000 people. The Men's Health Network has also delivered 5 workshops to businesses, organisations, groups and partners who have access to men in raising awareness of key health issues that contribute to the high rates of mortality and morbidity in men across our City. GM noted the success of the Men's Health Network by using the changed model and going into businesses. It was noted there had been 60 representatives at an event a few weeks ago. JN reported there was to be a Suicide Audit in July 2015 which will evaluate local data.

8. Department of Health Autism Self-Assessment

GK provided an update on the process followed in completing the Department of Health Autism Self-Assessment and an overview of work that is planned for 2015 in relation to meeting the requirements of the National Autism Strategy. The responses from the Local Autism Working Group (LAWG) were collated by the Strategic Commissioning Team in readiness for a meeting held on 11th February where the ratings were discussed and agreed. The main points highlighted by the self-assessment exercise are planning, training, diagnosis, care and support, housing and employment.

GK noted that the LAWG had agreed a review of the group was necessary to ensure that the right representatives were included in the membership, that reporting structures were robust and real priorities for the autistic community were used to inform the action plan. Subsequently it had been agreed that the LAWG would be replaced by the Sunderland Autism Partnership Board which will report into the Adults Partnership Board three times a year. It was noted the Autism Engagement Network will sit alongside the Sunderland Autism Partnership Board as a virtual network of individuals and organisations that have a particular interest in autism.

GK provided details of an Autism Consultation Event that would take place on Wednesday 4th March at the Bangladeshi Centre. GK also provided details of the two projects that would benefit from £18,500 from the Autism Capital Grant; these are Sunderland Care & Support Community Resource Centre and the Fulwell Community Resource Centre.

9. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed.