

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**23 January 2015**

**FEEDBACK FROM THE ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Report of the Chair of the Adults Partnership Board**

The Adults Partnership Board met on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**3. Matters Arising**

Joint Children's Trust and Adults Partnership Board meeting - the follow up meeting will be held following the HWBB Closed priority setting meeting in February.

**5. Alcohol Update**

Julie Parker Walton updated the group on key Sunderland messages around alcohol under 3 main headings:

- Alcohol is too affordable, too available and too heavily promoted encouraging too many people to drink too much too often
- Drinking has reached the point where it is damaging the health, wealth and safety of people and communities
- Our drinking culture is putting our children and their future at risk

The report also highlighted the recommendations of the Sunderland Booze Debate which was held in October which included setting up a strategic alcohol steering group in the City.

The Adults Board decided NOT to agree with the recommendation, agreeing that there would be little benefit to setting up another strategic grouping in the City.

It did agree to recommend to the HWBB that

- Alcohol should be included in the emerging list of HWBB priorities
- the HWBB should use any powers to lobby for minimum unit pricing regionally and nationally
- the HWBB should make representation to the other strategic partnerships to ensure that alcohol issues are owned by all partnerships (as part of an asks and offers process)

**6. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

Julie Parker-Walton updated the group on the requirement of the HWBB to carry out a Pharmaceutical needs assessment and highlighted that the consultation was now open online for 60 days.

The Local Pharmaceutical Committee representative made a number of points including:

The timing of the consultation with pharmacists being short and over Christmas might have resulted in a lower response rate. This would be followed up by PH colleagues.

Data sharing was raising issues especially obtaining information on usage which is held by NHS England and the CCG but not shared widely.

It was also raised that a key issue in terms of needs was whether the needs assessment was a snapshot in time or whether it takes into account the future plans for Sunderland such as integrated locality teams which would make very different demands of pharmacy services.

It was agreed that members of the Board should respond individually or if they wanted to produce a composite response to contact Karen Graham

## **7. Care Act**

Richard Elliot from Sunderland City Council People Services gave an update on progress against the requirements of the Care Act.

There are 7 action plans about which progress is reported monthly to the Care Act Implementation Board. There has been good progress but more is needed.

There is a Sunderland-wide consultation going out early this year which will focus on eligibility issues. This isn't to be confused with a national engagement mailshot which will be sent to between 10-12,000 people in Sunderland.

The Board agreed to receive further updates.