

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MEETING, 9th DECEMBER, 2015

Representing Bolton Council

Councillor Mrs Thomas (Chairman)
Councillor A. Ibrahim
Councillor Cunliffe
Councillor Haworth

Representing Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group

Dr W. Bhatiani GP
Dr C. Mercer GP
Mr A. Stephenson
Ms. M. Laskey

Greater Manchester Mental Health Foundation Trust

Mr Hafeji

Representing Healthwatch Bolton

Mr A. Tligui
Mr J. Firth

Also in Attendance

Mr J. Livesey – Children's and Adult Services Department
Ms N. Lomax – Public Health
Mr B. Squires – NHS England
Ms. L. Bowes – NHS England
Mr. M. Rae – Chair of the Local Dentistry Committee
Ms M. Horrocks – Development and Regeneration, Bolton Council
Mr D. Knight – Bolton CVS
Ms. J. Holgate – Oral Health Improvement Team
Ms. L. Dibnah – Oral Health Improvement Team
Ms. G. Davies – Specialist in Dental Health
Mrs V. Ridge – Democratic Services, Bolton Council

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Morris, Mrs. Fairclough and Morgan and Mrs. M. Asquith, Ms. S. Long, Mr. D. Herne, Dr. J. Bene, Dr. J. Bradford and Mr. G. Cresswell.

Councillor Mrs Thomas in the Chair.

30. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Board held on 21st October, 2015 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

31. ORAL HEALTH AND DENTISTRY

- **Promoting Oral Health in Bolton**

Ms. N. Lomax, Consultant in Public Health, gave a presentation which updated the Board on the progress being made with regard to the promotion of Oral Health in Bolton.

Information was provided in relation to the following, viz:-

- What oral health was;
- Statistical information in relation to mean d3mft in five year old children and the comparison within Greater Manchester;
- Measures being put in place to improve oral health;
- Bolton's approach to oral health promotion; and
- Future developments.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

- **NHS DENTISTRY – BOLTON**

Mr. B. Squires, NHS England, submitted a paper which provided an update on the current situation with regard to dentistry in Bolton.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

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- An introduction to oral health;
- The challenge for Greater Manchester;
- Meeting the challenge;
- Older people;
- Young families;
- Employment and supporting return to work;
- Current services;
- Access to NHS Primary Care Dental Services; and
- Examples of development to support access and quality.

The paper also detailed the additional investments in Bolton NHS Dental Practices during 2014/2015 which totalled £267,600.

In terms of planned investments which were currently awaiting approval for 2015 across Greater Manchester, these were as follows:-

- £800,000 for Domiciliary services for older people;
- £500,000 for Pre-School children Buddy Practice Scheme;
- £700,000 for additional non-recurrent access;
- £100,000 for Restorative service improvement;
- £5,000 for NHS Health checks in Dental Practices; and
- £10,000 for Tooth Trauma project in Primary Care.

It was anticipated that approval would be given for the above schemes within the next two weeks.

Following the presentation, a discussion ensued and the following observations/comments were made:-

- Was the £187,600 which had been allocated to ten Practices to open up access to services new money or had it been recycled;
- A lengthy debate took place in relation to issues associated with fluoridation in Bolton and the potential benefits to improve teeth decay. Members felt strongly that, despite the arguments for or against fluoridation

being discussed a number of years ago, further consideration should now be given as to whether it would benefit the people of Bolton and improve their oral health. In response, it was stated that prior to any decisions being taken there needed to be a sound understanding of the evidence base on both sides of the debate.

Furthermore, this was also an issue which needed to be considered at a Greater Manchester level due to the complexities around the water supplies;

- The numbers of people who have fluoride varnish. This was being discussed at the Local Dentistry Committee tomorrow and the outcome would be fed back to the Board; and
- The benefits and impact of the Buddy Practices Scheme

Resolved – That the report be noted and that at a future meeting of the Board further details in relation to the arguments around fluoridation be considered prior to any decision being made.

- **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO HEALTHWATCH REPORT ON DENTISTRY IN CARE HOMES**

Ms. N. Lomax, Public Health submitted a paper which provided an update on the response from the Director of Public Health in relation to the Healthwatch report on Dentistry in Care Homes.

Ms. A. Tligui from Healthwatch expressed their disappointment that specific direct interventions were not included within this paper.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

32. HOUSING FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING STRATEGY

Ms. M. Horrocks from the Development and Regeneration Department submitted a report and gave a presentation which advised members of the development of a Joint Housing Strategy for Older People.

The Board were advised that the projected increase in the ageing population, often living with long term conditions and disabilities, at a time of serious financial constraints was a significant challenge for health, social care and also the housing sector. In order to plan ahead, a greater understanding was required of the future housing needs and aspirations of older people in Bolton. It was also felt that housing models and preventative services could have a significant impact in maintaining independent living.

In view of the above, Strategic Housing working closely with Adult Services, Public Health and Registered Housing Providers, commissioned research to explore the role housing could play in supporting health and social care agenda's, either through the provision of accommodation, reducing social isolation through community networks or offering prevention services such as handyperson, adaptations, advice and assistance.

Members were advised that the findings and recommendations from the research had informed the development of the strategy and these were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The initial themes identified by the research had now been revised to form the priorities for the Strategy and these were summarised as follows:-

- Priority 1: To improve and co-ordinate information, advice and access to housing and support services;
- Priority 2: To increase the capacity of preventative services and the role of the community;
- Priority 3: To develop a wider choice of housing options that would support improved health and wellbeing; and
- Priority 4: To build on the strength of existing partnership arrangements to ensure housing's role was one of leadership and influence.

Reference was also made to a scheme which was currently being operated in Oldham which involved the CCG and the local authority pooling their budgets. It was explained that this was currently being considered at a Greater Manchester level.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

33. BOLTON LOCALITY PLAN

Mr. J. Livesey, Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a paper which provided a summary and update in relation to Bolton's Locality Plan.

Information was provided in respect of the following, viz:-

- What was Bolton's Health and Care Locality Plan;
- Who was involved in the production of the Plan;
- The aim of the Plan;
- The goals outlined in the Plan;
- How the Plan would be achieved;
- The implications if aspirations were not achieved.

In terms of aspirations contained within the Plan it was hoped that the following would be achieved by 2021/2022, viz:

- To reduce the number of people who had heart disease, a stroke or diabetes;
- To make sure more people who had dementia were properly diagnosed so they could get the right care;
- To reduce the number of people, especially older residents, who were injured because they had fallen over;
- Fewer people to suffer harm, or even die, due to drinking too much alcohol;
- Fewer people to harm themselves or commit suicide;
- To reduce the number of babies that died before their first birthday; and
- Fewer school children to be overweight.

Resolved – That the presentation be noted.

34. DRAFT HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FORWARD PLAN 2015/16

The Chief Executive submitted the draft Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan 2015/16 which would guide the work of the Board over the forthcoming Municipal Year.

It was noted that further items may be identified for inclusion in the Plan as a result of the Health and Wellbeing Board development session.

Resolved – That the draft Forward Plan be approved.

35. MONITORING OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD DECISIONS

The Chief Executive submitted a report which detailed the progress of the decisions taken by the Health and Wellbeing Board at previous meetings.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

(The meeting started at 12.00noon and finished at 1.40pm)