

## **HEALTH LIAISON BOARD**

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 commencing at 2.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs. Cook (Chairman)

Cllr. Davison (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Brookbank, Clark, Fittock and Searles

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Mrs. George

### 18. Minutes

Resolved: That

- a) the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record subject to Minute 13, paragraph 9 being amended to read, 'The Queen Mary Hospital in Sidcup had experienced some financial difficulties and had been taken over by Oxleas Trust with Darent Valley also providing some specialist services';
- b) Members' note that Cllr. Davison and Cllr. Fittock were both listed twice in attendance; and
- c) Members' note Mr. Young was the Chairman of the Edenbridge Patient Participation Group (PPG).

### 19. Declarations of Interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

### 20. Actions from Previous meeting

There were no actions from the previous meeting.

### 21. Updates from Members

The Chairman advised that Cllr. George had raised concerns over fast-food vans parking outside school buildings. It was confirmed that the District Council does not license such units, so relevant schools should be contacted to seek a solution.

The Chairman had also attended the West Kent Health and Wellbeing Board and heard a presentation with regards to identifying the need for the Board to be more active in partnership working and progressing changes to service provision to reflect reduced budgets. The Board were advised that a new task-and-finish group to look at adult obesity was set up, following the work done in respect of child obesity the findings of

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which were being taken forward. The Chairman and the Health and Communities Manager had offered to sit on this new group.

Cllr. Davison reported that the contract for Hospital Patient Transport Service was commissioned to NSL to operate this service. West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) was the lead organisation for commissioning the service. The Kent County Council (KCC) Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) had reported their concerns about the operation of this service and it was being investigated.

He also advised that numbers waiting for initial assessment and treatment under Children's Mental Health Services (CAMHS) was improving. West Kent CCG were also the lead organisation for commission CAMHS. Cllr. Davison attended the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmbs) AGM where a restructure was being looked at. It was hoped to develop more rest centres for ambulance crews within local areas. Kent Community Health Trust were running a new Rapid Response Service and Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells Trust had reported a deficit.

Cllr. Searles had attended Darent Valley Hospital meetings. There were concerns over ambulance transport services between hospitals. The Chairman commented that the West Kent CCG Accountable Officer had been invited to Scrutiny Committee to provide details on this service, and asked Councillors to attend if they could or feed any questions through Cllr Searles. The Darent Valley Hospital had reported 96% achievement on turn around times although infection control still needed to make further improvements, other hospitals across Kent had improved. It was being investigated for the building of a new A&E Department to deal with the increase of attendances and better education for BME groups to visit their GP rather than arriving at A&E in the first instance. Dartford Gravesham and Swanley CCG had held a 'Better Care Together' event on 6 November at Princess Park in Dartford.

He advised that the new Swanley gateway was due to open late spring/early summer 2015 and would be modelled as a dementia friendly facility. This would then be used as a blueprint model for the rest of Kent. Cllr. Searles had also attended around a dozen health meetings and provided some health advice cards for the group to circulate.

Cllr. Brookbank advised that he was assisting with the children's centres' Care Quality Commission (CQC) review as part of his County HOSC role. Sevenoaks children centres did not receive a good outcome previously with the North of the District fairing slightly better. Children's Centres in the District had also undergone an Ofsted Inspection recently and a report was due in January 2015 setting out the findings. The Health and Communities Manager advised that both she and the Healthy Living Project Officer had been interviewed as part of a review concerning Children's Centres and excellent partnership working was identified.

Cllr. Mrs. Bosley advised the Board that the Sport England funded 'Be Inspired, Be Active' project had been very well received and supported at various events. She stressed the importance that associated initiatives continued as part of longer-term strategies, once initial two year project has ended.

Cllr. Fittock advised that the Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley CCG were in the process of launching an electronic database for voluntary services as this was the first step towards more integrated services. Members were also advised that good progress was

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being made with the dementia services in Swanley and he had attended an event at Woodlands. Further events were to be arranged as part of the local dementia friendly initiative and another dementia newsletter had been produced which would be circulated.

Members were advised of dementia friendly training that was taking place at the District Council offices. He reported that Health Watch were now allowing Councillors to be part of their organisation. The Swanley Food Bank were still looking for bigger accommodation and this should be referred to the Advisory Committee to consider and support as this Council should continue to support Food Banks in the District.

*Action 1: For Economic and Community Development Advisory Committee to consider looking for larger accommodation for the Swanley Food Bank.*

Cllr. Clark advised the Board that New Ash Green were hoping to have an outdoor gym built with funding from both the Big Lottery Fund and the District Council's own Big Community Fund. He also reminded the Board that a Christmas magic event was to be held in New Ash Green on 13 December 2014 and would provide a range of family activities including an ice rink as part of the 'Be Inspired, Be Active' project.

The Chairman thanked the Health and Communities Manager and the team for the good work in assisting the Board and it's work programme.

The Chairman used her discretion and allowed Mr Young, the Chairman of the Edenbridge PPG to address the Board who advised that the priorities of the Edenbridge PPG included working on the better use of cottage hospitals for local services and linking with the priorities identified within their own GP surgery. The Chairman suggested that the Chairs of the PPG Cluster groups in the District were invited to a future meeting to give an overview of their priorities.

### 22. Specialist support for alcohol and drug misuse - Presentation by Kenward Trust

John Shanley, the Youth and Community Worker from Kenward Community Outreach Services, gave a presentation to the Board on the work of the Trust and its positive impacts in Sevenoaks District and across the county. He also advised Members that much of the County work had arisen out of successful pilot projects first undertaken in the Sevenoaks District as he has worked in partnership with the Council for over ten years.

Members were advised that Mr. Shanley worked closely with the Council's Community Safety Unit who commissioned his work with young people across the District in identified areas. Mr. Shanley shared with the Board a number of success stories of young people he had supported who had issues with drugs and alcohol who had progressed into good careers and family life.

### 23. The Care Act 2014

The Health and Communities Manager presented a report which summarised the 2014 Care Act in relation to adult health and social care law which detailed the impact for the Council.

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The Housing Policy Manager advised the Board that Housing Services were responding to provisions under the Act, though much was already being undertaken. Further integrated policy development would be taking place and an update would be provided at a future meeting. Members were also updated on the District Council's proactive work to make older people better aware of the wide-range of housing and related support services provided by the District Council and its various partners.

*Action 2: For Housing Policy Manager to provide the Board with leaflets and send leaflets and a banner to West Kingsdown Parish Council to use in the new village hall.*

Members were updated on the Sevenoaks Switch and Save scheme which was a non-biased energy comparison service for residents and business in Sevenoaks District.

*Action 3: For Housing Policy Manager to investigate arranging energy surgeries at West Kingsdown and New Ash Green.*

The Health and Communities Manager provided an update on the District Council's response to wider duties under the Act, and it was brought to Members' attention that many of the Act's requirements fell under the remit of Kent County Council (KCC). Clarification was sought on KCC's new Community Agents. It was confirmed that these new posts could be social care workers who provide intensive support in people's homes and signpost in to services as required.

*Action 4: For Health and Communities Manager to circulate a briefing paper which set out the Better Care Fund.*

Resolved: That the report be noted.

### 24. Draft Kent Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for Children, Young People and Young Adults (0-25) - Consultation

The Health and Communities Manager presented a report which updated Members' of a Kent wide consultation on 'The Way Ahead; Draft Kent's Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for children, young people and young adults' from the Kent Children's Health and Wellbeing Board. Members' were informed of the strategy's four key themes. A Member asked a question of clarification on the financial data in the report regarding what other services the District Council spent the remainder of the budget identified. The Health and Communities Manager confirmed this Kent Public Health funding also pays for two Healthy Living Officers to co-ordinate and deliver the projects. It also funded other initiatives such as adult weight management, falls prevention, yoga and mental health awareness for adults.

Resolved: That the Health and Communities Manager produce a draft corporate response to the consultation and circulate to the Board for comments.

### 25. Workplan

Members discussed the work plan and agreed that there should be an update once the West Kent CCG Accountable Officer had provided details to the Scrutiny Committee. The PPG Chairs Cluster should also be invited to a future meeting and there would also be a

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report on safeguarding. Members discussed the possibility of changing the dates for the February and April meetings to avoid being close to the elections.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 4.00 PM

CHAIRMAN