

North Yorkshire Health and Well-being Board

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 1.30 pm at
County Hall, Northallerton.**

Present:-

Board Members	Constituent Organisation
<u>Elected Members</u>	
County Councillor Tony Hall	North Yorkshire County Council Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services
County Councillor Clare Wood (Chair)	North Yorkshire County Council Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Services
County Councillor Don Mackenzie	North Yorkshire County Council Portfolio Holder for Public Health and Prevention
Councillor John Blackie	Elected Member - District Council Leader – Richmondshire District Council
<u>Local Authority Officers</u>	
Richard Flinton	Chief Executive – North Yorkshire County Council
Richard Webb	North Yorkshire County Council Corporate Director – Health & Adult Services
Janet Waggott	Chief Officer District Council Chief Executive – Ryedale District Council
Dr Lincoln Sargeant	Director of Public Health North Yorkshire
<u>Clinical Commissioning Groups</u>	
Amanda Bloor (Vice Chair)	Harrogate & Rural District CCG
Dr Vicky Pleydell	Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG
Simon Cox	Scarborough & Ryedale CCG
Dr Mark Hayes	Vale of York CCG
<u>Other Members</u>	
Alex Bird	Voluntary Sector (North Yorkshire and York Forum)
Chris Long	NHS England
Richard Ord	Acute Hospital Representative (Chief Executive Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust)
Adele Coulthard (substitute)	Mental Health Representative (Chief Executive) Tees Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust

In Attendance:-

North Yorkshire County Council officers: Tony Vardy (Assistant Director Transformation & Integration), Keith Cheesman, Manager Health & Integration, Sally Burton (Interim Assistant Director Health & Integration), Anne Marie Lubanski (Assistant Director - Operations), Jane Wilkinson (Legal & Democratic Services), Helen Edwards and Martin Feekins (Communications) and Tom Hall and Nick Kemp (Public Health).

Janet Probert (Director of Partnerships Commissioning Unit).

3 members of the public.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Duncan Webster (Healthwatch), Martin Barkley (Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys Foundation Trust) and Dr Colin Renwick (Airedale, Wharfedale & Craven CCG).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Richard Webb the new NYCC Corporate Director – Health & Adult Services to his first meeting of the Board.

44. Minutes

Resolved–

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 February 2014 be approved as an accurate record.

45. Public Questions or Statements

There were no general public questions or statements from members of the public concerning issued not listed on the agenda.

It was reported that notice of a public question/statement had been received from a Mr McAsey that related to agenda item 4 “Interim Strategy to Meet The Needs of Adults With Autism in North Yorkshire”.

The Chairman agreed to invite Mr McAsey to speak during consideration of agenda item 4.

46. Better Care Fund

Considered -

The report of the NYCC Corporate Director - Health and Adult Services seeking the approval of the Board of the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan that was due to be submitted to NHS England on 4 April 2014. The report also updated the Board on the national and local position regarding Better Care Fund.

The Better Care Fund was a national pool of £3.8bn for 2015/16 that was aimed at helping move care from hospital to the community and improving integration between health and social care. The Fund was not new money but made up of existing health and social care funding. In North Yorkshire the Fund totalled £39.8m.

The Board received a presentation from Sally Burton interim NYCC Assistant Director Health & Integration in which she highlighted key elements of the submission including the metrics and the governance arrangements. A revised metrics sheet was tabled at the meeting. The Submission was based on a collaborative approach as agreed and discussed at previous Board meetings and identified the following specific priorities for North Yorkshire:-

- Transforming primary care through GPs working more closely with hospitals and social and community care to deliver more clinical services within communities, reducing the number of people going to hospital

- Integration between the NHS, councils and the voluntary and community sector to create a network of prevention services available to anyone who may be in need of social and health care
- Providing a sustainable health and social care system that protects social care to enable implementation of the Care Bill, improves reablement, manages increased demand and maintains essential services in the community.

The outcomes to be used to measure the success of these actions included:

- A reduction in injuries caused by falls
- Reduced demand for formal social care services
- More successful outcomes from reablement and
- Reduced emergency hospital admissions, reduced occupied bed days and readmission rates.

The Board noted that talks were set to continue between partners over the next forty eight hours to ensure that the Submission contained the most up to date data available.

Board Members commented as follows:-

- That the ability to measure and evaluate performance as required was at present mixed and that further work was necessary in order to understand fully the cost and investment needed to establish a consistent evidence base
- Work was already underway to align social and clinical services – outcomes and learning from individual projects would be used to shape future services
- Expressed their commitment to work together
- That work completed during the first year was pivotal to achieving success in future years
- Emphasised the need to balance ambition against progress in a measured and realistic way but acknowledged the speed and scale of changes about to be undertaken

The Chairman invited Chris Long, to comment from an NHS England perspective on the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan.

Chris Long said that overall he was positive about its content. He had been very encouraged by the level of ambition shown and the targets represented a real challenge for the year ahead. The Acute Sector was prepared for their budgets to be reduced and for significantly less money to be spent on hospital infrastructure. The scale of the change proposed would necessitate changes to staffing structures and estate. At this point it remained unclear what precisely would ultimately be delivered. Providers would need to identify capacity within the existing system in order to bring about the desired change. Demand for services was set to continue so any deficits would need to be strictly controlled and not allowed to spiral out of control.

Speaking on behalf of Providers in North Yorkshire, Richard Ord Chief Executive Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust said that only after budgets for Years 1 & 2 had been quantified and crystallised would the acute sector be in a position to identify what costs could be removed.

Chris Long stated that the degree of commitment and the work done to align services by partners to date meant that he was confident this could be achieved and delivered over the course of the next few months.

The Board was advised that progress of the Better Care Fund would be closely monitored and amendments made to the Plan if necessary in order to achieve success.

The Board noted that performance against local metrics was effective as from that day

In respect of governance it was reported that a review of the terms of reference for the Board and Integrated Commissioning Board was to be undertaken the results of which would be reported to a future meeting.

A Member enquired if a consultation programme had been devised for the initiatives in each CCG area and was informed that consultation would be undertaken at a local level on models of service as opposed to on each of the 45 individual schemes.

A Member commented that in North Yorkshire the financial value of the Better Care Fund was minimal. This was in sharp contrast to other parts of the country where local authorities and clinical commissioning groups had contributed a larger proportion of their resources and in some instances their entire budget to the Fund. It was suggested that if the Board was sincere about embracing the Fund then perhaps this needed to be revisited at a later date.

It was reported that the Chairman of Healthwatch who was unable to be present at the meeting had submitted comments in writing to which a response would be sent following the meeting.

The Chairman commended the outstanding efforts of all those involved in pulling together the Better Care Fund submission for North Yorkshire.

Board Members concluded by expressing their unanimous support for the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan.

Resolved -

That the North Yorkshire Better Care Fund Plan is approved by the North Yorkshire Health & Well Being Board and officers are requested to ensure that the agreed monitoring criteria is aligned with CCG Operational Plans for submission on 4 April 2014.

That quarterly reports on the progress of the Better Care Fund are referred to the Board from the Integrated Commissioning Board.

47. Interim Strategy to meet the Needs of Adults with Autism in North Yorkshire

Public Question/Statement Mr David McAsey – North Yorkshire: Autism Strategy

Mr McAsey read out a statement to highlight his concerns surrounding the failure of the County Council in its statutory duty to produce a North Yorkshire all age long term strategy for autism. A copy of his statement is in the Minute Book. Mr McAsey welcomed publication of the interim strategy for adults with Autism but said it was not enough. He criticised councillors and senior officers for their lack of leadership and asked the following three questions:-

1. What action will the Health & Wellbeing Board take to assure itself that an all age Autism strategy is produced for 2015/16 onwards?

2. What action will the Health & Wellbeing Board take to hold officers to account for meeting NHS and Local Authority statutory duties under the Autism Act?
3. When will the County Council appoint a Councillor to be an adult Autism champion to work alongside the Director of Adult Social Services to ensure that adults with Autism in North Yorkshire are living fulfilling and rewarding lives?

Anne Marie Lubanski NYCC Assistant Director Operations responded orally to the issues raised. She said that it had been a deliberate decision to produce an interim autism strategy. Production of the interim strategy meant that recognition could be given to recent changes within the health environment and take account of a current NYCC Children & Young People's Strategy.

Over the course of the last year Officers had worked collaboratively with colleagues from within the Partnerships and Commissioning Unit on behalf of North Yorkshire clinical commissioning groups towards building an all age strategy. She disputed there had been a lack of leadership and quoted examples demonstrating the development of an autism strategy at a senior level. North Yorkshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment made reference to autism and prevalence rates and demographic statistics were monitored. She acknowledged that more work was needed and outlined steps being taken to gain NAS accreditation for services.

She also described work underway to develop a business case for an adult autism assessment and diagnostic service. Details of training currently provided to staff and providers of specialist services were also outlined. If Members wished she was able to direct them to generic on-line autism awareness courses.

In summary she did not consider that the County Council had got off to a bad start but acknowledged that progress still needed to be made. The results of the self-assessment exercise the subject of a later agenda item demonstrated that visible progress had been made in many key areas.

Below are the responses given to the specific questions asked by Mr McAsey:-

1. At its meeting on 16 July 2014 the Health & Wellbeing board will consider a report on progress of the longer term all-age autism strategy for North Yorkshire due to published in 2015. The report will contain a timeline for work towards producing the Strategy. This will be a joint initiative between Health & Adult Services and Children and Young People's Service Directorates.
2. The interim Strategy has an adjoining implementation plan which will be monitored by both the Autism Steering Group and by the Health & Wellbeing Board as part of the report referred to in the answer given above.
3. The Executive Portfolio holder for Health & Adult Services has responsibility to the population of North Yorkshire which includes a range of client groups including older people, people with learning disabilities, dementia and autism. Cllr Wood takes a very active role in all these areas working closely with the Corporate Director and the appropriate senior managers. In the case of autism that is with myself Anne Marie Lubanski Assistant Director – Operations. Given this overarching strategic role it would not be appropriate for the portfolio holder to champion one particular area over others.

In his role as the new Corporate Director of Health & Adult Services Richard Webb said he was developing future thinking around autism and would like to meet with the people who had been involved with the autism strategy consultation during January and February 2014 or who had a particular interest in autism to discuss their views.

These would then inform the development of the all age autism strategy to be published in 2015.

Mr McAsey said he was grateful for the offer to work with officers at the County Council and clinical commissioning groups to develop an all age autism strategy for North Yorkshire. He reminded the Board that the requirement to produce an autism strategy was not discretionary but statutory and that the availability of proper training to all social workers and GPs should be addressed urgently.

Dr Vicky Pleydell Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group undertook to speak to Chris Long NHS England about inclusion in the appraisal of GPs training on autism.

Considered -

The report of the NYCC Corporate Director - Health and Adult Services seeking the Board's approval and sign-off of the interim strategy for meeting the needs of adults with autism in North Yorkshire 2014-15. The Strategy had already been agreed within Health and Adult Services and the Partnership Commissioning Unit.

The report was introduced by Anne Marie Lubanski (NYCC Assistant Director Operations) who drew Members attention to the equalities issues in paragraph 9 of the report and said that research about to be undertaken would look at diagnostic pathways to try and understand the reasons why women and girls were often under diagnosed with autism. The findings would be used to inform the longer term strategy for all people with autism in North Yorkshire that was due to be published in 2015.

Janet Probert (Director of Partnerships Commissioning Unit), stressed that whilst consultation events held for the interim strategy had been poorly attended the feedback received had been extremely powerful and had been used to strengthen input around mental health within the interim Strategy.

County Councillor Tony Hall the portfolio holder for NYCC Children and Young People's Service was pleased to report that healthcare services had now taken steps to address issues in respect of children's autism and he thanked the Board for its intervention in coordinating efforts.

The Chairman said that autism for both children and adults was a regular feature in her discussions with officers. Recently those discussions that been much more positive and on behalf of the Board she looked forward to receiving the long term strategy in due course.

Resolved -

That the Interim Strategy for meeting the needs of adults with autism in North Yorkshire is approved by the North Yorkshire Health & Well Being Board for online publication in April 2014.

That a report on the development of an all age strategy for autism in North Yorkshire be referred to the July meeting.

48. Adults with Autism Self-Assessment Exercise 2013

Considered -

The report of the NYCC Corporate Director - Health and Adult Services presenting the results of a self-assessment exercise conducted by Public Health England in Autumn 2013 on the adult autism strategy.

The report compared North Yorkshire's performance in 2011 to that of 2013, and provided headline information about North Yorkshire's performance in comparison to another 152 respondents in 2013.

The Chairman referred to the report and said that overall it was pleasing to see significant progress had been made. However she noted that a number of recommendations in the statutory guidance issued to local authorities and NHS organisations pertaining to implementation of the Autism Strategy 2010 remained outstanding.

The Voluntary Sector representative asked about links between the Carers Strategy and Autism Strategy and was advised that officers were looking at making on-line training available and would be happy to discuss this and other aspects in further detail outside of the meeting.

Resolved -

That the results of the 2013 Autism Self-Assessment Exercise be noted.

That following publication by Public Health England of detailed comparison data later in 2014 a further report be referred to the Board.

The meeting concluded at 3.20 pm.

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