

**Lancashire County Council**

**Health Scrutiny Committee - Steering Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 26 October, 2015 at 2.00 pm in Room B18b, County Hall - County Hall, Preston**

**Present:**

County Councillor Steven Holgate (Chair)

**County Councillors**

M Brindle                      Y Motala  
Mrs F Craig-Wilson

**1. Apologies**

None to note

**2. Notes of the last meeting**

The notes of the Steering Group meeting held on 5 October were agreed as correct.

**3. Healthwatch**

Gill Brown, Chief Executive from Healthwatch attended the meeting to talk to members about the role of Healthwatch, its current activities and discuss the content of the presentation that Healthwatch (HW) will deliver to Committee on 24 November.

Gill set out the functions and responsibilities of HW

A discussion took place and the main points were:

- The challenges that Lancashire faces such as geography, demographics etc.
- History on the formation and development of the Board and the organisation.
- Current position is that Gill is CEO and Mike Wedgeworth is Interim Chair.
- Looking to become independent from the County Council from 2016. However as LCC are the commissioners and the funding comes through them they still will have the opportunity to exercise an element of control.
- Future work of HW includes: community & on-line activity, development of engagement database, Roadshows (not supported by LCC), scrutiny of residential care. She talked to members about a number of specific pieces of work that have been undertaken across the county.
- CC Holgate gave some positive feedback he'd heard about one of the projects that HW did at UHMBT. This project has been shortlisted for an award.

- NHS Trusts and CCGs are contacting HW to engage with the public because of the success of their engagement database.
- Enter and View – 3 project officers on a temporary contract until March. The Mum's Test (would I leave them here?) is applied to all visits.
- Members talked about the CQC inspections of care homes and how they are perceived and carried out.
- CC Brindle mentioned her concerns about CQC inspections of care homes, particularly one in Burnley that she had raised issues with previously
- Members were reminded that HW England is a sub-committee of the CQC.
- Plea that LCC continue to support HW to enable them to continue their current and future projects.

Members thanked Gill for her time and looked forward to her attending Committee in November.

#### **4. Healthier Lancashire**

Sam Nicol from Healthier Lancashire attended the meeting to provide an update on the work of the Healthier Lancashire Programme. The main points of the discussion were:

- Potential for scrutiny to play a bigger role over the next 12 to 18 months.
- Purpose document produced at the end of 2014.
- 5 year forward view – National picture that is represented in Lancashire.
  - The future will see a lot more care delivered locally but also the rise of specialist centres.
  - 2 Vanguards (Fylde – community model), North Lancs (accountable care organisation)
  - Emergency care services should be redesigned
  - New roles for midwives
  - More support to frail/elderly in care homes
  - GPs to have more support
  - More money for Primary Care and GPs to have more control of the budgets
  - New uses of health technology
  - New ways of using the money
  - Action will be needed on demand, delivery and funding
- Alignment of Plans – testing of individual local plans to see if met the 5-year forward view, how far do they go, what's the gap, what needs doing
- Independent review – Ernst Young were appointed to carry out the alignment (funded by all providers and commissioners on the patch)
- Key findings:
  - Compared to national average have greater areas of deprivation
  - A number of areas are worse than national, life expectancy, unhealthy behaviours, co-morbidities etc.

- Invest quite a lot in some services that don't produce results (mental health services)
- Work force issues – getting older, average pay
- Need to reduce the demand
- Geography of the area presents challenges
- Estates under utilised
- 53 different strategies - No single unifying vision to improve health & social care.
- The definition of deprivation needs to be considered – i.e. not having access to chances to improve life, key factors include education, employment and housing.
- Healthier Lancashire Forward View was provided by Sam for members but was at the present time a confidential document.
- HSC to be involved in the development of a 'Vision for Lancashire' – to liaise with Sam about how we can progress this.
- CC Holgate suggested that HL look at 0-5 health care services as a system wide change.
- Leadership needs to be sorted, mandate to move forward on next steps and a more co-ordinated process to deliver.
- No engagement at grass roots at the moment but that is the ultimate aim. Mandate that will be achieved on 19 Nov (meeting of Lancashire organisational Chief Execs), only then can staff and the general public can be involved.
- Launch – end Jan/early Feb central location.

BSB in November.

## **5. Work plan/Actions from Committee**

The work plan of the Committee was noted

## **6. Date of next meeting**

16 November – Rossendale to present their final report following the conclusion of their task group review of NWS and CSR CCG will attend to discuss the workforce planning project.

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