

Health Scrutiny Committee – 17 February 2009

RESUME OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP
15 DECEMBER 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy, Performance & Governance)

1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

To consider the proceedings of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board on 15 December 2008.

2. INFORMATION

2.1 The Board considered the following items:-

Matters Arising - 'Relationship with the Stockport Children's Trust'

Stuart Cowley (Head of Modernisation), Adults and Communities, Stockport Council – 0161 474 4793

It was reported that the Children's Health Board had considered the concerns raised by this Partnership at its previous meeting about the possible duplication of work and the possibility of merging with the Public Health Partnership Board, but had felt that given the additional membership such a body would require, that it would be best dealt with by a partnership focussed specifically on the children's health agenda. That Board would work within the parameters of the agreed Health Strategy and would report to the Health and Well-being Partnership where appropriate.

The Partnership reiterated its concerns about potential failure to deliver on key performance indicators where responsibility lies between the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the Children's Health Partnership Boards, and suggested that appropriate officers and members discuss mechanisms for closer working between this Partnership and the Children's Trust structures.

Public Health Partnership Board

Dr Stephen Watkins, Director of Public Health, Stockport PCT, 953 0012

The Partnership received a presentation on the work of the Public Health Partnership Board (PHPB), its priorities, progress and some of its key challenges.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment had provided key data on health in Stockport, and highlighted further the significant inequalities between different parts of the borough. From this, the PHPB had established six priorities:-

- Smoking/ Tobacco control
- Alcohol
- Obesity
- Major Killers (heart disease and cancer)
- Mental Wellbeing
- Sexual health

To further these priorities, the PHPB sought to 'mainstream' public health issues and influence decision making to actively consider public health when commissioning services etc. This was being done within the context of the limited public health resources and the need for co-ordinated working across partners to maximise the impact.

Members discussed how public health could be better mainstreamed, and the role of front line staff and third sector volunteers in signposting the public for health advice particularly in hospitals, training for staff, and preventative work around children's mental health.

The Partnership then requested that the organisational leads within the Council, PCT, Foundation Trust and CVS consider how best to develop a training programme for frontline staff to enable them to more effectively signpost the public to relevant services relating to the Public Health Partnership's six priorities, and to report back to a future meeting.

The Partnership also invited the Stronger Communities Partnership to consider how it might contribute to supporting the public health agenda, particularly within Stockport's Priority areas.

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Performance Framework

Susie Wright, (Policy Manager - Health & Well Being), Adults and Communities, Stockport Council - 07527 387251

The Partnership considered a report detailing performance against the Partnership's Performance Management Framework for the second quarter (July to October 2008). The report had been produced for the first time using the Covalent Performance Management System.

Specific concerns were raised regarding the direction of performance of certain indicators, including some key Children's indicators. In particular, the Partnership discussed performance in relation to NI 123, NI 39 and NI 134, and progress toward Priority 9 indicators NI 112 and HWB live birth.

The Partnership then requested that future reports (i) identify a lead agency or officer for each indicator, wherever possible; (ii) where the performance is marked as amber or red, the responsible officer be requested to provide a written and, where possible, verbal commentary to accompany the performance indicator, and (iii) wherever possible indicators be grouped by theme and by reporting timescale.

The Partnership also requested a detailed commentary be provided to the next meeting on NI 39 and NI 134, detailing the causes of the dip in performance, and what is being done to improve performance, and invited the Children and Young People's Health Partnership provide a report on the action that they are taking in relation to teenage pregnancies and birth rates.

Integrated Commissioning Board

Stuart Cowley (Head of Modernisation), Adults and Communities, Stockport Council – 0161 474 4793

The Partnership were updated on the work being done by the Council and PCT to develop integrated commissioning arrangements, initially for adult social care, proceeding under the direction of the Health & Wellbeing Integrated Commissioning Board.

Health And Wellbeing Self Assessment

Stuart Cowley (Head of Modernisation), Adults and Communities, Stockport Council – 0161 474 4793

The Partnership considered its Self Assessment, prepared using the Partnership Toolkit and providing an analysis of the Board's effectiveness as a partnership, as required by the Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The Self Assessment also contained recommendations for future action to ensure continual improvement.

Members commented that they did not believe that the Self Assessment reflected the richness of work of the Partnership, in particular the contribution of the AOT and PHPB sub-groups to the performance framework, and the strong involvement of the voluntary sector and Foundation Trust.

Members also noted that the Self Assessment should be amended to better reflect the outward-focussed nature of the Partnership.

The Partnership agreed that they believe that the score for the Effective Performance Management should be 4, reflecting the work of the All Our Tomorrows and Public Health Partnership Boards.

The Partnership also requested the Head of Modernisation and Head of Policy and Scrutiny be requested to amend the self assessment to take into account the members comments, and to submit the updated report to the next meeting, for further discussion on what steps will be taken to address the recommendations for further development.

Stockport LINK – Suggested Framework And Role Description

Marie Kildunne, PEEBLE Enterprises, 0161 480 1211

The Partnership considered a report on a proposed protocol between the Health & Wellbeing Partnership and the LINK, detailing the relationship between the bodies and their respective responsibilities, and a description of the role of LINKs members on the Board.

The Partnership agreed the draft Protocol, and invited three members of the LINK to fill the three community vacancies on the Health & Wellbeing Partnership, and that the Partnership would welcome one of the LINK members being a carer.

Agenda Planning And Any Other Business

Susie Wright, (Policy Manager - Health & Well Being), Adults and Communities, Stockport Council - 07527 387251

The following items were considered:-

(i) PHPB Strategic Statement Mental Wellbeing

A copy of a strategic statement on Mental Wellbeing, developed by the Public Health Partnership Board was circulated

The Partnership suggested that reference should be made to the mental wellbeing of those losing their jobs, and requested that the PHPB carry out gap analysis by March 2009, and report back to a future Partnership meeting.

(ii) Future Agenda Items

The Partnership requested that there be a item on the impact of the credit crunch on public health be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Scrutiny Committee note the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports and Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 15 December 2008

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Vali on telephone number 0161 474 3203 or alternatively e-mail jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk