

Health Scrutiny Committee – 27 October 2009

**RESUME OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP**  
**28 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy & Democracy)

**1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To consider the proceedings of the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board on 28 September 2009.

**2. INFORMATION**

**2.1 The Partnership considered the following items:-**

*Tackling Inequality: Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plans*  
*Kate Ringrow, Neighbourhood Renewal Co-ordinator, Adults & Communities Directorate - Stockport Council – 218 1351*

The received a presentation Board on the action plans relating to Health and Older People contained within the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy that were designed to tackle inequalities within Stockport's Priority 1 areas. The presentation highlighted activity already underway to address these inequalities and some of the challenges facing partners. Copies of the Action Plans for Objective 7 'Better health and mental wellbeing for local people' and Objective 8 'Improved quality of life for older people aged 50+' were also circulated.

Members asked questions in relation to the following:-

- Co-location so staff from partner agencies within the priority areas.
- Health screening test carried out at community events and the provision of advice.
- The role and responsibilities of the Neighbourhood Renewal Team in delivering the Action Plans
- The role of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in overseeing this work and ensuring accountability for delivering the action plans.

The following issues were discussed:-

- The importance of delivering meaningful improvements within these communities, and the difficulties in evaluating the long term trends.
- The importance and potential difficulties in engaging with local GPs. Using existing communication and engagement networks would assist.

Health and Wellbeing Partnership Quarterly Performance Management Report

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

The Partnership considered the Health and Wellbeing Partnership Framework first quarter performance monitoring report for 2009/10.

Questions were asked and comments made on the following issues:-

- Performance around direct payments (NI 130) reflected a period of transition. It is anticipated that improved performance on this indicator will have a wider impact on services and individual experiences, such as admissions to nursing care etc., rather than being simply an end in itself.
- The appropriateness of the measures based on responses in the Place Survey to improve performance, as they tended to indicate deterioration in the perception of health rather than an objective indicator of health improvement. Particular concern was expressed about NI 139 in relation to support for older people living independently as the question was addressed to all respondents.
- The increased prevalence of smoking in pregnancy may reflect a wider social trend of increased smoking amongst young women, which was linked to wider issues on lifestyle and was a particular problem within the priority areas.

#### Annual Report – Key Issues

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

Copies of the Partnership Annual Report, that had been submitted to the Stockport Partnership as part of the process of monitoring the work of the thematic partnerships and establishing a mechanism for the allocation of the Local Area Agreement Reward Grant, was circulated for information.

Members discussed the current review by the Council's Health Scrutiny Committee on the support provided to young carers and welcomed any additional assistance.

The Board recommended that for future years the Stockport Partnership agree a common format for annual reports and appropriate timetabling to ensure that partnerships have adequate input into the process.

#### LINK Welcome And Progress Report

*Marie Kildunne, PEEBLE Enterprises, 0161 480 1211*

The Board considered the first quarter performance report for the Stockport LINK.

The following issues were discussed:-

- Ongoing concerns about discharge letters for users going back into care homes.

- Continued over-emphasis on compliance from the Care Quality Commission rather than an emphasis on quality.
- Continued concern about the rate of Did Not Attend clinic appointments (DNA) and whether the measures being used to address this were adequate. It was suggested that the appropriateness of the appointments being missed may explain the high rate of DNA appointments and there were opportunities to explore best practice.
- More that could be done to promote organ donation, including increased coverage in the LINK newsletter.

#### Mental Health Lit Achievements And Future Priorities

*Joint Commissioning Manager for Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Services, Stockport Council – 0161 218 1351*

The Board received a presentation on the activities of the Mental Health LIT, including past achievements and priorities for future work. Amongst the issues discussed were the Mental Health Joint Commissioning Strategy, the self assessment for the Strategic Health Authority, progress with Self Directed Support, improved access to psychological services and the publication of a new national strategy 'New Horizons'.

The following issues were discussed:-

- The potential changes to services as a result of self directed support (SDS). In particular the changing role of traditional services and the innovative approaches to brokerage, such as service users acting as brokers.
- The need to continue to 'dual run' more traditional services alongside the self directed support model until there was a greater understanding of the potential of SDS as a model for all levels of need and user groups.
- The importance training in ensuring that to social workers and mental health workers have confidence in the self directed support model.

The Board requested feedback on the evaluation of Self Directed Support when this was available, and agreed to have a more substantial item on a future agenda in relation to mental wellbeing.

#### Social Care Green Paper: Shaping The Future Of Care Together

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

The Board considered a briefing note on the new Social Care Green Paper 'Shaping the Future of Care Together' that had been published by the Department of Health in July 2009.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Scrutiny Committee note the report.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports and Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 28 September 2009

Copies of past minutes and reports are available on the Partnership's website at:-

<http://s1.stockport.gov.uk/hwbp/meetings.html>

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Vali on telephone number 0161 474 3201 or alternatively e-mail [jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk)