





HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD

OUTCOMES of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 October commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.45 pm.

Present:

Board Members: Councillor Ed Turner (Chairman), Oxford City Council

Councillor Anna Badcock (Vice-Chairman), South Oxfordshire

District Council

Councillor John Donaldson, Cherwell District Council Councillor James Mills, West Oxfordshire District Council Councillor Monica Lovatt, Vale of White Horse District Council Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Oxfordshire County Council Dr Paul Park, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Ian Davies, Cherwell and South Northants District Council

Jackie Wilderspin, Public Health Specialist

Dr Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health Laura Epton, Healthwatch Ambassador (job share)

Officers:

Whole of meeting: Val Johnson, Oxford City Council

Katie Read, Oxfordshire County Council

Part of meeting:

Agenda item 6 Andy Symons, Turning Point

Agenda item 8 Rachel Coney, Healthwatch Oxfordshire

Agenda item 10 Heather McCulloch, West Oxfordshire District Council

Jo Paterson, South and Vale District Councils

Megan Horwood, GLL Colin Williams, GLL

Chris Freeman, Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity Jenny Webb, Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity Anna Hinton, Oxford University Hospitals Trust Sam Williamson, Oxford University Hospitals Trust

Agenda item 11 Natalia Lachkou, Oxfordshire County Council

These notes indicate the outcomes of this meeting and those responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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1. Welcome

The Chairman, City Councillor Ed Turner, welcomed all to the meeting and all members introduced themselves.

2. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments

Apologies have been received from: Kate Terroni, Oxfordshire County Council

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations were received.

4. Petitions and Public Address

No petitions or public addresses were received.

5. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Action regarding a performance target for the young people's housing pathway – baseline data is being gathered for a target to be set at the next meeting.

6. Performance Report

Jackie Wilderspin presented the performance report and highlighted the regional and national benchmarking data included to provide context for members on how outcome measures are set.

Discussion focused on the report card covering the treatment of opiate and non-opiate users. Andy Symons outlined the needs-led outreach and locality based model adopted by Turning Point, the service provider since April 2015.

During the first six months, the new service received over 500 referrals and has focused on training staff in new ways of working. It recently deployed roving recovery vehicles to facilitate outreach work in rural communities.

The service targets were acknowledged as stretching, but Board members were assured that a marked improvement is expected after the first 12 months of the service. It was emphasised that performance data for the service will always be behind, as the indicator is reliant on clients not representing within six months.

Members fed back that GPs and other agencies are already seeing improved access to support and education about drug use, as a result of the new service.

The Board was concerned that performance on smoking cessation (measure 8.4) has not improved, although Oxfordshire's performance

is better that the national average. The Board will receive a report card on smoking cessation that will include a commentary on national evidence and societal change at its next meeting.	Jonathan McWilliam
7. Director of Public Health's Annual Report	
Jonathan McWilliam outlined the focus of each chapter in his annual report, summarising key findings and recommendations.	
The tension between investing in prevention and spending on meeting immediate needs was acknowledged, as well as the important role of local services and communities in understanding and meeting their own local needs.	
Board members highlighted the critical link between health and housing/local planning and the importance of the health sector working more closely with neighbourhood planning colleagues to consider the needs of communities in the round.	
The Board was updated on the Public Health funding position; this continues to be uncertain. There is likely to be an in-year reduction in the Public Health grant nationally, but this is not yet confirmed. It is also unclear whether the Public Health budget will continue to be ring-fenced after 2016.	
Additional note: It was confirmed on Thursday 5 th November (after this meeting) that 6.2% cuts of the Public Health grant for 2015-16 will be implemented in each local authority and it is not being unring-fenced at this time.	
8. Healthwatch Oxfordshire	
Rachel Coney provided an update on the role of Healthwatch Oxfordshire and wider work of the organisation.	
Board members discussed the organisation's authority to 'Enter and View' sites of concern. District and City Council representatives were invited to forward any concerns they have on services in their area to Healthwatch Oxfordshire.	ALL
Healthwatch Oxfordshire is planning for a potential reduction in funding from the County Council, as this is an option being consulted on as part of its business and resource planning process. The Board expressed an interest in being kept up to date on this issue.	Rachel Coney
9. Healthwatch Ambassadors' Report	
Laura Epton presented the Healthwatch Ambassadors' report which focused on concerns raised by the public and health professionals about the potential closure of breastfeeding support services provided by Oxford Baby Café.	

Discussion focused on the type of support provided by the Baby Café and other forms of support available for breastfeeding mothers. A report on the range of breastfeeding support provided by public bodies and other organisations in Oxfordshire was requested for a future meeting.

Jackie Wilderspin

10. Healthy Weight Strategy

Councillor Anna Badcock chaired a discussion on healthy weight initiatives in the context of revising Oxfordshire's Healthy Weight Strategy. The Board received updates from the City and District Councils, the County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity and the Oxford University Hospitals Trust on their current healthy weight promotion activities.

It was agreed that there is a need for a multi-agency strategy to coordinate the activities of organisations working across the county to tackle obesity among children and adults, and promote healthy weight. As a new national childhood obesity strategy is expected in January 2016, it was considered the right time to refresh the current Healthy Weight Action Plan and align this with national priorities.

The key areas of focus from the discussion were:

- The importance of each organisation making tackling obesity a strategic priority.
- The need for a greater focus on children and young people in order to promote healthy weight from a young age and stop people becoming obese.
- The need for organisations to focus their activities on reaching people who are already obese and not active at all.
- Learning from the work that Oxford University Hospitals Trust is doing with its staff, to enhance organisations' 'well at work' programmes.
- The importance of influencing healthy eating policies, ensuring healthier food and drink options are available in vending machines and from franchises based in organisations' premises and public facilities.
- The importance of engaging and involving primary schools in educating children and young people about healthy weight and the activities they do with pupils to promote this.
- The need to influence how primary schools are using their PE and sports premium grant to make additional and sustainable improvements to the quality of PE and sport they offer.
- The importance of agreeing robust monitoring of progress and measuring outcomes.

A number of issues/barriers to do with healthy weight were also identified:

The lack of national or local sports participation data for young

people.

- Sustainability people's ability / motivation to maintain activities that promote healthy weight over time.
- The psychological element of unhealthy eating and weight gain that is harder to tackle.
- Linking with planning policies to affect the location and number of fast food outlets, etc. which have a negative impact on healthy weight.
- Influencing transport and other planning policies which could do more to promote safe active transport such as walking and cycling.
- The increasing number of bariatric people and the difficulties faced by the Ambulance service in managing these patients.

The Board agreed the following next steps:

 All Board members to influence their own organisations to make tackling obesity and organisational priority.

ii. Board members will hold a workshop in the New Year to develop a new coordinated, multi-agency strategy. This will renew the focus of the work of the Healthy Weight Steering Group.

iii. The Board will have a particular focus on healthy weight over the next 12 months to monitor progress on the Strategy and action plan.

iv. External input will be sought to review the range of activities and policies already in place and make recommendations for areas to address.

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Jackie Wilderspin

Donna Husband

11. Housing related support

Natalia Lachkou provided a verbal update on the progress of recommissioning housing related support services.

The procurement exercise is now complete and contracts have been awarded for every part of the homelessness pathway within budget. Implementation has already begun and services will be in place from February 2016, with some being provided from different locations.

The Board raised concerns about the effect of the County Council's consultation on options to remove funding for housing related support on providers investing in the new homelessness pathway. This option is currently being consulted on as part of the council's business and resource planning process.

The Board was assured that the contracts have been awarded in spite of the budget consultation and the County Council will continue to be as transparent and open with providers as possible.

Board members agreed to hold a workshop during the

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consultation to discuss how services could be delivered if funding was to be reduced.	Read
12. Forward Plan	
From the meeting the following items will be added to the forward	Katie Read
Plan:	
Housing related support workshop	
Healthy weight workshop	
Healthy Weight Strategy	
Breastfeeding support services	
The meeting closed at 4.45pm	

in the Chair

Date of signing