

Oxfordshire Shadow H&WB
Health Improvement Board
Notes of informal meeting on Wednesday 29th February
2 – 4pm, Judges Room, Oxford Town Hall

1. Present:

Councillor Mark Booty, Chairman
Councillor Val Smith, Vice Chairman
Jonathan McWilliam, Director of Public Health
Ian Davies, Strategic Director, Cherwell and S Northants DC
Peter von Eichstorff, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Jackie Wilderspin, Assistant Director of Public Health
Val Johnson, in attendance representing all District Councils
Peter Clark, County Solicitor, in attendance.

Cllr Mark Booty welcomed everyone to this first (informal) meeting of the Health Improvement Board (HIB). It was noted that a representative of the Public Involvement Board is still not named.

2. Apologies were received from

Councillor Iain Brown, Oxfordshire County Council
Dave Etheridge, Chief Fire Officer and Chairman of Oxfordshire Safer Communities Partnership Business Group

3. Terms of Reference for the Shadow Health Improvement Board (HIB) were agreed, with the addition of a sentence to indicate that they will be reviewed annually. These draft terms of reference will now be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB) for approval.

4. Briefing on guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards (H&WB) and the role of Public Health was presented by Jonathan McWilliam. The following points were raised:

- o The H&WB “power to state views” can be up to a national level.
- o Delegation of local authority functions to the H&WB could be from Districts as well as County Council.
- o There is obvious potential for locality level working through District partnership with Clinical Commissioning Group localities.
- o District involvement in the update and revision of the JSNA will be important. **Action: Jackie** to request a report on JSNA refresh for the next meeting.

5. Draft Priorities for the Health Improvement Board were presented by Jonathan and each was discussed in turn. The paper was welcomed and the priorities agreed. There was enthusiasm for the emphasis on prevention. It was recognised that close working with other partnership boards will be essential as many topics overlap and that specialist communications expertise should be sought to take the work forward and ensure that all stakeholders

are informed and able to participate. It was noted that each area of work must be effective and cost effective and recommended that, from the outset, we have a good idea of relative impact of different areas of work

These priorities will now be presented to the H&WB for discussion and adoption. The following specific points were noted:

Priority 1 – preventing early death and improving quality of life in later years.

- More detail on the impact of deprivation on life expectancy would be helpful in understanding the reasons for differences set out in the paper
- Targeting work to reduce inequalities will be essential.
- Use of the media and local initiatives (e.g. nurse-led sessions) may be needed to reduce anxiety or resistance to screening programmes
- Licensing taxi drivers could include a requirement for diabetes checks so that Asian drivers can be diagnosed and treated effectively.

Priority 2 – Preventing chronic disease through tackling obesity.

- Work with schools will be challenging as academy status is more widespread. The national measure on physical activity sessions in schools is to be dropped so other measures will be needed.
- Cooking skills are essential for improving family eating habits. There are some good examples but it needs to be more widespread. It could be embedded in the new specification for Children's Centres.
Action: Jackie to ensure that the HIB has an opportunity to comment on the draft Children's Centre specification.
- Approaches to preventing obesity need to embrace all ages, starting with weaning.
- Links to the CYP Board will be essential. Work is underway to clarify the breadth of work already underway and areas of crossover, to ensure nothing is missed.

Priority 3 – Tackling the broader determinants of health through better housing.

- It was agreed that Fuel Poverty will be a good area of work to focus on as it covers all parts of the county and types of household.
- More work is needed to identify the particular focus the HIB should take on housing and inequalities issues.

Action: Ian Davies and Val Johnson to provide more details on inequalities and housing issues for the next meeting. This will include checking what indicators are already reported (e.g. overcrowding, waiting lists, homeless presentations, rough sleepers, families in temporary accommodation, properties meeting HMO licensing requirements etc.) and making recommendations of outcome measures for the HIB to deliver.

Priority 4 – preventing infectious disease through immunisation.

- This priority also includes the need to reach vulnerable groups who are not accessing existing services.
- There is still no local case for general immunisation for TB. Contact tracing and immunisation is working successfully.

6. Surveillance of a basket of indicators

The flow chart was used to explain that, alongside work to improve outcomes on the four agreed priorities, a range of other indicators would be kept under surveillance on a regular basis by the HIB. It was agreed that this would enable rigorous review of priorities on an annual basis. It was agreed that the indicators listed in paper 5 would be a good start and this can be added to at any stage. Additions suggested were figures on dementia, carers' breaks, benefits claimants including attendance allowance and carer allowance. It was agreed that this surveillance mechanism will enable the HIB to inform and put pressure on other partnership boards too.

Action: Jonathan to provide regular surveillance reports at future meetings.

7. HIB workshop report

The report was welcomed and there was general agreement that the workshop had been very successful. Val Johnson was thanked for putting all the details of current work into a usable database.

It was agreed that the HIB will function by

- Inviting expert witnesses from the wide range of stakeholders already engaged through the workshop, and others
- Holding more workshops to draw up action plans on priority work
- Ensuring good communication with all stakeholders on a regular basis, using ideas generated at the workshop on 1st Feb.

Action: Val J to write to all workshop participants to thank them for their participation, ask for their future involvement and send copies of paper 6 as a report of the day.

Action: Val J and Jackie to send details of HIB priorities once these are agreed by the H&WB

8. Forward Plan

Dates of the meetings in public were agreed:

- Wed 9th May 2-4 pm
- Wed 12 Sept 2-4 pm
- Wed 23 Jan 2013 2-4 pm

It was agreed that proposed workshop dates (11 July, 21 Nov, 20 March 2013) would also be held by all members of the HIB, but details of how these dates will be used are to be confirmed.

It was agreed that the workshop on July 11th will be for all 4 priorities with workshops running concurrently.

Action: Val J and Jackie to design the workshop and bring proposals for discussion to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.50