

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES of a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 10 December 2013 at County Hall, Lewes.

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PRESENT - Dr Elizabeth Gill – Chair High Weald Lewes Havens CCG (in the Chair)  
Councillor Trevor Webb, ESCC  
Councillor Claire Dowling – Wealden District Council  
Dr Martin Writer – Chair, Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG  
Catherine Ashton – Associate Director of Strategy and Whole Systems Working, Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG and Hastings and Rother CCG  
Keith Hinkley – Director of Adult Social Care and Health, ESCC  
Ged Rowney – Interim Director of Children’s Services, ESCC  
Cynthia Lyons – Acting Director of Public Health, ESCC  
Julie Fitzgerald – Representative, Healthwatch East Sussex  
Pennie Ford – Director of Operations, NHS England Surrey and Sussex Area Team

ALSO PRESENT - Councillor Troy Tester – Eastbourne Borough Council  
Councillor Mike Turner – Hastings Borough Council  
Marie Casey – Voluntary and Community Sector representative  
Amanda Harrison – Director of Strategic Development and Assurance, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust  
Lorraine Reid – Managing Director of Specialist Services, Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
Lisa Schrevel – Policy Officer, ESCC

### 20. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

20.1 Dr Gill, Deputy Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board took the Chair in the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Glazier. Dr Gill welcomed new Board Members - Pennie Ford, Director of Operations, NHS England Surrey and Sussex Area Team representing NHS England and Councillor Claire Dowling one of the two new District and Borough Council representatives. Dr Gill noted that the second representative would be confirmed shortly. Dr Gill also welcomed Catherine Ashton, Associate Director of Strategy and Whole Systems Working for Hastings and Rother CCG who was attending for Greg Wilcox.

### 21. MINUTES

21.1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 October 2013 were approved as a correct record subject to the inclusion of apologies from Councillor Turner.

### 22. APOLOGIES

22.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Keith Glazier, ESCC and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board; Councillor Bill Bentley, ESCC; Councillor Pat Rodohan, ESCC; Greg Wilcox, Hastings and Rother CCG; Councillor Bob White, Rother District Council; Councillor Tony Nicholson, Lewes District Council; Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner; Becky Shaw, ESCC; Ian Kedge, Lewes District Council; Jeremy Leach, Wealden District Council; Ian Fitzpatrick, Eastbourne Borough Council and Richard Homewood, Hastings Borough Council.

### 23. INTERESTS

23.1 None.

## 24. URGENT ITEMS

24.1 None.

## 25. CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS (CCGs) UPDATE

25.1 Dr Martin Writer, Chair of Eastbourne, Seaford and Hailsham CCG, reported on behalf of Eastbourne, Seaford and Hailsham CCG and Hastings and Rother CGG that both CCGs were working closely together and with other key stakeholders on the East Sussex 2020 Vision to provide an integrated model of care across the community. This was an important piece of work which needed to be looked at in a unified way. Initial meetings were underway to develop a compact to share the plan early next year with the public and key stakeholders.

25.2 The Governing Bodies of all the CCGs were holding extraordinary meetings on 11 December to consider proposals for the future of maternity and paediatric services and dementia assessment beds. Dr Writer explained that options had been developed after extensive engagement and research, and that there was insufficient evidence to support a dual site obstetrics model i.e. consultant led units at both hospitals. The options, which were based on clinical safety and quality of care, would be presented to HOSC in January

25.3 Dementia assessment beds had also been reviewed and a recommendation made to the CCG Governing Bodies that a new service should be commissioned to deliver dementia services to enable people to be supported in their own homes and the community. In response to questions from Councillors Turner and Webb regarding joined up working between the CCGs and the County Council and the impact service changes may have on carers, Dr Writer reassured the Board that proposals aimed to develop more modern, appropriate and sustainable services and that decisions on changes to services and closure of individual facilities would depend on appropriate services being available to ensure service users needs were met.

25.4 Other areas of focus were continuity of care especially for the elderly; and better access to GP services. A Primary Care Strategy (not just general practice) was being developed to enable people to obtain the best service near to where they live. A Shaping Health Services event had been held in November at which some interesting ideas had been discussed which could be built into the Strategy. Work was also underway towards creating a primary provider model for patients with musculoskeletal conditions, with referrals being made to a central system, rather than being fragmented as in the current system. This would promote both speed of care and financial efficiency. The tendering process for this would be completed next year.

25.5 In response to a request by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Tester, that Darren Grayson, Chief Executive of East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust be invited to the next Board meeting to discuss reconfiguration, Dr Gill responded that service reconfiguration was within the terms of reference of HOSC and not the Health and Wellbeing Board.

25.6 Councillor Dowling expressed concern that, in Wealden, the message about “modernising, not closing” services was not reaching her constituents. She considered that their perception was that services were being moved to the coastal areas.

25.7 Dr Gill, Chair of High Weald Lewes Havens CCG updated the Board about this CCG. It was working closely with the other two CCGs on maternity and paediatrics and on dementia assessment beds. High Weald Lewes Havens CCG was also engaged in a clinically led project to develop an integrated dementia care pathway which would provide ‘gold standard’ multi-disciplinary support for people with dementia. The CCG was also

developing its Primary Care Strategy to improve access to services and increase practitioners' skills. Dr Gill noted that whilst demand for primary care had risen in recent years, the budget had reduced.

25.8 RESOLVED – to note the updates.

## 26. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND BENEFITS FOR PATIENTS

26.1 The Board received a presentation from Dr Elizabeth Gill, Chair of High Weald Lewes Havens CCG, which introduced the Board to their Clinical Strategy called 'The Green Triangle – Community Services and Benefits for Patients'. A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

26.2 Dr Gill explained that 'The Green Triangle' was a manifesto for health care in community settings which had been developed from grass roots engagement with GPs and patients. The intention was to provide a Strategy for community based services improving patient outcomes and experience, recognising natural geographic flows; providing a specific focus on mental health and primary care services in the community, all delivered within the existing financial resources.

26.3 In response to concerns expressed about the speed of access to consultants and the issue of choice, Dr Gill advised the Board that the Primary Care Strategy was training GPs to deal with more complex conditions in primary care settings, but referrals would continue to be made to secondary and specialist care when appropriate. Dr Gill also confirmed that "choice and book" allowed patients who were referred to hospital by their GP to choose from any hospital provider in England offering a suitable treatment that met NHS standards and costs.

26.4 RESOLVED – to note the presentation.

## 27. THE EAST SUSSEX HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY BIENNIAL PROGRESS REPORT

27.1 The Board considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health which outlined progress on the first six months' delivery of the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2013 to 2016.

27.2 In response to concerns raised in recent press coverage about the shortage of mental health beds, the Director of Adult Social Care and Health and the representative of Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust explained that there were sufficient beds available in East Sussex. However, there had been some issues with timely discharge and partners had been working across the system to identify and address underlying problems such as available alternative accommodation. As a result of this joint working, pressure had reduced. The Sussex HOSCs had invited the Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to discuss the issues with them jointly in more detail.

27.3 Queries were raised regarding delays for patients arriving at hospital by ambulance reaching A&E, A&E waiting times and hospital admissions for falls amongst the elderly which had shown an increase. The Board noted that a £2.3 million Government grant had been awarded for the East Sussex "Surge Plan" to help combat winter pressures. The impact of a range of time-limited schemes being put in place to cover the busy winter period and to reduce admissions and speed up discharge would be monitored. Plans were also in hand to re-commission services for the frail elderly and that a range of services were now in place to help reduce falls.

27.4 The Board were also asked if the "cash value" of informal carers to the NHS and Council was known and taken into account. The Director of Adult Social Care undertook to

provide the specific figures in relation to East Sussex and for these to be included in the minutes. The Director of Adult Social Care noted that there was a Joint Carers Strategy, action plan and Partnership Board and that the Council and CCGs took carers' needs into account for budget and service planning and invested in organisations to engage with and support carers.

27.5 Julie Fitzgerald, Healthwatch East Sussex, reported on two current Healthwatch activities. The first was Mental Health listening days around the County in response to mental health being an ongoing issue raised by the public with Healthwatch; and a Trolley Waits Study at the A&E Departments of Eastbourne DGH and the Conquest Hospital, Hastings. Both would report in the New Year.

27.6 RESOLVED – to note the report and progress to date.

NB the Director of Adult Social Care and Health has provided the following information on carers following the meeting: It is estimated that carers save the nation £119 billion pounds a year. This equates to £961.7 million in East Sussex and is the equivalent of £18,500 for every carer in the UK.

## 28. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2013/14

28.1 The Board considered Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2013-14: Delivering Healthy Lives, Healthy People, the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-16. To make the report's recommendations more easily accessible and to aid review of them, the information contained in the main report had also been reproduced in priority specific booklets (one for each of the seven Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities).

28.2 RESOLVED – to note the report.

## 29. REVIEW OF NATIONAL AUTISM STRATEGY

29.1 The Board received a presentation from Debbie Endersby, Head of Strategic Commissioning (Learning Disability Joint Commissioning) which summarised:

- the national context;
- the work undertaken to date by the County Council and its partners in implementing the National Autism Strategy in East Sussex;
- East Sussex 2012 ratings and Self Assessment 2013 ratings;
- Self Advocate Stories;
- Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other positive developments.

A copy of the presentation is appended to the minutes.

29.2 The Board welcomed the presentation and the establishment and achievements of the Autism Partnership Board. It was noted that there was an Autism spectrum with some people having very complex needs requiring sophisticated care packages whilst others did not need help. Good progress was being made working with partners on a range of interventions to support and meet new and differing needs as they were identified.

29.3 In response to questions about capacity to provide support to people with autism, it was noted that support groups were being set up via websites following discussion with Autism Sussex. Also, an awareness raising e-learning package – selected by parents, carers and people with Autism – was available on a new dedicated Autism section of the County Council's website. Noting the importance of early diagnosis, the CCGs were looking at how to train GPs to detect autism especially among young people.

29.4 RESOLVED – to note the presentation.