



Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting 2nd February 2017

Summary of discussions

1) Welcome and introductions

Attendees: Cllr Gary Wall – Chair; Cllr Anne Jones – Member, representing Town Councils; Cllr Elizabeth Bennett - WSCC elected member; Cllr Peter Griffiths – representing Hurstpierpoint & Bolney division; Rex Whittaker – MSALC Chair, representing Parish Councils; Tim Cusack - Business Unit Leader for Performance and Partnerships (MSDC); Claire Clilverd – WSCC Community Safety & Wellbeing Team; Natasha Allen Partnerships Manager – MSDC; Phil Maynard - Station Manager, Eastern Group – WS Fire and Rescue Service; Jo Millward - Service Delivery & Partnership Manager, WSCC; Sonia Knight – Relationship & Quality Assurance Manager, WSCC; Rachel Wright – Safeguarding Officer, MSDC; Paul Turner Wellbeing Manager – MSDC; Geraldine Hoban – Accountable Officer for NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG; Nicky Dodds - Neighbourhood Investment Officer - South & South West - Affinity Sutton; Judie Obeya – Neighbourhood Investment Manager – Affinity Sutton; Christine Hardisty - Manager, Council for Voluntary Service and Cristina Durden – Partnership Support Officer (MSDC).

The Board welcomed Inspector John Willett - Head of Partnerships, OSPCC and Acting Chief Inspector Jonathan Carter – Sussex Police who will be temporarily replacing Chief Inspector Dave Padwick.

Apologies received from Cllr Norman Webster – Member; Mark Streater - Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer OSPCC; Peter Stuart – Head of Corporate Resources, MSDC; Matthew Parsonage - Head of Neighbourhood Investment Affinity Sutton; Lee Thorogood – NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG; Anne Corkery – Consultant in Public Health, WSCC and Tom Insley - Senior Manager Mental Health Commissioning Crawley CCG, Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG, WSCC.

Cllr Wall apologised for his ill health and left Tim Cusack to Chair in his absence.

2) Minutes of MSP Board Meeting 20th October 2016

Minutes were discussed and agreed with the following amendment under item 3 of the agenda:

The subsequent answer was given following the question that Cllr Webster asked: *The issue of 'Elder Abuse' publicity is disseminated through existing*

channels. There is also a reliance on the MSP and voluntary sector organisations to assist promoting this issue and it's reporting.

Cllr Griffiths expressed his thanks for the helpful notes which were made at the October 2016 meeting.

3) Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) update

John Willett gave an update on the work of the Office of the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner:

- a) **Savings Required:** In order to meet additional inflationary and operational pressures Sussex Police will be required to make savings of approximately £33m over the next four years.
- b) **Implementation of the Local Policing Programme** – The PCC has supported the Chief Constable in the development of a Local Policing Programme which encompasses crime prevention, response and investigation based on threat, risk and harm; this will enable Sussex Police to operate more efficiently in the future.
- c) **Blue Light Emergency Services** – The PCC remains supportive of the Blue Light Emergency Service programme and would like to explore further opportunities to share services with partners in order to make the most effective use of available and anticipated resources.
- d) **Precept** – A total of 4,500 (78%) Sussex residents responded in favour of an increase in the precept (5th lowest in the country). Investment will be made in visible front-line policing responding to sexual violence, child exploitation and cybercrime is still required to address key service and operational issues and demands.

John Willett explained that a Partnership Manager will be recruited to support the Head of Partnerships to manage, develop and deliver the agreed strategic partnerships across Sussex.

ACTION: John Willett to send information on the PCC website which was discussed at the meeting.

4) Update from West Sussex County Council

Claire Clilverd invited Board members to the Safer West Sussex Partnership Conference which will take place on Thursday 16th February 2017 at: Hilton Avisford Park, Arundel. Claire explained that there will be delivery of workshops, feedback from last year's event will be given and information on what is happening locally and nationally will be disseminated. Guest speakers Dr Tish Marrable will be providing information on Evaluation Benchmarking and Andy Bryers about Community Engagement. Claire mentioned that contextual safeguarding would be discussed at the conference. Anyone wishing to attend this event to contact - claire.clilverd@westsussex.gov.uk

Claire Clilverd explained that the West Sussex Crime and Community Safety Survey 2017 is now live on the West Sussex website. The survey that will consult residents about their views on crime and community safety in their local area and in West Sussex will be live until 05/03/2017. Claire encouraged partners to share this link - <https://haveyoursay.westsussex.gov.uk/communities-public-protection/west-sussex-crime-survey-2017/> with contacts they have in West Sussex.

Natasha Allen asked whether the MSP could have an update on contextual safeguarding following the conference.

5) Sussex Police Target Operating Model and Crime Statistics for the District

Acting CI Jonathan Carter gave the following update to the group:

There has been a 9% increase in all crime figures year to date. Burglary incidents have increased 62% with 75 extra offences committed by travelling criminals, work is currently being carried out to tackle this.

Mid Sussex has seen an increase in figures for domestic abuse and hate crime after publicity campaign to encourage individuals to report crime.

OCG Redruth update – individuals which had been released from prison were found to be in possession of automatic weapons/ammunitions/handguns have been apprehended and remanded in custody.

Acting CI Carter spoke about an individual living in Mid Sussex who had started a bomb factory at his home and had not used his kitchen for over a year. Questions were asked whether gas appliances at this housing association property had been checked on a regular basis. Acting CI Carter emphasised the point that partners have a part to play in reducing crime by noticing and reporting unusual activities.

Cllr Elizabeth Bennett expressed concerns around plans to reduce NPT staff which would impact on how crime is tackled in the Mid Sussex area. Insp. Carter reassured partners that currently there are no plans to reduce NPT staff and that they are deployed to areas according to intelligence given.

Nicky Dodds explained that CI Dave Padwick had planned to carry out a 'lunch and learn police briefing' for housing providers for Think Family workers and Neighbourhood workers. Nicky Dodds believes partners would benefit from receiving this briefing.

Cllr Anne Jones asked how vulnerable individuals in isolated communities would be supported by NPT now that it has been decided that they will be deployed to where they are needed. Cllr Jones asked whether there are plans for Neighbourhood Watch to be revisited and re-instated in the Mid Sussex area.

Phil Maynard explained that WS Fire and Rescue Service carry out 'home safety visits' and whilst making visits they ensure individuals they visit are safeguarded.

Rex Whittaker thanked Sussex Police for the successes in their work to keep our community safe and stated that from a local parish point of view he has seen more community wardens recruited. Rex Whittaker commended the 'Sussex Police - Communications Room' carries out (the control, facilities and capabilities).

6) Mid Sussex Partnership Project, Funding and Budget Update

Natasha Allen gave an overview of 2016/17 agreed funding, the projects delivered and the remaining budget as well as the current known position for 2017/18. Funding streams for 2017/18 have yet to be confirmed by the Police and Crime Commissioner, West Sussex County Council and Affinity Sutton.

The board was asked to consider the following recommendations:

- 1) The Board are asked to note the 2016/17 project, funding and budget update;
- 2) To consider and agree the joining of three projects (1, 2 & 3) residual funding and the residual health and wellbeing fund (4) into one residual funding pot for consideration for the 2017/18 financial year;
- 3) To consider and agree the proposal for the Healthy Cooking Project to be moved into the Young Mid Sussex – a targeted intervention for families in need fund (April 2017 – March 2018);
- 4) To consider the proposal to fund the NEET project in full for the 2017/18 financial year.

Discussions took place regarding current and previously funded projects. Natasha Allen explained that the requisite for projects to be funded is based on needs and value for money. Based on this requisite, not all projects could be funded and projects could not be continuously supported through the Think Family Neighbourhood funds. How projects were evaluated was discussed. Partners considered how everyone could support projects to find other funding sources as Think Family Neighbourhood funding was not designed for the continuous funding of projects in the long term.

The Board discussed and **agreed** the proposed recommendations.

Natasha explained that an update regarding funding and the Strategic Intelligence Assessment will be given at the meeting in April 2017.

7) Think Family and Early Intervention Transformation update

Jo Millward and Sonia Knight showed a presentation that gave an update on the work West Sussex County Council is carrying out to transform the Think Family and Early Intervention work carried out with families.

The creation of an Integrated Prevention and Earliest Help (IPEH) Service which will take effect from April 2017 will bring together separate services currently provided through the Early Childhood Service, including Children and Family Centres, Think Family and Early Help and Youth Services, Young Carers, Worth Services (Domestic Violence) and the Healthy Child Programme (currently health visiting and school nursing services).

The new IPEH model will involve streamlined management structures and local delivery of services through multi-disciplinary teams. Pooling of resources will achieve greater flexibility in and consistency of service delivery. The removal of service duplication will achieve efficiencies. The redesigned service aims to develop the expertise and experience of the wider workforce, building on existing talents and skills, thus enabling a more effective and timely response to support the needs of children and families and help them become more resilient.

The IPEH model will provide more coherence in relationships and lines of communication with other agencies and services, in particular Adults Services, the Education Service, schools, districts and boroughs and the voluntary sector. There will be simplification of systems and processes to avoid referral of cases between different professionals in order to more rapidly assess and match customer needs with multi-skilled, community-based professional support; the resulting provision of a service will be on a 'right-first-time' basis.

A child or family needing support will have access to the widest range of expertise and services through just one point of contact with the service which means that their experience should be a positive one and the support truly holistic. This approach will prevent children, young people and families slipping between the gaps in services.

The IPEH Service will be delivered through local hubs supported by a central senior management team. Jo Millward confirmed that although current service delivery points will not be closed down, premises which are not used to capacity will be revaluated as to how they can be delivered more effectively. Currently there are 548 overall posts in the new structure, 2/3 of which have been filled by existing staff (a map was shown with the number of posts within each hub, along with the Strategic Central team).

Geraldine Hoban made an observation of how the Think Family and Early Intervention reconfiguration aligns with the changes to be made by the CCG.

8) CCG Sustainability and Transformation Plans

Geraldine Hoban showed a presentation on Central Sussex & East Surrey Alliance's (CSESA - which covers: Horsham & Mid Sussex, East Surrey, Crawley, Brighton & Hove and High Weald/Lewes/Havens CCG's) Sustainability & Transformation plan (STP) and Place-Based Planning Overview:

The Sussex and East Surrey STP Footprint is number 33 nationally. It is made up of three Place Based Plans (PBP – which are: Central Sussex & East Surrey Alliance, East Sussex Better Together and Coastal care).

The NHS, social care and public health in Sussex and East Surrey will be working together to transform and integrate health and social care services to meet the changing needs of local people.

This diverse region, with 23 organisations that serves 1.2m people has identified gaps in Health & Wellbeing, Care & Quality as well as Finance and Efficiency as health and care funding is not increasing in line with increasing demand. Geraldine explained that the NHS need to make savings of £20m this year and if

change does not take place there will be a deficit of -£374m by 2020/21. There are also significant challenges with waiting times and cancer outcomes, alongside a relatively older population.

The following case for change (not focusing at the end of life) was given:

- A system to be developed to provide a less reactive/hospital bed-based service (help residents to prevent from becoming ill in the first place);
- Bring together a system which places integration at its centre, providing more care and services closer to patients' homes and places of need, building on the assets of the community (primary care);
- Help deliver a great start in life and continue to promote people's wellbeing, their ability to stay healthy, to self-care and be cared for at home (children & families);
- Led by primary care, working at town level in 24 communities of practice across CSESA, by building on the good work already in progress, promoting collaboration/integration between all organisations across health and social care including voluntary and third sector (co-locate teams).

Geraldine stated that currently there are no plans to close hospitals, GP practices and other NHS assets.

9) Emerging issues and future topics for Board discussion

All Board members were asked to consider future topics for Board discussion at forthcoming meetings.

- Updated Partnership Terms of Reference
- SIA and data that sits behind priorities.
- Children and Young People's services
- Provision of Affordable housing
- Contextualised Safeguarding and Child Sexual Exploitation
- Voluntary sector update

10) Any other business and proposed dates for future meetings

- **The Board** - Wished Cllr Peter Griffiths and Christine Hardisty all the best, thanking them for all their hard work and support over the years which have been fundamental to the success of the Partnership.
- **Purdah** - With the forthcoming WSCC Election due to take place in May 2017 Cllr Griffiths queried whether the MSPB meeting date in April be changed.

The next meeting will be Thursday 27th April 2017 at 10am in the Function Room at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath.