



Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting, 23rd July 2019

Summary of discussions

1) Welcome and introductions

Attendees: Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards - Chair; Ian Gibson, Outgoing MSALC Chair; Sarah Robson, CCG; Cllr Anne Jones, WSCC; Claire Denby - Mid Sussex IPEH Hub Leader, WSCC; Sue Edgson - Manager - Mid Sussex Voluntary Action; John Willett, Head of Partnerships, OSPCC; Peter Dommett, Inspector Prevent Manager, Sussex Police; Kate Wilson - BUL Community Services, Policy & Performance, MSDC; Cllr Norman Webster - MSDC Cabinet Member for Community; Kate Birrell, Public Health; Dean Wadey, Northern Area Manager Partnerships and Communities Team, WSCC; Phil Maynard, West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services; Neal Barton, Policy & Performance Manager, MSDC; Paul Turner, Wellbeing Manager, MSDC; Rebecca Hair, Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor, MSDC; Michelle Davies, Performance and Community Support Officer, MSDC – Minute Taker.

Apologies received from: Dr Stephen Bellamy (CCG); Daniel MacIntyre (WSCC); Laura Hill (CCG) - Sarah Robson to attend instead; Rosie Ross (moved to a new role at Sussex Police); ACI Simon Starns (Sussex Police) Cllr Dick Sweatman; Peter Stuart, Head of Corporate Resources, MSDC.

2) Minutes of MSP Board Meeting 24th January 2019

Minutes were agreed.

3) Health Task and Finish (HT&F) Update

Last meeting was held on 12th June, 10 members attended.

Paul Turner (PT) updated on 4 main priorities to be delivered in 2019/20:

1. Mental health and resilience in young people
2. Living well in old age
3. Workplace - key health messages for working age people
4. Targeting specific areas of need and 'protected' groups

Mental health and resilience in young people

Project set up involving resilience workshops for local schools for age groups between 14-18 years.

Potential partners are Sussex Oakleaf (project lead), Mid Sussex Wellbeing, & IPEH.

There is a proposal for a workshop to be held at Burgess Hill Academy.

Living well in old age

Alzheimer's Society concept delivered in other area's in West Sussex (Living well events), being delivered with partners: Alzheimer's society; Places Leisure; MSDC; MS Wellbeing; Community Practice Sussex Community NHS. The proposal is to deliver three Living Well events across the District in East Grinstead, Burgess Hill, and Haywards Heath.

Free events proposed at the three main leisure centres.

Workplace - key health messages for working age people

Fit for Life Showcase event scheduled at Sackville School on Saturday 28th September 2019, organised by: Rotary EG; MS Wellbeing; CCG; EGTC. Funding of £1,100 for this event has been previously agreed by the MSPB.

Targeting specific areas of need and 'protected' groups

Initial research required to understand need and potential project.

Cllr Gibson (CG) expressed concern that not enough of these events are being delivered in the village and parish areas. CG volunteered that parish councils have funds available for these types of events.

Cllr Jones (CJ) requested that we reach out to churches with information about these events.

Cllr Webster (CW) provided positive feedback and had a personal interest in some of the events.

4) Community Safety Task and Finish (CST&F) Update

Pete Dommett (PD) updated on progress with the Group. Last meeting was on 18th July. Current priorities of the group are:

- Regaining public spaces and encampments.
- Vulnerable people particularly young people.

Safe Places scheme was launched in East Grinstead in March. Funding has been procured for the whole of Mid Sussex. Plans are to launch scheme in the rest of the district later this year.

Progress has been made with setting up safeguarding training days through liaison with Head teachers and PRUs.

Law Days are scheduled for September. Funding of £5,000 for this event has been previously agreed by the MSPB.

CW expressed much interest in the Law Days and responded positively to there being a greater police presence in Mid Sussex. CW said the public need to report ASB to the police and MSDC. CJ asked PD about an individual who is committing ASB in Burgess Hill. PD replied that individual has been served with a CPN.

CG commented on 3 issues that exist in Mid Sussex:

- Incidences of potential fraud involving older people.
- The process for serving CPNs and CPWs seems longwinded and that those affected may be put off if have to report incident of ASB three times before any action is taken.

Kate Wilson (KW) replied that as soon as any ASB is reported action is taken and it is with regard to the Community Trigger, that if three separate ASB or hate incidents have been reported in a six month period and no action taken, a [community trigger request form](#) can be completed online and sent to MSDC.

- Speeding. KW commented that consultation is taking place for a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) in Burgess Hill to address speeding racers in the town's car parks.

5) Communities (New Development) Task and Finish Update

Kate Wilson updated on progress and reiterated that community infrastructure issues with regard to the Northern Arc Development Project are being addressed through Homes England. It was decided that a Tasking & Finishing group will not be required for housing development. However it is considered that a third task and finish group could be useful focussing on other community elements from the priorities.

6) Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) – What should the MSP Projects be for 2019/2020?

Neal Barton presented the Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) for 2018/19. This pulled together data from a number of sources and is designed to identify the needs of the District and inform the future work of the MSP. It is split into four sections of: Community Safety; Health; Services for Children and Young People; and Housing.

NB acknowledged the assistance provided by PD in providing data for the Community Safety section. Headlines on crime are that per 1,000 population there has been a 2.1% increase and we are the safest District in West Sussex and second safest in Sussex behind Wealden. Total crime has increased by 2.2%. Police recorded Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased as has ASB dealt with by the Council. Overall there has been less ASB but some more serious ASB cases amongst young people in Burgess Hill and Hassocks. The CST&F Group has been addressing this, including the Reboot programme and working with schools. Other information in the report includes figures

on increases in Hate Crime and Domestic Abuse that the CST&F Group might want to look at. Other community safety related projects in Mid Sussex have included the programme to adopt new ASB powers and the project to improve the District's CCTV.

The Health section is based on the profile information provided West Sussex Public Health who presented to the MSP Board last November. The HT&F Group have already taken into account the profile and are taking forward projects such as a Living Well with Dementia events and a Workplace Health event to take place at Sackville School in East Grinstead in September.

Children and Young People information mainly refers to data provided by IPEH about their service, and also the implications of budget cuts to the service and the Ofsted Inspection of WSCC Children's Services.

The Housing section also refers to the consequences of reduction in County Council budgets, including for Housing Related and the Local Assistance Network, which includes services such as foodbanks, Citizens Advice and voluntary organisations such as Furnihelp.

Claire Denby (CD) responded to cuts in IPEH funding explaining that meetings had taken place between IPEH and WSCC to address gaps in support and funding. This is being looked into further. PT commented and explained that the Wellbeing programme is joint initiative with Public Health and is adult focused. There is a need to look more at child mental health and resilience in young people and he was willing to work more with Public Health and other organisations to form a group. KW commented that data shows an increase in hate crime. The CST&F Group can investigate this. PD confirmed that there had been an increase in actual hate crime and not just an increase in its reporting. Cllr Webster showed concern that duplication of services could occur. Cllr Jones commented that domestic abuse is a big issue in both affluent and deprived areas.

7) Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner – From the Home Office Serious Violence fund, £12,251 will be awarded to Mid Sussex Partnership in order to enhance the local provision of positive activities for young people.

KW updated that £1.3 million is being directed at Sussex from the Home Office Serious Violence fund. £182,000 of these funds is being allocated to Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), and £12,251 of this is being awarded to MSP. The Sussex PCC would like to see this money being directed towards positive activities for young people. MSP would need to provide evidence of money spent, and outcomes and outputs.

Jonathan Ash-Edwards (JAE) asked PD to come up with some suggestions via the CST&F Group on how the money could be spent, and pass the suggestions back to the MSP for agreement.

8) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) update

Sarah Robson updated on the CCG.

There is a long term plan to restructure Primary Care Networks (PCNs), in particular community services.

PCNs are to address inequalities in health via quality improvement modules.

Network agreements will be to establish how PCNs work together.

2021/22 Plan will focus on:

- Pharmacies: More involvement.
- Care homes: Better support for.
- Personal Care Plans.
- Detect cancer and cardiovascular disease earlier.
- Bringing together CCGs in Crawley and Mid Sussex.

JAE asked SR to explain finding that GP to patient ratio was second worst in Horsham and Mid Sussex. SR responded that of patients surveyed in Mid Sussex, 74% reported a good experience with GPs. There are less GPs but other qualified health practitioners can offer services. A pilot with paramedics and other health practitioners is being carried out in October 2019 whereby more 'out of hours' appointments will be offered.

9) WSCC IPEH Review; Ofsted outcome; Children First Improvement Plan update

Claire Denby updated Anne-Marie Dodds has been appointed as the new Head of Service. She has a YOS and education background. Sarah Daley has been appointed on an interim basis of 18 months as Head of Children's Services. John Coughlan, the Chief Executive of Hampshire County Council, has been appointed as the new commissioner. Budget reduction is £3 million instead of the £5 million initially decided. A service review will take place, which will focus on staff engagement and stakeholder events.

PWC carried out an audit on IPEH and concluded with these key findings:

- Need to review entry points.
- Reduce estates.
- Develop integrated services.
- Better analysis required.
- Families are waiting too long for a service.
- Strengthen partnership work.
- Work closer with social care organisations.
- Improve technology (not have so many systems).
- Strengthen strategy.

The Children First Plan is a team of 11 people who are to review IPEH service over a three month period. All key worker posts have been filled.

10) WSCC and in particular Children's Services update

Cllr Jones updated: Hampshire Council have been brought in by WSCC to look at children's services and the focus will be on children in care. There will be talks with schools to better identify pupils that are in care.

11) MSALC AGM update

Cllr Gibson updated: Annual conference held, of three tier process involving MSDC, WSCC and Parish Councils. Issues with GDPR need to be tackled to deliver a better service. Tony Steer, Chair of Bolney PC, has been appointed the new Chair of MSALC.

12) MSP Projects and Budget Update –

Details of a number of projects funded via the MSP were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that to allocate £10,000 per Tasking and Finishing Group to spend with delegated authority to the Commissioning and Partnerships Advisor. The £10,000 includes amounts already allocated and agreed via the MSP. The £10,000 is for spending this financial year, with a review towards the year end.

13) Emerging issues and future topics for Board

Phil Maynard from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services commented on the recent inspection report and restructuring of the fire service. An update will be provided at the next MSP Board meeting.

PT referred to a meeting about mental health being held at Clair Hall on 29th July. He suggested that on the back of that meeting, mental health should be an item in the next MSP meeting.

14) AOB and proposed dates for future meetings:

Dates for the next three MSP meetings have been scheduled for:

17th October 2019 – to be held at Clarion Offices

16th January 2020

16th April 2020

JAE thanked KW for her time and efforts at MSDC. This is her last meeting and is moving to Crawley Borough Council.