



## Mid Sussex Partnership Board meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020

### 1. Agreed Actions

<b>1</b>	To contact the following regards joining the MSP Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WSCC Cabinet Member</li> <li>- Haywards Health College</li> <li>- Local business Community</li> </ul>	Cllr J Ash-Edwards
<b>2</b>	To contact the Director of Communities at WSCC regards WSCC officer membership of the MSP Board	Emma Sheridan

### 2. Key Decisions

- 2.1 The MSP Priorities for 2020/2021 were agreed as set out in the SIA
- 2.2 An MSP Community Subgroup to be established focusing on Community Resilience
- 2.3 Changes to the MSP Board Membership as proposed were agreed
- 2.4 The Proposal to amend the Early Intervention Project was agreed.

### 3. Welcome and introductions

#### 3.1 Attendees:

Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Leader of MSDC - Chair
Rebecca Hair	Commissioning & Partnerships Advisor, MSDC
Michelle Davies	Performance & Community Support Officer, MSDC – Minute Taker
Cllr Dick Sweatman	MSATC
Cllr Norman Webster	Cabinet Member for Community at MSDC
Paul Turner	Community Services Manager, MSDC
Neal Barton	Policy and Performance Manager, MSDC
Jim Bartlett	Contextual Safeguarding Manager, WSCC
Kate Birrell	West Sussex Public Health
Darren Taylor	Inspector, Sussex Police
Lauren Lloyd	Manager, Mid Sussex Voluntary Action

Nikki Dodds	Clarion Housing Group
Emma Sheridan	Business Unit Leader Community Services, Policy & Performance, MSDC;
Cllr Anne Jones	WSCC
Shannon Marchesan	PCC
Peter Stuart	Head of Corporate Resources, MSDC

### 3.2 Apologies:

Phil Maynard	West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services;
Steve Buchanan-Lee	West Sussex Fire and Rescue Services
Claire Denby,	Mid Sussex Early Help Hub Leader
Dr Laura Hill, CCG	Dr Laura Hill, CCG
Matthew Parsonage	Clarion Housing Group

## 4. Minutes of MSP Board Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

4.1 The minutes were deemed true and accurate and agreed.

## 5. Round table introductions and brief update on how each organisation is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic

5.1 Darren Taylor (DT) introduced himself as the new Inspector and Prevent Manager at Sussex Police. He went on to update that during the Covid-19 pandemic, the police had experienced a reduction of incoming reports from the public and commented that it will be interesting to see the result of reopening licensed premises (pubs etc.) and after 24<sup>th</sup> July when it will be mandatory for the public to wear facial covering in shops.

5.2 Shannon Marchesani (SM) updated about the PCC's response to the pandemic. Reported business as usual with some staff working in the office and some working from home. Funding streams are still operating as normal (victims of sexual violence, domestic violence, young people etc.), and they are waiting on bids. Funding has been confirmed for this year for MSDC CSP.

5.3 Lauren Lloyd (LL) updated from MSVA. They have supported 400 volunteers by providing leadership, guidance and focus, including sharing guidance on volunteering safely. Charities are keen to return to offices in September. MSVA have provided support to charities in how they can return safely to the office. Mentioned the importance of the availability of sustainable unrestricted grant funding for organisations to continue to operate.

5.4 Kate Birrell (KB) updated from West Sussex Public Health. Health protection consultants have been leading the Public Health response. Priority is "local outbreak control plan" which focuses on countywide response to dealing with localised outbreaks by identifying: the

location of positive Covid-19 cases; and whether an outbreak has occurred. Weekly meetings have been held with environmental health officers. How to prevent an outbreak of Covid-19 forms part of: the local outbreak control plan and “Keep West Sussex Safe” social media campaign. Reaffirming governments messages regarding social distancing; face coverings etc. (test, trace, isolate). Care homes are included in local outbreak control plan. They have made Covid-19 testing available to care home residents and staff.

5.5 Jim Bartlett (JB) updated from WSCC. Community hub formed and became live at the end of March. Initially 49,000 contacts and 10,000 inbound contacts a week at the start of lockdown. Inbound contacts a week have reduced by about 20% to 2,200 that are allocated to community response teams. The main response and priority has been to proactively contact those who are receiving food parcels and ensure that they can support themselves when government support ends. They have also been focusing on how to support the community if an outbreak occurs.

5.6 Nicky Dodds (ND) updated from Clarion. Clarion staff are working from home. They have been working with partners to implement food poverty mechanism as well as providing support to residents during outbreak. So far in Mid Sussex they have provided small grants through Emergency Funding to groups:

- HOPE
- Stone Quarry Crew – East Grinstead
- Escape Youth Club – Burgess Hill
- Point Church – Hurstpierpoint Hub

They have also hosted virtual sessions with Sussex Clubs for Young People.

5.7 Cllr Dick Sweatman (DS) updated from Mid Sussex Association of Town Councils (MSATC). Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and East Grinstead Town Councils have set up groups to support vulnerable people. EGTC worked alongside community volunteering group ‘Being Neighbourly’ and supported this group’s aims in delivering food and essential shopping and picking up prescriptions for vulnerable people.

5.8 Cllr Anne Jones (AJ) further updated from WSCC, elaborating on update from JB. WSCC staff have been going out to people providing support. They have been working with youth clubs to provide support to youths and their parents and providing neighbourly care by supporting vulnerable people. Made mention of website [www.boingboing.org.uk](http://www.boingboing.org.uk) that provides opportunities to learn about resilience.

5.9 Cllr Norman Webster (NW) MSDC Cabinet Member for Community updated. Working with: WSCC particularly in regard to the community hub, Sussex Police, PCC office and Fire and

Rescue Service. MSDC has been delivering support during outbreak and continue to provide support.

- 5.10 Cllr Jonathan Ash-Edwards (JAE), Leader of MSDC updated. £25million of grant funding has been delivered to small businesses via business grants scheme. 2,000 local businesses have received funding through the scheme. 18,000 jobs in Mid Sussex have been furloughed. 5,000 workers have been supported by self-employed scheme. A priority for MSDC is to support the Mid Sussex economy in recovering from the pandemic.
- 5.11 Cllr AJ commented that Mid Sussex had a high infection rate amongst older people and that the death rate is higher in Mid Sussex compared with West Sussex.  
KB responded that there is no explanation for the higher death rate except that Mid Sussex has a high number of care homes which were particularly affected by Covid-19. PHE has funds to use towards outbreak plan. Cllr JAE commented on how well the public sector and partner organisations had responded and worked together in Mid Sussex to respond to the pandemic.

## 6. Strategic Intelligence Assessment

- 6.1 The Mid Sussex Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA) 2019-20 was circulated prior to the meeting and is available to access on the MSDC website  
<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/about-us/mid-sussex-partnership/>
- 6.2 The Priorities for 2020/21 for the MSP derived from the SIA and outlined in the meeting papers were agreed as was the recommendation to establish an MSP Community Subgroup that will look at community resilience; support for the voluntary sector; and the priorities that are in the communities category.
- 6.3 Cllr DS commented that emergency action groups have been set up by the TCs. He will encourage groups to continue after pandemic. There is the facility in place for people to go to TC and be signposted to smaller groups.
- 6.4 LL commented that MSVA have stopped some work at moment, however, vulnerable people are already signposted to Age UK groups. Going forward they would like to highlight groups that provide services e.g. prescription collection etc
- 6.5 Cllr NW commented that Pages 7 and 21 of the 2019/2020 SIA contained startling data on the aging demographic of Mid Sussex which needs to be addressed. The issue of social isolation is affecting people, particularly the elderly and unemployed. Public transport is an issue especially in rural areas where it is very limited. These all have strategic implications

for 5 years' time and thought needs to go into how to mitigate this. Of the people receiving adult social care, many are young adults

- 6.6 Cllr AJ commented that many volunteers have been 70+ years old. More help and support should be directed towards the aging population.

## 7. Health Task and Finish Group End of Year Report

- 7.1 The Health Task and Finish Group End of Year Report 2019-20 was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 7.2 Paul Turner (PT) reported that the group needs to think about how to deliver services and events in a different way. Services are receiving more referrals from younger people as they are unsure where to turn to especially now during the pandemic when the usual places that would provide support are currently closed. *Time to talk* has a one year waiting list.
- 7.3 Cllr NW reiterated about Covid-19 effects on health, particularly on mental and respiratory health. There is currently a 32-week waiting list for arthritic and rheumatological conditions.

## 8. Community Safety Task and Finish Group End of Year Report

- 8.1 The Community Safety Task and Finish Group End of Year Report 2019-20 was circulated prior to the meeting.
- 8.2 Darren Taylor (DT) updated that there has been an increase in police officers which has aided in the police response to issues in the community. Resources have been put into dealing with ASB particularly in Cuckfield and East Grinstead. The sale and distribution of drugs around Mid Sussex has increased.
- 8.3 Cllr AJ commented about drugs coming in from Broadfield and Crawley and enquired what work the police were doing in schools and skate parks to address this issue. DT responded that work around county lines operation is ongoing. Work around detection and stopping is increasing and youth prevention officers are being deployed. Sussex Police want to put educational package together to educate youth and parents about the effects of gas canisters as a drug. DT added that work is going on around East Court to address gas canisters drug use.
- 8.4 Cllr NW commented that drug users are complicit in crime the same as those selling the drugs and this message needs to get out to community groups. Police have shown that drug use is not tolerated, and everyone needs to support the police in carrying out this message.

## 9. MSP Terms of Reference and Review of Membership

- 9.1 Details of the MSP Terms of Reference (ToR) and Proposals to amend the Membership were circulated prior to the meeting.
- 9.2 Cllr JAE thanked Cllr Anne Jones on behalf of the Board for her many valued contributions to the Partnership and its work

**MSP Board Decision – The revised Terms of Reference were agreed.**

## 10 Proposal on Early Intervention

- 10.1 Details of the Proposal on Early Intervention were circulated prior to the meeting.

**MSP Board Decision – The Proposal on Early Intervention was agreed.**

## 11 MSP Projects and Budget End of Year Report for 2019-20 and Quarter One Report for 2020-21

- 11.1 Reports of the MSP Projects and Budget End of Year for 2019-20 and Quarter One 2020-21 were circulated prior to the meeting. RH updated.
- 11.2 Cllr NW commented that 1 million people have given up smoking since beginning of the pandemic. Focus needs to be placed on workplace health.  
RH responded that points will be taken to appropriate subgroups when they next meet. PT confirmed that workplace health is on Public Health's radar and online talks are offered. They are encouraging partners to promote health services and will be endorsing these in the subgroup.
- 11.3 Cllr AJ commented on £26,000 fund for YMCA DLG Positive Placements project and asked whether this is reviewed or monitored. RH replied that £26,000 is from the Mid Sussex District Council Work Enablement Programme and not directly from the Mid Sussex Partnership. The YMCA DLG report electronically monthly and meetings are held quarterly to assess effectiveness. Contact is maintained with young people six months into the placement and after each placement has finished.

## 12 Emerging issues and future topics for Board

- 12.1 The Mid Sussex Targeted Intervention Project Review is scheduled for the October 2020 MSP Board meeting.
- 12.2 Cllr NW suggested that a future MSPB meeting include a strategic presentation from the CCG about their reorganisations

## 13 Proposed dates for future meetings:

- 13.1 The next MSPB meetings are scheduled for:
- 15th October 2020 (Virtual Meeting)
  - 21st January 2021. (Virtual Meeting)