

**Minutes of the meeting of the Coventry Health and Well-being Board held at 4.00 p.m. on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014**

Present:

Board Members: Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Gingell (Chair)  
Councillor Mrs Lucas  
Councillor Noonan  
Jane Moore, Director of Public Health  
Rob Allison, Voluntary Action Coventry  
Dr Adrian Canale-Parola, Coventry and Rugby CCG  
Professor Guy Daly, Coventry University  
Professor Sudesh Kumar, Warwick University  
Ruth Light, Coventry Healthwatch  
John Mason, Coventry Healthwatch  
Sue Price, NHS Local Area Team  
Karen Railton, Coventry and Rugby CCG  
Steve Taylor, West Midlands Fire Service

Employees (by Directorate):

Chief Executive's: R Tennant

People: S Brake, C Parker and S Roach

Resources: L Hughes and L Knight

Other Representatives: Rachel Newson, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust  
Sarah Phipps, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire  
Josie Spencer, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust

Apologies: Councillor Thomas  
Brian Walsh, Executive Director, People  
Dr Steve Allen, Coventry and Rugby CCG  
Steve Banbury, Voluntary Action Coventry  
Andy Nicholson, West Midlands Police  
Jon Waterman, West Midlands Fire Service

**Public business**

**23. Welcome**

The Chair, Councillor Gingell, welcomed members to the meeting of the Coventry Health and Well-being Board. She placed on record her thanks to Steve Taylor, West Midlands Fire Service, for his contribution to the work of the Board. Jon Waterman would be attending future meetings as the representative from the Fire Service. She also welcomed John Mason, the new Chair of Coventry Healthwatch.

**24. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 25. **Better Care: Initial Proposals for Health and Social Care Integration**

The Board received a report of the Coventry Adult Commissioning Board which informed of the progress towards completion of the Better Care Fund Planning Template to support integration across Health and Social Care; described the vision for Health and Social Care integration in Coventry; outlined the initial planned changes to be progressed as part of the Better Care Fund; and informed of the proposed process to be used to complete the submission.

The Better Care Fund was a single pooled budget for health and social care services to work more closely together in local areas, based on a plan agreed between the NHS and Local Authorities. For 2015/16 the fund totalled £3.8b and the Board was informed that this was not new or additional money. It would involve redeploying funds from existing NHS services and would entail a substantial shift of activity and resources from hospitals to the community. The budget was to support adult social care services that had a health benefit, based on agreement between local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

The Coventry Better Care Fund total for 2015/16 was £23.877m, comprising £2.389m from the City Council and £20.488 from the CCG. This was a minimum amount and the intention was to increase significantly this figure in future years so that whole scale benefits of integration could be realised.

Reference was made to the significant time and resource already provided across key partner organisations to ensure that the aspirations of the fund were translated into reality. A Leaders Group and Leaders Sub-Group had been established to provide leadership and direction to the development of proposals. The governance structure to provide oversight, management and delivery of the fund was detailed in an appendix attached to the report. The work already undertaken by the Leaders Group had resulted in the following vision for the city: 'Through integrated and improved working people will receive personalised support that enables them to be as independent as possible for as long as possible'.

It was proposed that Coventry's initial submission would contain three key areas for change as follows:

- (i) Scheme One: Short Term Support to Maximise Independence
- (ii) Scheme Two: Continuing Care (including joint packages and NHS Continuing Health Care)
- (iii) Scheme Three: Children and Families

The report set out the proposals for each of these schemes as well as highlighting the benefits of an integrated approach.

The process to complete the submission for the fund involved a tight timescale with the completed template to be submitted to the NHS Local Area Team by 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. This was still being progressed and was being overseen by the Coventry Adults Commissioning Board. Work would continue until close to the deadline, consequently it was proposed that the Chair, Councillor Gingell signed off the template submission on behalf of the Board. A more detailed submission building on the planning template would then be submitted in April, 2014.

Members were encouraged to take the submission through their governance structures to ensure visibility and on-going support for this important work to improve outcomes across Health and Social Care in Coventry. The Board noted that the completed submission would be included on the agenda for the next Health and Well-being Board meeting along with an update on the progression of more detailed plans. The Chair, Councillor Gingell indicated that a copy of the template would be sent to all members prior to its submission.

The Board discussed the financial implications associated with the fund which did not address the financial pressures faced by the City Council and the CCG. They noted the guidance that hospital emergency activity would have to reduce by 15%. They raised concerns that releasing funds from existing services to the Better Care Fund might have unexpected consequences including the potential for funding gaps elsewhere in the system. Clarification was requested about the decision to prioritise a 'systems change' in the way that local health, public services and the voluntary sector work together in the long term to improve outcomes for children in partnership and families.

The Board also noted the work being undertaken to be able to meet one of the conditions of the Better Care Fund – better data sharing between health and social care, based on the NHS number and sharing records.

The Chair, Councillor Gingell drew attention to a statement about the importance of early prevention for health and well-being which should be central to any future plans for health and social care. It was being promoted by Nick Bell, Chief Executive of Stafford County Council and was being circulated to all Chairs of Health and Well-being Boards. A copy of this letter would be circulated to all Board Members.

**RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The vision for Health and Social Care integration in Coventry be endorsed.**
- 2. The progression of planned changes to be progressed as part of the Better Care Fund be supported.**
- 3. The process to be used to complete the Coventry Better Care Fund submission to be signed off by the Chair of the Health and Well-being Board outside of another formal Board meeting be endorsed.**
- 4. The proposed governance structure for the Better Care Fund set out at Appendix One to the report be endorsed.**

**26. Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no additional items of public business

(Meeting closed at: 4.25 p.m.)