

MINUTES OF SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM

27 January 2015

SNC Committee Room

Present

Cllr. Rosie Herring (RH)	SNC (Chairman)
Sarah Barnes (SB)	Locality Support Manager, NHS Nene CCG
Paula Judd (PJ)	Community Development, SNC
Rob Tracey (RT)	South Northants Volunteer Bureau
Nicola Riley (NR)	Community Recreation & Partnerships Manager, SNC (Note taker)
Ian Davies (ID)	Director Community and Environment, SNC
Paul Calland (PC)	South Northants Homes
Kevin Fagan (KF)	SN and Daventry Community Safety Partnership
James Elliott (JE)	Serco Leisure
Brian Taylor (BT)	South Northamptonshire Leisure Trust
Jo Webb (JW)	MIND
Jo Spenceley (JS)	Healthwatch
Susan Connor (SC)	Action for Children
Frank Earley (FE)	NCC Public Health and Wellbeing
Joanne Harrison (JH)	Strategic Housing Manager SNC
Nick King (NK)	SNVB
Peter Lynch	H&WB Board Link Officer

		ACTION
Item 1.	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>RH welcomed all to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Dr Philip Stevens, Nene CCG; Deborah Mahon, NCC; Claudia Slabon, Service Six; Josie Bishton, Bromford; Stephen Marks, NCC; Insp Andy Hall, Northants Police; Itai Nyamatore, NHFT; Suzy Dion, NHFT.</p>	
Item 2.	<p>Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>ID still to make headway with EMAS regarding the development of First Responders in South Northants. EMAS are holding a public board meeting on 24 February. ID to write to EMAS to pursue the matter before the meeting.</p> <p>The Locality Forum has picked up that the numbers of referrals to early help for children and families is low, an understanding of what's available and easier referral mechanisms will help to improve take up. There needs to be greater engagement of schools with the CAF process.</p> <p>Action for Children have been invited to attend future meetings and will be able to outline the services that are on offer at the next Forum.</p>	ID
Item 3.	<p>Community Wellbeing Service</p> <p>The Forum discussed the implications of the withdrawal of NCCs Tender for Community Wellbeing Services. The following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current situation is unacceptable, NCC are cash strapped but the disarray around supporting people services is significant. • SNHs service has already been reshaped in response to conversations with NCC and contracts have been repeatedly extended since September 2013. The scale of funding cuts has gone from £430k per annum in 2011/12 to £76k for the remaining six months of this financial year. The latter figure also allows for £33.5k of extra 	

	<p>care schemes previously provided by BPHA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNCs housing team share similar concerns. Supporting people services are needed and the reduction in funding and uncertainty is putting pressure on staff having to deal with people with increasingly complex needs. There is concern that the team will not have the resources to cope if NCC withdraws all funding. • Evidence is being gathered about the number of people affected and their support and welfare needs in order to assess the risk of increasing demand for Housing services. • NCC have increased their funding thresholds to statutory minimum levels. This means that many clients with complex needs will no longer be able to access support from Social Services. • A County Chief Housing Officers group has formed; Andrew Jepps (NCC) has been asked to attend the meeting so that he can hear concerns at first hand. • MIND are seeing an increase in the number of people seeking support, particularly referrals from Bromford. MIND’s contract is in place until the summer but there is greater pressure on the service. • Bromford are not taking any new referrals. • There was disappointment that representatives of NHFT were not present to share their experiences. • FE explained that NCCs withdrawal of the Community Wellbeing Service tender was part of a bigger picture including the budget and Council Plan which are open to public consultation. • RH said that concern over the future of wellbeing services has been raised by SNC in its response to NCCs consultation. • RT informed the Forum that the voluntary and community sector have prepared a consultation response. Copies are available from PJ. RT pointed out that the four proposed mutual organisations will need to accommodate NCCs existing staff; many are unlikely to have appropriate skills. There is concern about increasing investment in libraries to provide future infrastructure arrangements. This is unnecessary duplication. The sector is not confident that NCC will take note of the consultation. • NCCs communication has been poor throughout the tender process and more specifically since the tender was dropped. The future beyond March 2015 is uncertain for many organisations: some are placing staff on redundancy notice. • FE offered to follow up the matter of poor communication and raise the issue with Andrew Jepps and Councillor Brown. • Concerns will also be taken to the meeting of the HWB Forum Chairs • The GP Federation will continue to deliver NHS Healthchecks until 31 March. There is no certainty over what will happen afterwards, however, the Board is looking to continue to work with the GPs. • There was no news about the IAPT Tender which had been due to commence after the CWS contract had been awarded. • There was consensus that the tender process had provided a positive impetus for partners to work together and that it is important for key partners to continue to monitor the scale and impact of funding cuts as well as exploring ways to make the most of scarce resources. Further collaboration is needed to identify different ways to support local people if there is no more funding. 	
<p>Item 4.</p>	<p>Latest Public Health Outcome Framework Profiles</p> <p>PJ brought the latest figures to the attention of The Forum, she reminded them of the areas that are flagged up as “red” and “amber”.</p> <p>The group asked for clarification over whether the “A&E” data is picking up admissions to the Horton and MK hospitals as well as Northamptonshire. FE to look into the matter.</p> <p>It was agreed that a digest would be helpful for a wider audience along an action plan</p>	<p>FE</p>

	<p>summary.</p> <p>Northants Demography Needs Assessment</p> <p>Growth needs to be factored into health infrastructure planning. Planners are currently looking at policies to secure future health assets. FE to put ID in contact with the meeting organisers to sense check what is emerging for South Northants.</p>	FE
Item 5	<p>Update from NHS Nene CCG</p> <p>The CCG will receive an additional £18.4m reoccurring investment to bridge the current funding gap (extra 5%) and winter funding money will be paid on top of this in April. The CCG is moving to a five year planning cycle.</p> <p>GPs were asked to vote on their preference for co-commissioning and over 50% voted to for joint commissioning.</p> <p>The CEO, Ben Gowland, is stepping down.</p> <p>The recent announcement that Brackley Cottage Hospital is closing on 31 March has led to panic. The CCG do not support closure and along with NHFT they are in urgent negotiations to keep the facility open until a new hospital is built. Building work on the new hospital is due to commence in June and construction is likely to take two years.</p> <p>The Young Citizens scheme for year 6 pupils continues to grow. The cost of using Silverstone Circuit cannot be justified in future. The next event will be at Daventry UTC in March and is fully subscribed. SB invited Forum members to submit flyers and freebies for goody bags which will be distributed at the event.</p> <p>RT raised concerns about a services directory which has been commissioned by the DWP for use in GPs surgeries. The directory is missing details of local services and some information is outdated. SB suggested that the information would be reviewed annually to try to minimise this.</p>	All
Item 6.	<p>Care Act 2014 – NCC’s Draft Information and Advice Strategy</p> <p>PJ drew the Forum’s attention to consultation on this Strategy which is open until 28 February 2015. She will draft a response and circulate it for comment.</p>	PJ
Item 7.	<p>Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) Update</p> <p>PL explained the process for communicating with the Board: PJ, RH and PL will be meeting on a regular basis and local issues can be raised through them. Specific items can be placed on the agenda for the Forum Chairs meeting which in turn feeds up to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p> <p>Agreement has been reached with all partners and a bid for Better Care funding has recently been submitted.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Mental Health Concordat. District and Boroughs won’t sign the agreement until the action plan is in place. Concerns were raised over prioritising the concordat when funding for early help and prevention is being slashed. PL explained that no specific funding arrangements have been made for the Concordat however the process for putting forward business cases is being reviewed.</p> <p>RH commented that the communication from the HWBB needed greater clarity on actions being taken rather than celebrating high level strategy.</p>	
Item 8.	<p>Organisation Round Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNH – Bed blocking scheme with Stepping Stones has ended. • SNVB – Relocated to new premises in Whittons Lane. The Village Network lottery bid was successful. The service will be extended into Daventry and Cherwell Districts in future. Topics covered include debt advice, welfare benefits, job seeking, smoking cessation, tackling obesity and computer training for the elderly. The aim is to achieve healthy outcomes and overcome problems associated rural isolation. The Forum were able to view the vehicle after the meeting. • CSP – A falling off in youth provision has seen an increase in anti-social behaviour. Areas affected are Towcester, Brackley, Deanshanger and Milton Malsor. The Troubled Families project has been extended into Phase 2, funding is in place for five years and the project will be integrated with NCC services. A school pastor’s scheme has been approved for Brackley and will work closely with street wardens. This year will be a baseline year for the Interpersonal Violence Strategy because of 	

	<p>changes in the way that data is recorded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch – A Children and Young People’s Conference will be held in Kettering on 18th February. There are concerns over cuts to social care budgets, Forum members were asked to forward any evidence/examples of difficulty accessing services to the CEO. A job advert has been placed for a Health Watch Officer for Adult Social Care. • SNC- will shortly be moving to the new Forum building on Moat Lane in Towcester. The move is currently planned for the end of March. • MIND – Recently moved to the Chantry House. There has been a large increase in service users and there is currently a six week waiting list for courses. • NCC Public Health - A work based health initiative is being developed. PJ will be the local contact point. 	
<p>Item 9.</p>	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 April 2015, SNVB • 23 June 2015, The Forum, Towcester • 20 October 2015, The Forum, Towcester <p>All meetings will be at 2pm.</p>	