



**Health and Well-Being Partnership Board  
Notes of meeting Thursday 16 September 2010**

No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	<p><b>Apologies were received from:</b> Joanna Simons and Cllr David Robertson (Oxfordshire County Council); Sonia Mills and Alan Webb (NHS Oxfordshire); Cllr Chris Hood (South Oxfordshire District Council); Cllr Angela Lawrence (Vale of White Horse District Council); Cllr George Reynolds (Cherwell District Council); Val Johnson (Oxford City Council); Donald McPhail (Oxfordshire Safeguarding Panel); Patrick Taylor (Oxfordshire MIND); Eddy McDowall (Learning Disability Partnership).</p> <p><b>Members present are listed at Annex B</b></p> <p><b>Officers in attendance:</b> Fenella Trevillion, Nisha Prakash and Kate King attended the meeting to present or support particular papers.</p> <p>John Galuszka was welcomed to his first meeting as the new (interim) Medical Director at NHS Oxfordshire.</p>	
2.	<b>Health White Paper – implications for the future</b>	<p>Members discussed the implications of the government’s proposals, noting amongst other things that: many responsibilities for health improvement and public health will transfer to local authorities; LAs will be the only health bodies with fixed boundaries; a renewed call for strengthening the public voice; the need for local HWBP Boards to be more muscular in joining up the three ‘pillars’ (NHS, PHS Social Care); the new HWBP Board role possibly expanding to include children’s health; a Cabinet sub-committee playing a similar uniting role around the wider determinants of health at a government level.</p> <p>The executive body of both Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council plan to respond to the consultation.</p> <p><b>The Board was in broad agreement that the proposals offered exciting opportunities to improve outcomes for local people, for which Oxfordshire was well placed, but that the proposals should be changed to ensure the continued independence of the health Scrutiny role. Step changes would be required to ensure the future Board is fit for purpose.</b></p> <p><b>The Board resolved to send a written response to the consultation, the wording of which would be agreed outside of the meeting (by email). A copy of which is included as Annex A.</b></p>	Jonathan McWilliam/ John Jackson [Matt Bramall]

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<p>3.</p>	<p><b>Director of Public Health's fourth Annual Report</b></p>	<p>Members discussed the Director's report, noting the continuation of priorities from previous years because, despite good progress, they remain in need of continued joined-up work. Carers, dementia and alcohol are also included. Concerns were raised about the need to ensure older people's mental health does not fall between older people's services and mental health services. The importance of supporting volunteers and carers, via such things as Good Neighbour schemes, befriending services and more specialist dementia training, was highlighted. Tackling the physical disabilities/ difficulties people have, especially as they age, was also flagged up.</p> <p><b>The Board was asked to agree action(s) partners can take in support of the Annual Report.</b></p> <p><b>Discussion revealed a broad consensus of support for the work to date and the Board agreed that all partners would continue to work together. A short report examining dementia will be circulated to Board members.</b></p>	<p>Jonathan McWilliam/ John Jackson [Matt Bramall]</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Carers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Primary Care – findings from research</b></li> <li>• <b>commissioning intentions</b></li> </ul>	<p>Nisha Prakash gave a <a href="#">presentation</a> on the findings from research looking at how Primary Care has responded to the challenges of the national Carers Strategy. It is hoped that continuing the work will make it as easy as possible for GPs to recognise, record and offer support to carers. John Pearce outlined the new commissioning intentions and the target to ensure 75% of carers are known to S&amp;CS within three years. Members were asked to think about how their organisation will contribute, and challenged to take that question back throughout the whole sector.</p> <p>Cllr Fatemian agreed to pick up the concerns of the Oxford City Council member that the city was not consulted about the move away from the three carers' centres and the resulting perception that there will be a gap in services.</p> <p><b>There was widespread recognition of the progress being made and a desire to revisit the issue in 12 months time to monitor progress. Members were asked to contact Nisha Prakash if they would like to request training.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Fatemian [Nisha Prakash]</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Tackling Obesity – Healthy Weight Strategy</b></p>	<p>Kate King gave a <a href="#">presentation</a> of progress on the strategy. Discussion focussed on the nature of the practical support and influence being sought from partners to tackle the factors creating an 'obesogenic environment'. Oxford City Council are building 800 homes on the edge of Barton and offered to have</p>	

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		<p>a conversation about how healthy weight implications and principles might shape this development. Similar conversations will help to inform the refresh of the Healthy Weight Strategy and to consider what action is effective in setting up a life pattern that is different to the one we have now. Consultation will take place over the winter.</p> <p><b>Board members agreed that they have a shared responsibility in helping to create a culture that prevents people from becoming unhealthy as a consequence of their weight.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Bance/ [Kate King]</p>
6.	<b>Ageing Successfully – Forward from 50</b>	<p>Marie Seaton explained that in developing the framework and the plans to implement it the focus was very much on changing the pattern of investment in favour of prevention. It seeks to deliver a long-term sustainable approach to reduce demand for costly and intensive services in response to demographic changes. The potential threat arising from the requirement in the current economic climate to look for savings and the potential for partners to retreat from shared engagement was raised. During discussion the success in engaging the whole sector was challenged.</p> <p>Marie Seaton agreed to pick up the concerns of the West Oxfordshire District Council member that the Ambulance Trust cannot get to stroke victims in time.</p> <p><b>The Board welcomed the detailed account covering all the work underway. There was agreement to RECOMMEND that the HWBP Officer Group be used as a forum through which to build the necessary links that will ensure ‘whole system’ engagement across all sectors.</b></p>	<p>Marie Seaton [Matt Bramall]</p>
7.	<b>Medium Term Priorities</b>	<p>The work done by the HWBP Officer Group to present the thoughts of the Board’s last meeting into a set of priorities and targets was noted, along with two important caveats. Firstly, uncertainty over future funding may necessitate a revision; and secondly, the abolition of many performance targets may alter what it is possible to routinely measure.</p> <p><b>The Board resolved to keep this paper in the background and to reconsider if necessary at the March meeting of the HWBP Board.</b></p>	<p>Jackie Wilderspin</p>
8.	<b>Mental Health Commissioning JMG report</b>	<p>Fenella Trevillion gave a progress update for the adult mental health strategy – ‘Better Mental Health in Oxfordshire’. Its development accompanied an expansion of the pooled budget from £3.5m to £43m and the successes this has realised are widely acknowledged. The emphasis on keeping people well</p>	

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		<p>(in addition to helping people get better quickly when they are ill) was also endorsed by many Board members. Improving access to psychological therapies has been significant but demand continues to outstrip supply, which continues to be a source of frustration. The changes to Supporting People were discussed, as was the importance of developing a strategic approach that covers Asberger's syndrome and autism.</p> <p><b>The Board welcomed the thoroughness of the report and the breadth of the work it described. They agreed that the emphasis on prevention needs to be maintained. The option to consider a Scrutiny report on Asperger's syndrome at a future meeting was noted.</b></p>	
9.	<b>New alcohol strategy for 2011-14</b>	Deferred to next meeting in December (with a longer time slot).	Jackie Wilderspin
10.	<b>Debt advice and support - update</b>	<p>Further work to examine the availability of advice and support for people with debt worries was discussed, including some approximate figures for the funding of such support. This highlighted other issues which the Board felt lay beyond its remit to resolve.</p> <p><b>The Board accepted that the Oxfordshire Grants Forum does not have a sufficiently strategic role to exercise leadership with regard to the re-commissioning of advice and information services. Cllr Fatemian and Cllr Bance undertook to meet bi-laterally to consider the best approach for escalating the matter.</b></p>	Cllr Fatemian and Cllr Bance
<b>Part C: Items of information for noting</b> (members were requested to notify Matt Bramall in advance if they wished to discuss any of these items)			
11.	<b>Monitoring Local Area Agreement (LAA2) &amp; SCS Delivery Plan targets</b>	Noted	
12.	<b>A.O.B.</b>	No matters of any other business were raised.	
13.	<b>Minutes from the last meeting held 17-Jun-10 and matters arising</b>	<p><b>Accuracy</b></p> <p>Since no one raised any objections, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Health &amp; Well-Being Partnership Board on 17 June 2010 were taken to be an accurate record. No matters arising were raised.</p>	
14.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>02 Dec 2010, 2-5pm Meeting Room 4 – County Hall</b></p> <p><i>Members are asked to change their diaries to reflect the revised date</i></p>	

**Annex A**

**Written response to the NHS White Paper consultation**



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Dear Secretary of State,

**Oxfordshire Health & Well Being Partnership Board  
Response to the White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS**

**Oxfordshire has had a Health and Well Being Partnership for three years and has made good progress in joint commissioning, performance management and delivering health improvement. The Board met to discuss the NHS White Paper on 16 September 2010 and agreed to submit the following response to the consultation.**

The HWBP Board broadly support the strategic thinking that underpins the proposals to develop a new Public Health Service, to develop the responsibilities of local government in ensuring quality health services are delivered and to give GP consortia much greater power to shape commissioning decisions locally.

Most members are excited by the opportunities offered to improve the health of local residents. They support the underlying philosophy that shared decision making should become the norm: “no decision about me without me”.

Members also believe that it is sensible to be passionate about trying to prevent health problems and wherever possible to not let sickness develop in the first place. They welcome the promise of ring-fenced funding for prevention initiatives, including timely support for carers.

The majority of members endorse the idea of two separate outcomes frameworks – one based around tackling sickness for the NHS, and one based around improving health for the PHS.

However, there are a number of reservations that the Health & Well Being Partnership Board wish to bring to the attention of the government. Notably:

- Health Overview and Scrutiny must remain as a separate body, rather than being subsumed by new Health and Well Being Boards. It will not be possible for the same Board to develop close working relationships to agree the spending priorities across the whole system, whilst simultaneously holding each other to account and identifying areas of concern in the way those priorities are being managed. This element of the NHS White Paper should be changed.
- The health of vulnerable groups, who do not have a continuing relationship with a GP or a GP practice, may be at risk in the new arrangements. We request that more thought be given to this area to reduce the risk of widening inequalities.
- Insufficient thought has been given to how the proposals will work in two-tier areas; in particular the role for district councils is not sufficiently addressed. It will only work if more attention is given to the role for all councils.
- The local authority emphasis on public health is welcome but the timing is questionable, as discretionary spending by local authorities is under real threat. By the time GP commissioning is in place many councils may have been forced into decisions on structures and budgets that could have a negative impact on health and wellbeing, making the future role of Health and Well-Being Boards much more difficult.
- Gaps may arise where health services for some groups are commissioned nationally rather than locally – for instance in offender health, where nationally led commissioning for those held in the secure estate will not be well integrated with local commissioning for those on licence or serving community sentences. More thought is required in this area.

Yours sincerely



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*PP.* Dr John Galuszka and Cllr Arash Fatemian  
Co-Chairs of the Oxfordshire Health & Well Being Partnership Board

**Annex B: Attendance list  
16 Sep 2010**

**Members present**

<b>Members present</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Dr John Galuszka Jonathan McWilliam Dr Peter Von Eichstorff	NHS Oxfordshire NHS Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire County Council Oxfordshire GPs
Cllr Arash Fatemian John Jackson	Oxfordshire County Council ( <b>CHAIR</b> ) Oxfordshire County Council
Cllr Hilary Hibbert-Biles Cllr Bance	West Oxfordshire District Council Oxford City Council
Mary Judge Jean Nunn-Price Lesley Dewhurst Peter Hindshaw Tony Purkis Anita Higham	Local Involvement Network Local Involvement Network Oxford Homeless Pathways Unlimited Oxfordshire Carers' Forum Age Concern's Older People's Panel
<b>Members present in part</b>	<b>Organisation</b>

**Officers present**

<b>Officers present throughout</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Ian Davies	Cherwell District Council
Cath James	West Oxfordshire District Council
Matt Prosser	South and Vale District Councils
Penny Thewlis	Age UK Oxfordshire
Jackie Wilderspin	NHS Oxfordshire
Robyn Noonan	Oxfordshire County Council
Matt Bramall	NHS Oxfordshire/ Oxfordshire County Council
<b>Officers present in part</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Nisha Prakash	NHS Oxfordshire
John Pearce	Oxfordshire County Council
Kate King	NHS Oxfordshire
Fenella Trevillion	NHS Oxfordshire

Copies of these and past minutes and agendas, along with the latest news of current activity and a host of relevant local and national reports are available on the Health & Well-Being Partnership website:

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