



**Health and Well-Being Partnership Board  
Notes of meeting Thursday 17 March 2011**

No	Item	Notes	Action
1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>	<p><b>Apologies were received from:</b> Joanna Simons (Oxfordshire County Council); Sonia Mills and John Galuszka (NHS Oxfordshire); Cllr Chris Hood (South Oxfordshire District Council); Matt Prosser (South and Vale District Councils); Donald McPhail (Oxfordshire Safeguarding Panel); Lesley Dewhurst (Oxford Homeless Pathways); Peter Hindshaw (Unlimited).</p> <p><b>Members present are listed at Annex B</b></p> <p><b>Officers in attendance:</b> Paul Purnell, Nick Welch, Suzanne Jones and Varsha Raja attended the meeting to present or support particular papers.</p> <p>Lesley Dewhurst and Patrick Taylor were congratulated on their re-election as voluntary sector reps.</p>	
2.	<b>Older People's developments</b>	<p>Members received a verbal presentation to update them on significant, high-impact changes within the development of older people's services. The 'Whole Systems Pilot' for the Abingdon area has been successful in avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital for urgent care and improving rehabilitation. It has been well received by GPs, patients and carers for providing timely and coordinated care. Similar Emergency Multi-disciplinary Units (EMUs) are planned for Witney, Banbury and Oxford. Comprehensive re-design of the entire stroke pathway has been judged successful by last month's CQC audit, and the fragility fracture care pathway is to be re-designed in a similar way. Completion of the Carers' transformation sees a new Carers Oxfordshire service launching in April, which aims to quadruple the number of carers receiving advice and double the number receiving a break via their GP. Delivery of the Dementia Strategy in Oxfordshire has reduced use of anti-psychotic medication and improved support in community settings. An additional dementia adviser ensures sufficient support for all 85 GP surgeries.</p> <p><b>The Board welcomed the very positive developments described and asked that the efforts to prevent unnecessary deterioration for people with a range of conditions be sustained by continuing to improve early identification and interventions in community settings.</b></p>	Alan Webb/ John Jackson

		<b>The Board resolved that a learning disability logo should be added to the Carers Oxfordshire publicity, to emphasise that its services are for the carers of all adults not just older people.</b>	
3.	<b>GP perspective on transition</b>	<p>Members discussed progress to date in establishing a single county-wide GP Consortium, exploring what will make the transition successful from a GP perspective. An election is being held between 31 March and 15 April 2011 in which GPs will vote for the Consortium’s Accountable Officer and the six locality leads. They will then work with senior NHS managers to design and implement the GP consortium. Alan Webb has been seconded across to advise them on the transition. Interested GPs have been receiving a development programme from the PCT covering engagement, governance, financial management, partnerships, public health, etc. They will be looking to the PCT, Public Health and the Health and Wellbeing Board to clearly identify their top priorities. Oxfordshire is in an enviable position in many ways – being the biggest consortium in the country offers potential for significant economies of scale and ensures near co-terminosity with the PCT and county council, and has a tradition of being low spending and low referring.</p> <p>Discussion highlighted some areas of concern, including: the importance of currently jointly funded and commissioned work (e.g. in learning disability); inherent tensions over what will be determined centrally by the Consortium and what localities will be able to do; the danger that current expertise will be lost before new structures are ready; broader stakeholder involvement, especially district councils but also the public; awareness of carers; and the importance of prevention in addition to self-care.</p> <p><b>The Board welcomed the vision outlined and were reassured by the GPs understanding of the issues. The Board resolved to consider developments again at its June meeting.</b></p>	John Galuszka/ Alan Webb
4.	<b>Update on future changes arising from Health &amp; Social Care Bill 2011</b>	Members heard that a number of simultaneous conversations are underway to consider how best to move forward in developing a future Health and Wellbeing Board that is fit for the new statutory requirements placed upon it, which include writing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) and producing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Their role in coordinating all the different elements of the new commissioning landscape	

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		<p>gives them a big role to play in terms of involvement and engagement and a responsibility to ensure public health, local authority and GP Consortium strategies adequately reflect the Board's shared priorities. There is a move away from a top-down NHS organisation in favour of greater emphasis on what is important to people locally. Legislation places a duty to participate in the new Board is placed upon the local authority and the GP Consortium, and spells out a minimum membership.</p> <p>Discussion emphasised that the new Board's role is for everyone, including children, and that wellbeing is about much more than just social care and highlighted a number of concerns (summarised in Appendix A). The importance of letting go of the current Board and creating a new Board was understood.</p> <p><b>The Board resolved to write a letter summarising all the points raised, which could be used to inform the discussions taking place over the coming months. A copy to be sent to the GP Consortium, the council leaders and the Local Involvement Network.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Arash Fatemian [Matt Bramall]</p>
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**Part C: Items of information for noting** (members were requested to notify Matt Bramall in advance if they wished to discuss any of these items)

5.	<b>Active Women funding update</b>	Noted
6.	<b>A.O.B. – NHS Direct and GP appointments</b>	Noted
7.	<b>A.O.B. – Carers Oxfordshire</b>	Noted
8.	<b>Minutes from the last meeting held 02-Dec-10 and matters arising</b>	<p><b>Accuracy</b> Since no one raised any objections, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Health &amp; Well-Being Partnership Board on 02 Dec 2010 were taken to be an accurate record. No matters arising were raised.</p>
9.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>16 Jun 2011, 2-5pm Meeting Room 2 – County Hall</b>

**Annex A:  
(draft) letter to GP Consortium, Local Authority Leaders and LINK**



GP Consortia Accountable Officer  
District (& City) Council leaders  
LINK stewardship group

cc. Alan Webb

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Date: 25 March 2011

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Dear GPC Accountable Officer, Local Authority Leaders and LINK Stewardship Group members,

**RE: Issues for consideration in the transition to a new Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Health and Well Being Partnership met to discuss the implications of the Health and Social Care Bill 2011 and agreed to ask for the following points to be considered in the transition.

The HWB Partnership broadly support the strategic thinking that underpins the proposals to develop a new Health and Wellbeing Board, to enhance the democratic legitimacy in local arrangements for the management of the NHS and to bring together effective joint working between the Oxfordshire GP Consortium, the six local authorities and public health.

Most members of the existing partnership are excited by the opportunities offered to improve the health of local residents and are reassured by the vision being communicated by those involved in leading the development of the GP Consortium. They support the decision to have a single county-wide consortium and welcome the efforts underway to ensure valuable staff and expertise are not lost during the transition.

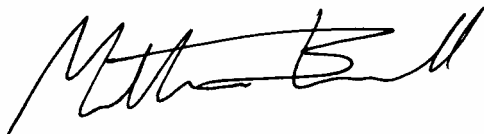
Members also believe that it is sensible to be passionate about trying to prevent health problems wherever possible from arising in the first place. They welcome the promise of ring-fenced funding for prevention initiatives, including timely support for carers.

There are a number of issues and concerns that the Health & Well Being Partnership wish to flag up in the hope that these are then adequately addressed as arrangements develop. Notably:

- New arrangements should emphasise that it is not health and *social care* but rather health and *wellbeing*. Key aspects of wellbeing are employment, housing, education, deprivation, community safety, etc.

- The new Board's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) needs to be clear, simple and focussed on a small number of shared priorities.
- A great deal of care is needed to ensure the proposals will work in our two-tier areas; in particular the role for, and engagement with, district councils must be carefully addressed.
- New arrangements must engage with other elements of the existing partnership structure such as the Sports Partnership, the Housing Partnership, the Local Strategic Partnerships, Community Safety Partnership, etc.
- The new Board's enhanced role in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is welcome and should ensure the JSNA identifies the needs of vulnerable groups and addresses the equalities agenda effectively.
- Important local initiatives must not be lost in favour of county wide initiatives. Considerable thought will be required to achieve balance in what is determined at the strategic consortium level and what localities are able to do.

Yours sincerely



Matt Bramall  
Health & Well-Being Partnership Officer

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

**Annex B: Attendance list  
17 Mar 2011**

**Members present**

<b>Members present</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Alan Webb 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 Mark Booty Cllr Antonia Bance Cllr Angela Lawrence Cllr George Reynolds	West Oxfordshire District Council Oxford City Council Vale of White Horse District Council Cherwell District Council
Mary Judge Jean Nunn-Price Patrick Taylor Eddy McDowall Tony Purkis Anita Higham	Local Involvement Network Local Involvement Network Oxfordshire MIND Learning Disability Partnership Oxfordshire Carers' Forum Age Concern's Older People's Panel

**Officers present**

<b>Officers present throughout</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Ian Davies	Cherwell District Council
Val Johnson	Oxford City Council
David Nuedegg	West Oxfordshire District Council
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>
Paul Purnell	Oxfordshire County Council
Nick Welch	Oxfordshire County Council
Suzanne Jones	NHS Oxfordshire
Varsha Raja	Oxfordshire County Council

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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