

North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board 30 August 2011

Notes by Johanne Mears

Present: Mayor Linda Arkley – Chair, John Robson – Vice Chair, Gill Alexander, Paul Hanson, Sheila Watson, Anne Graney, Meng Khaw, Marietta Evans, Mary Coyle, Alma Caldwell, Phil Clow, John Parker, Russell Watkins, Barbara Stephens, Margaret Finlay, Anne Farrar, June Davies, Julia Veal, Jane Weatherstone, John Mathews.

The Chair welcomed Marietta Evans who will take over from Meng Khaw as director of Public Health for North Tyneside on 1 October and thanked Meng for his work. She also welcomed John Parker, from Middlesbrough Council, as an observer.

Gill Alexander gave a presentation to **update on Child and Family Health and Wellbeing**. Gill referred to the fact that the children's trust now no longer exists under new arrangements but guidance had stated that where these arrangements had developed strong relationships that good practise should continue and be incorporated within the new arrangements. There are three key areas for delivery and governance which are prevention, special educational needs and complex needs and the public health programme.

Currently North Tyneside has excellent ratings from Ofsted. This is good but there are still areas where North Tyneside and the nation need to do better. We need a new model that will underpin a more integrated provider model and intervention in early years.

An adolescent early intervention programme and an integrated disability service with a single assessment pathway for complex needs have been established. Pathfinders are being sort nationally for an assessment process of complex needs from 0 -25 to bring everything together. A bid has been made for pilot status to take special educational needs forward. There has been some impact on the levels of teenage pregnancy but not what was hoped for.

An early life advisory group has been set up. Age UK are hoping to recruit volunteers to act as adoptive grandparents to young families. The expected increase in health visitors will also help in this area.

Anne Graney informed the meeting that a half day session to look at the **Health and Wellbeing strategy** would be organised with a view to bring something to the November meeting.

Sheila Watson updated on the **workforce development strategy**. This is taking a fresh approach and not just an amalgamation of strategies from various organisations involved. Key themes are joint planning, culture of involvement and choice, skills and professional perception, strengthening leadership and management. Innovation and creativity will be needed and there is a lot to cover. An action plan to 2013 was presented and the Board

was asked if the priorities were felt to be the right ones. The Board approved the recommendations.

Meg Khaw updated the Board on the **JSNA and future direction**. This referred to the recent publication 'Springboard for Action' and the wider determinants of health. A workshop held in June had been used to develop draft proposals. A paper was presented and the recommendations agreed.

Johanne Mears gave an update on the development of **local HealthWatch**. A meeting of stakeholders in July had looked at what LINKs had done well and what should be retained as well as what local HealthWatch should look like. A further meeting will be held on 14 October to consider possible models for HealthWatch locally. Invitations will be issued. There is also an opportunity to attend a LINK meeting on 29 September to contribute towards these developments.

Meng Khaw gave a progress report on **Public Health Transition Plans** and tackling inequalities. This area still needs further clarification from the Department of Health. It is likely that Local Authorities will be responsible for commissioning health improvement services such as smoking cessation and sexual health. Sign off date is still anticipated to be March 2012. Workforce transfers are still unclear as duties are not clear cut, some posts cover several areas. An action plan and vision was presented and accepted by the Board.

Future Board meetings will move to 4pm to enable younger people in education to attend.

Any other business

Shelia Watson gave an update on **Southern Cross**. The council is confident that service provision has not been affected during this difficult time and that business will transfer to other providers smoothly. This is due to be agreed this week with completion at the end of September.

Age UK are organising a conference on 'Loneliness and isolation' on 27 October. Invitations to follow.