Essex HealthWatch Pathfinder Executive Board Meeting no: 2

Notes of the meeting

19th March 2012, Committee Room 1, County Hall

Present: Sam Finch, Richard Freeman, Lucy Taylor, David Bebb, John Gerrish, Matt Fossey, Carol Fisk, Tony Hoppper, George Howard, Tony Wright, Mike Adams, Andrew Gardner, Leslie Lodge, Maureen Montgomery, Peter Coleing, Janet Coke, Peter Blackman, Brian Mister, Ann Nutt, Christian Search, Tomona Wongba, Andy Payne (Executive Officer, HealthWatch), Cllr Ann Naylor (ECC), Duncan Wood (ECC), Tom Nutt (ECC)

Apologies: Mark Dale, June Warburton

Agenda item	Notes	Actions
1, 2, 3	AP welcomed the Executive, and notes of the last meeting and matters arising were dealt with.	
4	The Executive divided into groups, each tasked with considering priorities for the next three months and six months. Feedback from each group was as follows: 1. BM – raising awareness of HW amongst public; exploration of options and multiple paths for HW in the future; feedback of useful information and views to Dept of Health to inform guidance/regulations. MA – visibility; engagement; cradle-to-grave perspective; integration of health and social care; making JSNA real; accountability; focus; accessibility. MF – community and patient involvement. LT – evidence, not just anecdotes; not just a talking shop; clarity of purpose and remit, understanding how to make a difference.	
	AP commented that the remit was to be decided, and that a series of events or workshops could bring together commissioners, providers, VCS, etc, to look at these issues.	
	It was commented that HW should not just be a rubber stamp or democratic veneer upon health/social care	

	decision making.	
	2. BM – social care and health should be seamless integrated, working in partnership; partnerships should be fostered with other HW; patients and service users should have choice and control; establish a relationship between Health and Wellbeing Board and HW England.	
	MA – clarity around what HW should do and not do; define outcomes and activities; use existing mechanisms (not re-invent wheel).	
	LT – understand/map services across Essex , identifying needs and gaps.	
	AP indicated that Duncan Wood could be asked to present on capabilities of JSNA. This was agreed.	AP to ask DW re JSNA
	It was commented that understanding gaps would be key in moving on from LINK, and that this had to include housing as central to this.	presentation
	AP indicated that training was a potential offer as part of induction. This was agreed There was consensus that clarity of purpose of HW	AP to look at training options.
	was essential.	
5	AP outlined the propose rules for election of Chair and Vice-Chair: these were agreed. AP opened the hustings. Candidates outlined their bids for each role, and questions were asked around by members of the Executive.	
6,7	The elections were held. Mike Adams was elected Chair, with Matt Fossey elected as Vice-Chair.	
8	There was insufficient time for the HW Pathfinder budget to be discussed.	
9, 10	 Following the election of chair and vice-chair, rounds of congratulation were offered. Discussion continued around: AP met with Wendy Smith (North Essex CCG) re mapping; 	
	 The Consitution Group, changes had been made, and these would be re-circulated 	

- The role of 'special advisors', especially around qualitative and quantitative expertise. AP had met with Carol Mun-Giddings. It was agreed that all suggestions for potential experts and advisors should be channelled through the Chair (MA) and AP.	
DONM: 25 th April 2012	