

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP GROUP HELD ON THURSDAY, 10 JANUARY 2013 at 5pm

PRESENT:	Cllr B Hilton – Chairman	Chris Hughes
	Cllr M Ranson	Olwen Heap
	Dr Anthony Sudell	Chair RVHIG

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Robinson and S Hirst, County Cllr V Wilson, Jayne Mellor, Colin Hirst and Marshal Scott.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 14 November 2012 were approved as a correct record.

MATTERS ARISING

- Clitheroe Community Hospital – front page news in the Clitheroe Advertiser that this was going ahead and work would start this month.
- Greater Preston Commissioning – Bridget informed the group she been invited to attend a meeting on 31 January 2013 in Preston that she would attend and report back.
- Chris reported that he would be attending a meeting of the District Health Leaders to discuss the Partnership Agreement and would report back in due course.

PRESENTATION – RV CHILDRENS TRUST – Chris Hughes

Chris gave a brief overview of how the Childrens Trust works in Lancashire countywide and with smaller boards on Borough Council footprints. Cllr Stella Brunskill, Chris and David Ingham sit on the RV Board that is chaired by Jane Green, Head at Longridge High School.

Chris circulated the Service Action Plan for 2012/13 that included 3 priorities for RV and 4 for LCC. Chris reported that in future, funding would be allocated on a proven need basis that might put RV at a disadvantage. The Leader asked Chris to inform SPARSE about this as they were currently pursuing a complaint to the Government about the unfairness of rural funding.

Chris would provide a regular update to this group on the action plan (next one April)

CHANGES TO LANCASHIRE DEMENTIA SERVICES

Bridget had received a consultation document from NHS Lancashire outlining their proposals to reconsider the service across Lancashire.

Public consultation meetings were being held across Lancashire with one at The Grand in Clitheroe on 15 January 2013 that Bridget would attend.

She would also officially respond to the document in behalf of the Council.

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Bridget suggested that there should be a small working group to put some ideas together – herself, Cllr Robinson, Chris and Anthony Sudell – and to identify corporate objectives and report back to Michael/Marshall on proposals. This would include a launch and a 2nd workshop for councillors.

NHS REFORMS UPDATE

Members were updated on progress on the following:-

- Shadow Health & WellBeing Board – Bridget had recently attended an interview with Director of Public Health and a Senior Health LCC officer regarding her role on the Board; how the Strategy could be improved; how it could be delivered at a local level; and how RVBC could contribute to it.
- HealthWatch Lancs – a Chair had now been appointed from East Lancs and interviews are now taking place to select Directors for the new service.
- Public Health – Smoke Free Playgrounds – Chris reported that this was a NHS East Lancs initiative encouraging districts to promote smoke free playgrounds. The promotion included putting up signs asking people not to smoke in the play area or around children and a publicity campaign. Chris would check with other authorities that had already rolled this out. It was felt that RV should embrace this principle.

AOB

- Anthony reported on the development of Public Health in Lancashire – out of approximately 100 posts, two thirds had now been filled including himself who now had a confirmed post that would be in Preston/Chorley although he was hopeful that he would still keep a connection with RV. The consultant linked to RV would be Aidan Kirkpatrick. Anthony would keep us updated.
- Chris reported that we had received confirmation from the PCT that all contracts in Healthy Lifestyles had been extended for 1 year.
- Chris reported that RV would be submitting a bid for monies to support ex-service men and women. David I and Cllr White had put the bid together as Chris sits on the deciding panel.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Dementia Friendly Communities and Dementia Friends

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 13 Feb 2013 @ 5pm in Committee Room 1 of the Town Hall

Meeting finished 6.15pm