



CHARNWOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP FORUM 22ND JUNE 2010

PRESENT: Councillor P. Ranson (Chair) (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms Z. Aziz (LCR CHS)
Mr W. Blanche (Charnwood Borough Council)
Councillor J. Bush (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms K. Chamberlain (Voluntary Action Charnwood)
Ms C. Eastell (LCR CHS)
Councillor L. Harper-Davis (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms K. Patel (Leicestershire LINK)
Mr. S. Phipps (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms L. Springthorpe (LCR PCT)
Mr A. Twells (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms V. Watts (Adult Learning Service)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Newton and Popley, M. Fahy, L. Kiayas, M. McHugh,
P. Nicholls, B. Powell, P. Townsend and H. Wootton

I. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

AGREED

1. that Councillor P. Ranson be appointed as Chair of the Charnwood Health and Well-being Partnership Forum for the ensuing Council year.
2. that the position of the Vice-chair of the Charnwood Health and Well-being Partnership Forum for the ensuing Council year be considered at the next meeting of the Forum.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 24th March 2010 were confirmed.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 6 – Outstanding Funding to Healthcare Attached to Section 106 Agreements

S. Phipps reported that the Council was in conversation with the PCT in respect of the £1m available from developers' contributions. A. Anderson was the contact at

the PCT and she was working on a plan to draw on the funding, details were expected during July 2010.

The Chair made reference to the fact that should the money not be utilised within the agreed timescale, solicitors would be looking to claim the funding back.

In response to issues raised and questions, S. Phipps and the Chair stated:

- (a) Charnwood Borough Council was the banker for the funding.
- (b) £5,000 was available for GPs in Sileby. A business Plan had to be submitted before October 2010,
- (c) The funding had to be spent in the locality where the development took place.
- (d) It would be important to ensure that applications were not being duplicated.

AGREED that the information be noted.

4. WELL FAMILIES CLINICS

An update report in respect of Well Families Clinics was submitted for the consideration of the Forum. The Clinics were targeted at people living in priority neighbourhoods who did not visit GPs.

W. Blanche stated that three clinics had been held in the Charnwood area to date.

At the Marios Tinenti Centre, Peel Drive 8 people had attend, all local residents to the estate. The venue had limited access but overall it had been a success. The second was held at The Hut on Ashby Road, despite increased publicity including 1,500 flyers being circulated, notices being placed in the local newsletter and groups promoting it, the event only had three visitors. The 3rd Clinic was held at the SureStart Centre in Shelthorpe. That was an excellent venue and twenty people had health checks and many more families received support and information in respect of smoking cessation, the dietician service and the environmental health teams. The venue was key to the success and there had been promotion through local papers, flyers, school bags and posters. There were some outstanding issues to address in respect of ensuring the attendances of the various services at the clinics.

After some consultation officers considered that the publicity used was not attracting the target audiences, and that the use of the word 'clinic' may have deterred people from attending. It was agreed that officers would change the angle of the clinics and call them 'Your Health Matters' events, using the 'Change for Life' publicity tool kit to re-branded the events.

Officers would be holding a review shortly to consider outstanding issues and were working closely with colleagues in North West Leicestershire as part of that review. A clinic each month had been planned until March 2011, with further monitoring and evaluation taking place with North West Leicestershire and the

PCT. If the clinics were successful they would be extended to other areas in Leicestershire.

Officers would value the Forums support in promoting future Clinics and requested their organisations refer people to them if they felt they may prefer those to visiting a GP.

The following issues were raised and comments made by members of the Forum:

- (i) The Chairs of the GP Locality Partnerships in North and South Charnwood were unaware of the Well Families Clinics and had raised concerns that too many residents inappropriately used the Walk-in Centre instead of contacting GPs. L. Springthorpe would be working with M. McHugh at the PCT and V. Graham at the Council to ensure future involvement. Each area had a Locality Business unit, where all agencies could link together, to gain an understanding of how each worked and be made aware of the services available.
- (ii) A strategy was required to target hard to reach groups.
- (iii) Further work should be undertaken with M. McHugh to agree a direction, identify issues and determine projects.
- (iv) L. Springthorpe was working towards a GP Locality representative attending meetings of the Forum. Activities were not always fed back to GP practices at the current time, nor did the GPs see themselves as part of a wider team.
- (v) It was of concern that residents from hard to reach groups attended the Walk-in Centre for emergency treatment, rather than receiving preventative advice from GPs. Some residents were not even registered with a GP.
- (vi) Consideration should be given to linking the clinics in with other Forums, for example the Carers Forum. Carers often ignored their own health problems due to a lack of time.
- (vii) In respect of available PCT funding, Pace Setters funding had been provided for a smoking cessation project within the Bangladeshi community and new funding was available to work on a project with an identified BME community in respect of cancer screening. The PCT had invited the Forum to offer suggestions of a BME community to take part in the Cancer screening project.
- (vii) It was of concern that all discussions were Loughborough centric and further consideration should be given to all areas of the Borough.

In response to issues raised and questions, officers and the Chair stated:

- (a) Following individual health checks, officers would refer people to doctors if health issues were identified or to health activities where appropriate.

- (b) The Chair and S. Phipps could attend a future meeting of the GP Localities Partnership to advise them of the work of the Forum and provide them with information from a Council perspective.
- (c) Further discussion would take place in respect of the development of a Directory detailing health specialists, activities and pilots, together with general liaison information outside Forum meetings.
- (d) In respect of the postponed Men's Clinic at Mountsorrel Working Men's Club, the Committee at the Club had stated that it was too short notice to hold, but the clinic had been postponed rather than cancelled. Officers would revisit the matter to rearrange the clinic, as men's health was an important target area.
- (e) Initially the clinics were targeted at Priority Neighbourhoods. Should they prove to be successful, consideration would be given to expand them out to other venues.
- (f) Health issues could be addressed in work places through the Health and Well-being Awards. At the present time officers were trying to involve Tescos and target other major companies.

S. Phipps proposed that M. McHugh be invited to give a presentation to the next meeting of the Forum in respect of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, identifying the key priorities for the Charnwood area and L. Springthorpe provide information in respect of the Locality Plan.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
 2. that M. McHugh be invited to attend the next meeting of the Forum to provide information in respect of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, to identify key priorities for the Charnwood area;
 3. that L. Springthorpe provide information in respect of the Locality Plan to the next meeting of the Forum;
 4. that any suggestions in respect of a BME community to take part in the cancer screening project be submitted to S. Phipps at steve.phipps@charnwood.gov.uk.
5. CHARNWOOD SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION ALLIANCE

A verbal update report in respect of the Charnwood Sports and Active Recreation Alliance was given by W. Blanche. He stated that staffing changes had resulted in no meeting of the Alliance being held since the last meeting of the Forum. A new officer was now in post and was looking to hold a meeting during July 2010.

Reference was made to the Action Plan and it was proposed that the Plan be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that the Charnwood Sports and Active Recreation Alliance Action Plan be circulated with the minutes of the meeting.

6. WALK-IN CENTRE

This item had been included on the agenda to further consider issues in respect of the Walk-in Centre following the decision of the PCT that it remains at its current location in Pinfold Gate, Loughborough.

Reference was made to the anticipated publication of a White Paper in respect of changes to the GPs Out of Hours Service which would affect their work at the Walk-in Centre.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that an item in respect of the Walk-in Centre be included on the agenda for all future meetings of the Forum, to update Members in respect of changes taking place.

7. EAST MIDLANDS COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH CONFERENCE

Details of the East Midlands Communities for Health Conference, to be held on Thursday, 1st July 2010 were submitted for the information of the Forum.

In response to questions, S. Phipps stated that details of who the conference was aimed at was included within the submitted information.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that anyone attending the Conference provide feedback of the event to the next meeting of the Forum.

8. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for the meeting of the Forum for 2010/11 had been agreed as follows:

7th September 2010
2nd December 2010
29th March 2011

AGREED that the dates be noted.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Services/Information Available to GPs

L. Springthorpe stated that GPs viewed themselves in isolation and she was working towards providing information from partner agencies in respect of an overview of services, facilities and pilot schemes available to their patients and where GPs could refer them to for information and support. Such information was not readily available to GPs at the present time.

Comments in respect of the matter were made as follows:

- (a) Officers could request information from all members to briefly outline details of their work that was relevant to the GPs and share that data with the Locality Forums. In order for that to happen, L. Springthorpe would need to provide a criteria of the type of information for inclusion.
- (b) GPs had a referral pad for use with the Carers Forum and that information was also available on the 'donut'. This was being used successfully.
- (c) A Directory was used in doctors' surgeries in Shepshed as a signposting tool.
- (d) There was a local 'Map of Medicine' published on the 'donut' and it would be helpful to link information from the Forum into that.
- (e) From 1st July 2010 there would be multi- access centres in libraries aimed at people looking for work, but would include signposting to information in respect of such issues as debt and mortgage support. Some libraries would have advice sessions and all would have an awareness of Woman's Aid and drug and alcohol referral schemes. GPs could refer patients to those facilities.

The County scheme would be launched at Loughborough Library on 12th August 2010. The contact would be Alex Wade at Alex.Wade@leics.gov.uk.

AGREED that the information be noted.