



CHARNWOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP FORUM 24TH MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Councillor J. Vincent (Chair) (Charnwood Borough Council)
Councillor P. Ranson (Vice-chair) (Charnwood Borough Council)
Mr W. Blanche (Charnwood Borough Council)
Councillor J. Bush (Charnwood Borough Council)
Ms K. Chamberlain (Voluntary Action Charnwood)
Mr M. Fahy (Leicestershire Partnership Trust)
Ms L. Kiayias (Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing)
Mr M. McHugh (Leicestershire County and Rutland NHS)
Ms P. Nicholls (The Bridge Housing Advice Service)
Mr. S. Phipps (Charnwood Borough Council)
Mr B. Powell (Leicestershire County and Rutland NHS)
Mrs B. Rose (LINK)
Ms R. Shah (Age Concern)
Mr P. Townsend (Loughborough University)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Newton and Popley
Y. Dulson, M. Madhani, P. Marks, L. Springthorpe, A. Twells,
V. Watts, D. Wheatley and H. Wootton

Prior to the start of the meeting Councillor Vincent announced that this would be her final meeting as Chair of the Forum, as she was Mayor elect and would not be able to participate on Committees and Forums during her year in office. B. Powell, on behalf of the Forum congratulated Councillor Vincent on her nomination and wished her a successful year.

Councillor Vincent welcomed Mrs Rose and Mr McHugh to their first meeting of the Forum.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Forum held on 16th December 2009 were confirmed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 4 – First Contact Leicestershire

S. Phipps reported that staff training was taking place to roll out the project across Charnwood and officers were looking to fund the initiative in the Borough.

Charnwood Neighbourhood Housing staff at Lifeline had received training.

AGREED that the information be noted.

Minute 5 – Charnwood Sports and Active Recreation Alliance (CSARA)

W. Blanche stated that CSARA was now a Delivery Group of the Local Strategic Partnership. There were three sub-groups: Physical Activity, Children and Young People and Workforce Development. Plans for those sub-groups were being developed and would be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum. The work of CSARA fitted in with the current Charnwood Health and Well-being Action Plan.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
 2. that an update report in respect of the Charnwood Sports and Active Recreation Alliance be submitted to the next meeting of the Forum.
3. NHS LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY AND RUTLAND INEQUALITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (2010-2015)

The item had been included on the agenda to consider the NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland Inequality Strategy and Action Plan (2010–2015) together with the Leicestershire Staying Healthy Strategy 2010–2013, as a basis for identifying priority issues for the Forum to address.

S. Phipps made reference to the Forum’s request at its last meeting to receive a report in respect of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, stating that the two submitted documents were more appropriate for consideration in terms of priority setting and strategy for 2010/11 and identifying gaps left by other agency and partner working. The work undertaken by the Forum during the current Council year, both in the Priority Neighbourhoods including active recreation and the Business Awards scheme fitted within the submitted documents.

At the invitation of the Chair, M. McHugh made reference to the documents. The draft documents were based on the most recent national guidelines, ‘Programme for Action’, published in 2003, split into the following areas:

- Supporting Families, Mothers and Children;
- Engaging Communities and Individuals;
- Preventing Illness and Providing Effective Treatment and Care.

The documents had been superseded by the Marmot Review, ‘Fairer Society-Healthier Lives – The Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England Post 2010’, which the Government had commissioned to assist with the formulation of new targets and initiatives from 2010 onwards. The Review placed a greater emphasis on ‘Early Years – Parenting and Education’, and the PCT would be focusing its efforts in those areas. However, following the General Election, should there be a change in power, the future impetus of the review was uncertain.

A briefing paper providing an overview of the Marmot Review had been published on the Forum's website and could be accessed using the link below:

<http://www.charnwoodtogether.com/files/fairer-society-march-2010-marmot-review.pdf>

The Chair requested that members of the Forum consider actions the Forum could take from the documents, involving partners and adding value. S. Phipps stated that the work during the current year confirmed that the priorities and action plan were working in the right direction and members should consider how those could be refined to make an impact on priorities in the future. Reference was made to the Well Families Clinics currently being organised in North West Leicestershire and the possibility of linking in with North West Leicestershire District Council in respect of practical delivery issues.

Health Inequalities were measured in different ways, for example life expectancy in different areas. Nationally England was on a par with other European countries in respect of treatment and outcomes, as treatment became more centralised, but were behind in respect of diagnosis. That was due to a lack of awareness, a lack of screening and patients not being fully engaged with primary care; that was more common in disadvantaged areas, more work within such communities was required.

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

- (i) Some of the difficulties in respect of engagement were a lack of access to services such as screening, in terms of time, money and caring for others.
- (ii) The homeless had difficulties gaining access to GPs and other services. The Bridge Housing Advice Services was working to address that issue.
- (iii) BME communities in Loughborough, for example Bangladeshi and South Asian Communities had lower than average health outcomes. Officers experienced difficulties engaging with those communities.
- (iv) The Single Access project had seen a rise in teenage pregnancies and was looking at ways to encourage teenagers to access health services, for example through the Children's Centres.
- (v) It was important that further consideration be given to providing access to services for those not visiting GPs.
- (vi) More inventive ways to engage with residents were required. For example a village talk was recently arranged in respect of dementia. The talk had been better attended than it would have been, had it been advertised as a formal meeting to provide advice in respect of dementia.
- (vii) It was the role of mental health facilitators to ensure people had annual health checks and screening and there was evidence that there were pockets of such work.

- (viii) It would be of assistance for all partners to share with each other the work each was undertaking to ensure there was no overlap of work.

M. McHugh made reference to the evaluation work being undertaken at the PCT by Public Health staff, to ascertain the health needs of the locality and evaluate what work could be undertaken. That process would be assisted if other partners advised the PCT of any other work being undertaken to address health inequality issues, to ensure there was no duplication of work.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that the briefing paper in respect of the Marmot Review be circulated with the minutes of the meeting;
3. that the Charnwood Health and Well-being Executive consider priorities for the Forum for the ensuing Council year and submit proposals to the next meeting of the Forum.

4. WELL FAMILIES CLINICS

The item had been included on the agenda to consider the pilot project, which was being developed from a pilot already being operated by North West Leicestershire District Council and which would target priority neighbourhoods in the Borough.

A briefing paper tabled at the meeting had been published on the Forum's website and could be accessed using the link below:

<http://www.charnwoodtogether.com/files/agenda-item-05-well-clinics.pdf>

S. Phipps stated that the scheme had been trialled by North West Leicestershire District Council and Charnwood were now looking to develop the schemes in its Priority Neighbourhoods. The initial clinic in Charnwood would be held at Peel Drive. Members were encouraged to become involved in the scheme and for further details should contact Verity Graham at:

Verity.graham@charnwood.gov.uk

In response to a question, S. Phipps and M. McHugh stated that there were potential benefits for Charnwood and North West Leicestershire to jointly address issues in respect of health inequalities, together with savings and efficiencies, with each Council having its own areas of expertise to share.

Reference was made to a Directory of Health Related Services M. Madhani had received funding for. Although such a paper directory could be out of date quickly in respect of names, Members considered that the services and contact telephone numbers were invaluable, especially to those who did not have access to the web.

AGREED

1. that the information be welcomed;
2. that contact details for Verity Graham be circulated to all members of the Forum.

5. ACTION PLAN

A briefing paper reviewing the current position in respect of the Health and Well-being Action Awards was tabled at the meeting. S. Phipps and W. Blanch provided verbal update reports, making reference to:

- The Active Together scheme - working in priority neighbourhoods. Engaging with residents had been a slow process, however there had been many positives, including health checks and delivering physical activity in the localities.
- Well Families Clinics – it would be important to connect the work being undertaken in the Active Together scheme with that of the Well Families Clinics.

The Chair made reference to Health and Well-being Awards being made at County level and stated that she would circulate details of the winning organisations when they were published.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that details of the County Health and Well-being Awards be circulated to members of the Forum when they became available.

6. OUTSTANDING FUNDING TO HEALTHCARE ATTACHED TO SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

A letter received from the Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council in respect of outstanding funding to healthcare attached to Section 106 Agreements was submitted for the consideration of the Forum.

S. Phipps and Councillor Ranson provided verbal updates in respect of the matter.

Section 106 funding was part of planning legislation and referred to the contribution developers were required to make towards infrastructure costs, including health provision on new developments. Officers consulted with partner agencies and negotiated with the developer in terms of the amount, which tended to be paid as a capital sum. The contributions were usually paid once an initial 100/200 homes had been completed, were banked by Charnwood Borough Council, time limited and could be reclaimed by the developers after that time if not used. In terms of health provision, the PCT determined how the money was used. Individual doctors' practices could apply to the PCT for that funding.

The PCT was aware of the available funding and was trying to align that to a strategic development provision within the prescribed timescales. In Barrow Upon Soar the PCT was in the process of releasing £30,000 for the development of proposals for Barrow Health Centre improvements and plans to draw the remaining funding within the timescale.

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

- (a) Councillor Ranson had highlighted the issue of available contributions that were not being used and the timescales for those contributions.
- (b) The contributions were made available for capital health facility provision in a range of services, including pharmacies and dentists.
- (c) The contributions could only be invested in facilities within new development areas.

AGREED

1. that the information be noted;
2. that officers write to Barrow Upon Soar Parish Council, to advise its members of the contributions being made available for Barrow Health Centre improvements.

7. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND'S COMMUNITY HOSPITALS – NEXT STEPS

Following a meeting of the Trust, held in February 2010, the PCT published a press release to provide information in respect of Leicestershire and Rutland's Community Hospitals – the next steps. A copy of that document was submitted for the information of the Forum.

Councillors Ranson and Vincent declared a personal interest in the Walk-in Centre.

AGREED that the press release be noted.

8. DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Proposed dates for the Council Year 2010/11 were submitted for the consideration of the Forum as follows:

22nd June 2010
7th September 2010
2nd December 2010
29th March 2011

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7th September 2010

2nd December 2010
29th March 2011