



## **Knowsley Health and Wellbeing Board Updates 2013**

### **Health and Wellbeing Board Update – June 2013**

The first formal Health and Wellbeing Board, since becoming a statutory committee of the council is being held on 13th June 2013. At the Board meeting, formal appointments of the chair and vice chair for 2013/14 will be made and governance arrangements ratified.

The main focus of the agenda will be on mental health and wellbeing, with the mental health champion tabling a draft scope for this priority area. An update on suicide data will also be provided.

The commissioning plans of partners will be shared at the meeting to promote understanding of the priorities of each and to enable assurances to be made that plans are aligned with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The relationship between the Board and the Council's scrutiny function will also be discussed.

The findings of the draft domestic abuse needs assessment will be presented to the Board for discussion. This identifies mental health and wellbeing as a key need for victims, children and perpetrators. It also identifies the need for a primary prevention approach.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board Update - July 2013**

The last Health and Wellbeing Board held on 13 June 2013 had a focus on mental health, with discussions on domestic abuse, suicide and self-harm and the development of a large scale, long term approach to address mental health and wellbeing in the borough. A mental health scope was discussed with a commitment from partners to work together on developing a programme to address mental health and wellbeing.

The next informal board, taking place on 11th July 2013 is a development session on how the board will get assurance from partners and providers on performance and that actions are taken to address any issues raised. Following this, the next formal board in September, will focus on alcohol with discussions led by the identified Board champion for this area.

## **Health and Wellbeing Board Update - August 2013**

The last Informal Health and Wellbeing Board held on 11th July 2013 was a development session on how the Board will get assurance from partners and providers on performance. The session was really positive, with the complex quality assurance arrangements of each partner discussed. As a result of discussions, three assurance mechanisms were identified and will now be used to provide assurance to the Board.

These are as follows;

- Partner updates are to be a standing item at each Formal Board meeting, with each partner including major commissioning developments, high risk incidents/performance issues and emerging common issues especially where there are joint or vested interests.
- Performance updates are a standing Board item and are to be themed to cover Public Health, NHS, Local Authority, and Health & Wellbeing Strategy indicators over the course of the year.
- Urgent Notifications are to be sent to board members to inform them of major issues and matters of public concern in a timely manner.

At the next Board meeting to be held on 19th September 2013 the Board priority to be focussed on will be alcohol. The Board will also get an update on the funding available for health and social care integration and what needs to happen to obtain the funding. The Health and Wellbeing performance theme is NHS/CCG performance which will be presented by the CCG. In addition, plans for the development of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (a statutory document); the Safeguarding Annual Report and the Knowsley Healthwatch Business plan are on the agenda.

## **Health and Wellbeing Board Update - October 2013**

The last formal Health and Wellbeing Board held on 19th September 2013 had a focus on alcohol as the Board's priority area. This involved an overview of the problem and draft plans to address it. Views were sought on the seven high impact changes included in the plan and consultation details were provided.

In addition, there were two substantive items linked to the statutory functions of the Board as follows;

- **Funding for Health and Social Care integration for 2013/14 and for 2014/15 & 2015/16** - An overview of the new requirement for health and social care integration plans to be developed were discussed, including the funding available, conditions and timescales. The Board agreed that the CCG Transformational Change Programme Board would develop and agree the plans. Plans for 2013/14 will go to a special Health and Wellbeing Board in November for endorsement, and plans for 2014/15 & 2015/16 will come back to the Board in

December for endorsement. Local Authority signoff for both sets of plans will also be required.

- **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment** - The statutory requirements for a Knowsley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) were presented and discussed. The Board agreed that the existing (2011) PNA was sufficient to meet current needs, and agreed the proposed plans and process to develop a new one as per legal requirements by April 2015.

Knowsley CCG provided an update on performance; the Board also considered the content of the Safeguarding Adults annual report 2012/13, Healthwatch Knowsley's Business Plan and Self-Assessment frameworks for the 'Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability' and 'Autism'.

The next Board meeting is not until December; however the Board is holding a large scale Provider event on 29th October 2013. The event will be used to promote the Board, raise awareness of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Board's priorities. It will also be used as an opportunity to engage with providers and discuss how they can support the work of the Board, with a particular focus on promoting mental health and wellbeing.

### **Health and Wellbeing Board Update – November 2013**

The Health and Wellbeing Board held a large scale Provider Engagement Event on 29th October 2013. This event was well attended with over 70 delegates from a wide range of organisations. The event was used to promote the Board, launch its website and promotional video, raise awareness of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Board's priorities. It was also used as an opportunity to engage with providers and discuss how they can support the work of the Board. This included facilitated discussions on mental health and wellbeing, one of the Board's priorities upon which views on the barriers to positive mental health and wellbeing and potential solutions were discussed.

The next Board meeting is on the 12th December 2013; however a special meeting of the Board has been convened to take place on 4th November 2013. This meeting will focus solely on the 'Health and Social care integration funding Agreement for 2013/14'.

At the December Board meeting, the proposed plans for Health and Social Care integration funding for 2014/15 and 2015/16 will be discussed, and the scope of work being developed on the 'appropriate and effective use of services' will be presented. Other items to be covered are the Knowsley Breastfeeding review, updates on the mental health scope work, the children safeguarding annual report and feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Provider event and transformational Board. Standard items on the agenda include partner and sub-group updates, updates on the four priority areas and performance which will focus on local authority performance measures.