

LAA Performance Management Group
Monday 22 June 2009, 14:00 – 16:30

Attendees:

Peter Lowton - Essex Police (Chair)
Loretta Sollars – Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) Lead
Wendi Ogle-Welbourn – Children & Young People’s Strategic Partnership (CYPSP) Lead
Dominique Phelan – Essex Economic Board representative
John Houston – Epping Forest LSP Lead
Miriam Stead – 2012 Olympics/Paralympic Games (2012) Lead
Alan Dawkes – Safer Essex Lead
Sarah Arnold – GO East representative
Jan Plummer – Sustainable Essex substitute for Gwyn Owen
Marina Sherriff – Harlow LSP Lead
Ewen Wilson – Essex Police
Matt Twomey – Essex Police
Duncan Wood – Public Engagement Team [item 6]
Kay Asuni – Public Engagement Team [item 6]
Gill Butterworth - Essex Partnership Secretariat
Louise Crew - Essex Partnership Secretariat (Minutes)

Apologies:

Dan Gascoyne – Essex Partnership Secretariat
Gwyn Owen – Sustainable Essex Lead

1. Welcome and Introductions

Peter Lowton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of 20 May meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the May meeting were approved.

Matters arising from the last meeting not already covered on the agenda were outlined as below:

Terms of Reference for the Essex Economic Board were being taken to the Board for approval on 22 June.

The meeting between Peter, Gill and John re PMG/emerging LSP plans is still outstanding. Gill to contact Peter’s PA to arrange a date.

It was noted that not all overarching workplans are being received and shared routinely before each meeting. Alan suggested that thematic workplans are published to the partnership website so they are accessible to all.

Actions:

Updated thematic workplans to be sent to Gill by 10 July; thematic leads to arrange to publish their plans to the thematic partnership area of the website, making sure that plans are kept up to date.

3. Update on Annual Reports

CYPSP

Since the last meeting Wendi has shortened the draft report. Issues needing attention include the direction of travel for childhood obesity, the widening gap between those who do well in educational attainment and those who do less well, the need to improve educational progression and the level of resources directed towards gifted and talented children. The partnership is reviewing its partnership arrangements and how resources are used.

Wendi has encouraged target leads to include impact statements in their action plans, to reinforce the outcomes being worked towards and describe how we are making a difference.

Two areas of particular concern are child and adolescent mental health (NI51), especially in the economic climate, and rising numbers of 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training – NEETS (NI117).

Actions:

It was agreed that all Thematic Partnerships should take a similar approach regarding impact statements.

Essex Economic Board

Dominique confirmed that the 'next steps' section of the report had been updated as per the discussion at the last meeting. Some indicators have new target leads.

The first meeting of the Essex Economic Board is on the evening of 22 June, when members will discuss the Annual Report and Terms of Reference. The Economic Development Officer (EDO) Network is still being developed, with the next meeting on 25 June.

Official information on new business registrations (NI171) is out of date, and Business Link is providing data from business start-up activity to act as interim management information for the target. Details are attached.



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Wendi asked what initiatives being developed by the Economic Board might help young people – this will be revisited up at the next meeting in the context of a discussion on the NEETs (NI117) target.

Safer Essex

Alan confirmed that actions have been added next to each indicator, and the data updated in the annex. Issues relating to the definition of the domestic violence target (LI7.1) and recovery plan will be discussed under item 4.

CWOP

Loretta explained that CWOP has widened the remit of the report to pick up other responsibilities of the partnership. The annual report has now been signed off by the CWOP Board and she will bring the updated Terms of Reference and membership review to the next PMG meeting for information.

The partnership is keeping four indicators in particular under close review – two where performance is currently off track, i.e., carers receiving assessment/services (NI135) and mortality rates, especially for women (NI120), and two where interim targets were only just achieved, i.e., emergency bed days (NI134) and supporting people to move in a planned way (NI141).

4. Recovery Plans

Domestic Violence (LI 7.1)

Ewen outlined the paper submitted to PMG which identifies the current performance issues within Essex for domestic abuse.

The nature of the indicator, as currently framed to reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse, means that the more victims feel able to report incidents the worse the apparent performance. The reality is that a significant amount of success has occurred in providing positive help and support to victims, including the establishment of MARACs (Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences) and providing an independent chaperone service to vulnerable victims through Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates (IDVAs).

It is proposed to explore changing the current Essex Police and LAA performance target to the preferred national APACS indicator 14.1, which would focus on the effective co-ordination of multi-agency effort through the MARACs. Wendi commented that this was an important safeguarding issue, that she had received positive feedback about the MARACs and supported the change to a more meaningful indicator. The group agreed that Peter should take the proposal to the Safer Essex Board for approval.

Children's Theme update

Wendi introduced her report on actions being taken for 'red' indicators within her partnership. She commented that the report was still work in progress but was a good starting point and proposes to use this model for future feedback to PMG. Gill suggested that the report needs to focus on the longer term to include the third year of the LAA as it currently predicts performance to March 2010.

NI117 (16-18 year olds in NEET group) is of concern as it impacts on other outcomes, and could be supported by activity to deliver other indicators.

Actions:

There will be a more detailed discussion on the NEET target at the next PMG, including the impact at district level. All thematic leads are asked to come prepared to consider how to support this target.

Carbon Reduction (NI186)

Jan outlined the report for NI186 to provide PMG with assurance regarding the delivery of the target. The report is confidential at this stage and is not to be shared more widely.

The indicator and target are aspirational, and there are many examples of innovative good practice happening or planned. Projects include a pilot voluntary thermo-imaging service to raise awareness of energy efficiency amongst businesses and householders, smarter driver training service for community and/or businesses and voluntary energy audit service for businesses.

5. Safeguarding children

Wendi drew attention to the Laming recommendations to raise awareness of safeguarding issues, and stressed the importance of “holding the ring” in relation to working together. There will be a workshop at the Essex Conference on safeguarding.

6. Activities for teenagers

Duncan and Kay provided a more detailed analysis on the findings from the Place Survey on activities for teenagers, which has emerged as one of the top three things for improvement, particularly in Basildon and Rochford. From the respondent profile, this is likely to arise from parental concern of the risks of children not having enough to do. NI110 (young people’s participation) suggests that we are in the best quartile nationally with 76% of young people surveyed feeling that they took part in ‘positive activities’ – although only 18 schools in Essex took part in the survey. Wendi mentioned the SHEU schools survey, which gives more insight into what children think. Further exploration was considered to be helpful, to identify geographical hotspots and possible drivers of attitudes.



MNI - Activities for teenagers.ppt

Actions:

Wendi to send ‘SHEU’ survey results to Duncan (with any headline information copied to Gill for distribution).

7. GO East priorities letter/GO links

Gill outlined the GO East letter to Lord Hanningfield confirming the GO’s proposed priorities for Essex in 2009/10:

- Support on the children and young people’s agenda
- Continued support in planning for regeneration and growth
- Support in responding to the recession
- Work with Essex partners on coastal management
- Support Essex in reducing health inequalities

Sarah Arnold from GO East confirmed that there is an opportunity for dialogue on the priorities. Peter asked all Theme Leads to comment on the priorities and seek to adjust if they wish.

Sarah suggested sending round the GO East Place Team contact details, led by Hilary Cooper.

Action:

Sarah to send Place Team contact information to Gill for distribution. Health inequalities will be considered at a future PMG session.

8. Interim monitoring example (NI 11)

This item was discussed as an example of where interim monitoring arrangements to assess the more immediate impact of the actions we deliver were in place. They also tell a more rounded story of performance and improvement. Miriam explained that NI 11 is measured by Sport England's Active People Survey which is an annual telephone survey targeting adults over the age of 16 who have a land line telephone. It is therefore important for us to collect a wide variety of data to supplement the survey. This includes:

- Creative Consequences survey; an ongoing knowledge base on the contribution of the arts to Essex
- Arts in Essex Grants; grants of up to £2,500 to small scale arts projects up to £40k per annum.
- Essex Summer of Art 2009; link and jointly market all the art trails and open studios across Essex. Attendees/participants will be asked to complete a survey which includes a question linked to NI11.
- Essex Jiangsu Festival; largest countywide cultural festival Essex has ever undertaken with over 355,000 attendees at 250 events and generated over £2.125M for the local economy.

9. Forward plan update

20 July meeting – the main recovery plan focus will be on the NEETs target (NI117). Other items on revised Terms of Reference etc will be brought for information only.

10. AOB

GO East Update Report – GO East need to provide an update report to DCLG. This will focus on relative strengths and issues/risks to the Partnership and delivery of designated targets, capturing new information since the January review.

Timescale –

- Draft from GO East to Gill by Friday 26 June
- Comments due back to GO East by midday Wednesday 1 July
- Report finalised by Friday 3 July

The importance of having time to contribute and for the final report to be balanced was stressed.

Equality Strategy – Jan commented that the draft strategy is shortly going to Equality Group and Thematic Partnerships for consultation, and proposes to bring a draft to PMG for information.

Close

Annex A

LAA Performance Management Group Forward Plan

Date of meeting	Item	Responsibility
Standing items:		
Progress updates, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agreed updates from previous meetings • other 'exceptions for attention/discussion' <p><i>achievements/good news stories; barriers to delivery and actions needed; assurance where data is not available; resource issues, including use of PRG; locality and 'hotspot' issues</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • milestones (key actions/new information) due in next period 		Thematic Partnership Leads or deputies <i>Please send updated workplans to Gill for circulation at least 7 calendar days before each meeting</i>
Proposed items		
20 July 2009	NEETs (NI117) recovery plan & discussion 2008/09 performance results (including Place Survey) LSP Links (Essex Conference workshop outcomes) <u>Information items:</u> Revised Terms of Reference (Economic Board/CWOP) 2012 Annual Report Draft Equality Strategy GO Update Report	Wendi Ogle-Welbourn Gill Butterworth
24 September 2009		
19 October 2009	Thematic Partnership Mid Year reports x 3 (tbc)	Tbc
16 November 2009	Thematic Partnership Mid Year reports x 3 (tbc)	Tbc
15 December 2009		
18 January 2010	Tracker 8 feedback	Duncan Wood/Kay Asuni
15 February 2010		
22 March 2010		

To be scheduled:

Informal feedback on CAA/Essex Strategy Review (end July)?

Report to EMB (Oct)

Health inequalities