

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BASILDON DISTRICT HEALTH PARTNERSHIP HELD AT BASILDON DISTRICT COUNCIL ON 13 NOVEMBER 2007

PRESENT:

Owen Richards	-	South West Essex PCT (Chair)
Barbara Allen	-	Basildon and Thurrock University Hospital
Neel Bhaduri	-	South West Essex PCT
Paul Brace	-	Basildon District Council
Colin Brown	-	South West Essex PCT
Henrietta Brown	-	Essex County Council
Tracey Davies	-	Basildon District Council
Dawn French	-	Basildon District Council
Clive Macleod	-	Alzheimer's Society
Arun Patel	-	South West Essex PCT
Lucy Payne	-	Basildon LSP
Nick Presmeg	-	Essex County Council
Councillor Terri Sargent	-	Basildon District Council
Steve Platt	-	Basildon District Council

1. APOLOGIES:

Jan Hutchinson	-	South East Essex Partnership NHS Trust
Tracey Parry	-	Basildon District Council

2. MINUTES:

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14 August 2007 were approved as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

(i) Minute No. 3 – South West Essex PCT Commissioning Framework

The Chairman reported that Clare Burns had liaised with Celia Clark of Basildon, Billericay and Wickford CVS regarding consultation with voluntary groups on the draft framework.

A paper would be taken to the PCT's Board in January 2008.

(ii) Minute No. 6 – Audit Commission Review – Tackling Health Inequalities

Dawn French reported that she and Councillor Sargent had been invited to a workshop to follow up the key issues identified through the desktop research. Results of the workshop would be reported back to the Partnership.

4. WORK STREAMS UPDATE:

(i) Tobacco

Neel Bhaduri reported that smoking cessation rates remained on target. Up-to-date figures relating to Billericay and Wickford were not being forwarded to the PCT quickly enough and this would be addressed.

The effect of the introduction of smoke-free public places was being monitored through a 52 week study. Dawn French reported that only two complaints had been received since the ban was introduced on 1 July 2007. It was possible that there would be a greater number of infringements of the regulations during the winter months and extra enforcement measures had been put in place.

It was noted that smoking cessation, as well as healthy eating, messages were being shown on Basildon Community TV. Further slots were available for additional messages if required.

(ii) Obesity

Neel Bhaduri reported that a six-month weight management pilot programme had started for people with a BMI over 28 (with co-morbidities) and 30. This was an incentive based programme offering £15 of vouchers for each GP referral. Payment was after successful completion of the 12-week programme.

A MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition Do it!) anti-obesity programme for children was in operation with MEND co-ordinators working with children to help them to change their lifestyle choices.

(iii) Older People

Neel Bhaduri advised the meeting that the evaluation of the needs assessment exercise was nearing completion. Many of the key issues to emerge related to mental health and it was apparent that people were not visiting their GPs until they were at a more advanced stage of dementia which made treatment of their condition more difficult. It was also clear that GPs were not reviewing patients' treatment regularly enough and were sometimes unaware of changes to patients' medication if they had attended A and E.

The main recommendations of the needs assessment were:

- Greater access to CAB outreach services.
- A GP or community based service to identify needs and support older people.
- Extended use of telecare to enable people to remain living in their homes.
- Basic skills training for bereaved men.

Clive MacLeod said that the Alzheimer's Society had been working with the South Essex Partnership NHS Trust to improve the information sources that were available at the time of diagnosis. A freephone number would be

available in GP's surgeries and it was hoped that through this service, Practice Managers and Receptionists could become more involved in assisting people with dementia and have a greater understanding of their needs.

Nick Presmeg commended the conclusions of the needs assessment and highlighted the need for the PCT and County Council to work together to feed these into the Local Area Agreement. It might also be timely to reconvene the Older People's Planning Group. Councillor Sargent said that the conclusions must also be linked into the Council's Older People's Strategy.

ACTION:

(1) Neel Bhaduri to circulate the recommendations of the needs assessment to members of the partnership.

(2) Owen Richards to meet with Nick Presmeg and Dawn French to discuss reconvening the Older People's Planning Group.

(iv) Community Development

Partnership members noted a written update which had been provided by Tracey Parry.

5. DRAFT JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

Arun Patel gave a presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the key building block of the joint commissioning process. This would be aligned with Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA) cycles and the LAA and local targets would need to be based on the JSNA.

A copy of the presentation slides is attached at **Appendix 1** to these Minutes.

As part of the assessment, Owen Richards asked colleagues to consider the current position and future direction of the partnership.

6. COMMUNITY SPORTS AND ACTIVITY NETWORK:

Tracey Davies gave a presentation on the role of Basildon's Community Sports Network which aimed to increase the number of people taking part in sport and physical activity. The Government's target was to increase participation by 1% each year. Basildon's current participation rate was the third lowest in Essex and the network would provide a single delivery system for sport in the District, bringing partners together.

A copy of the presentation slides is attached at **Appendix 2** to these Minutes.

7. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY:

Lucy Payne reported that further consultation on the draft strategy would be carried out in January 2008. With regard to the review of the LSP, consideration was being given to incorporating Housing, Environment, Transport and Economy into the thematic groups. The LSP Executive had been rationalised and would in future

include representatives of the District and County Councils, South West Essex PCT, Basildon Police, Essex Fire Service, and the Learning and Skills Council, as well as the Chairs of the thematic groups. The aim was to have the new LSP framework in place by April 2008.

Councillor Sargent sought clarification on the Voluntary Sector's involvement and was advised that the Voluntary Sector would be represented on each of the LSP's sub groups.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

(i) Basildon Health Partnership Review Day

Owen Richards proposed that, following the LSP review day, the Health Partnership hold its own review day to celebrate its achievements and decide future direction, including work stream priorities.

ACTION:

Owen Richards, Dawn French, Nick Presmeg and Lucy Payne to meet to develop proposals for the future development of the Partnership.