

LAA Performance Management Group
Tuesday 15 December, 15:00 – 17:30

Attendees:

Peter Lowton - Essex Police (Chair)
Wendi Ogle-Welbourn – Children’s Trust Lead
Loretta Sollars – Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) Lead
Mark Janetta - Community Wellbeing and Older People (CWOP) representative
Graham Seward – Obesity Target Lead
Alan Dawkes – Safer Essex Lead
Gwyn Owen - Sustainable Essex Lead
Dominique Phelan - Essex Economic Board representative
Miriam Stead - 2012 Olympics/Paralympic Games (2012) Lead
John Houston – Epping Forest LSP Lead
Sarah Arnold – GO East representative
Dan Gascoyne – Essex Partnership Secretariat
Gill Butterworth - Essex Partnership Secretariat
Louise Crew - Essex Partnership Secretariat (Minutes)

Apologies:

Fiona Bodle – Essex Economic Board Lead
Marina Sherriff – Harlow LSP Lead
Jason Fergus - 2012 Olympics/Paralympic Games (2012) representative

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

Peter Lowton welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from Fiona Bodle, Marina Sherriff and Jason Fergus.

2. Minutes of 16 November meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as a correct record. Matters arising from the last meeting not already covered on the agenda were outlined as below.

The cross-cutting discussion on alcohol issues has been scheduled for the February meeting with Alan Dawkes to lead on the discussion. All Thematic Leads to feed issues affecting their partnership to Alan prior to the meeting.

Alan advised that the postcode data regarding offender localities is pulled from two national databases, which means that it is difficult to close down gaps locally. The December Scorecard now reflects a revised forecast for NI 18 (re-offending) and shows an indicative target for NI 32 (domestic violence).

Peter confirmed the action regarding attendance at MARACs is in hand and will feed back to Wendi on any social care representation issues by the next meeting.

Kevin Jones, target lead for NI 186 (CO2 emissions), advises that energy usage in Essex was showing a downward trend before the recession, and is likely to continue to improve. The Defra lead also believes that this target will be met.

Gwyn updated on NI 198 (travel to school). The target lead has confirmed that there are Sustainable Travel Schemes in every district, but there are local stories which affect different places in Essex, for example there is considered to be a culture of travel to school by car in Harlow. A School Healthcheck System has been introduced, which will give individual schools

a RAG status (red, green, amber) for travelling to school, and encourage schools to work with families to improve the situation. Gwyn observed that the GO Regional Travel Advisor had praised the work being done in Essex.

The NI 198 data 'other' category has been amended, and an update sent out with the November minutes, but is still a relatively high number for some districts.

Wendi confirmed that Pete Cook and Clare Kershaw will attend in January to report back on NEETs (10 minute presentation).

Actions:

- ***All Leads to feed any alcohol issues affecting their partnership to Alan for incorporating into the February cross-cutting discussion***

3. Economic Board

Dominique took the group through the EEB workplan and highlighted changes since the last update. These included:

NI 166 (median earning) and NI 171 (new business registrations) - targets are currently being reviewed with GO East as part of the LAA Refresh. Dominique advised that the target showing on the Scorecard for NI 166 is incorrect and had not been met; Gill will check.

NI 163/165 (adult skills) – the bid for £1M to the National Apprenticeship Service was successful; this will enable development of apprenticeship programmes in a range of key sectors including marine, IT, design and creative, which are due to commence in 2010. A joint venture with Chelsea FC has also allowed the offer of apprenticeships in coaching to care leavers, and a range of pre-apprenticeship programmes are underway to prepare target groups of young people (including those NEET) for these opportunities, leading to a C&G qualification in Employability and Personal Development.

LI 8.1 (jobs saved/created) and LI 8.2 (helping to trade) – ECC's International Trade team organised and funded a trade mission to China in November for 14 companies. Meetings were also held with potential inward investors. Results are currently being evaluated, but positive outcomes are already apparent with new channels of communication. A trade mission to India is now being recruited, which will also have an inward investment aspect, and Essex companies are beginning to show interest. Essex Trade & Investment Ltd company has been set up, which has appointed an Essex representative to China who will be in post in 2010 based in Nanjing. A Jiangsu representative is already based at Aquila House.

Miriam commented on the cultural aspects of developing relationships with China. A Cultural Memorandum of Understanding has been developed with Jiangsu and training was provided to companies in role play before they visited China.

NI 151 (employment rate) – the Tendring Project Manager is now in post and the Economic Participation Programme Investment Template for EEDA funding has been agreed by the Essex Economic Board. The focus of the Programme is on young people.

Peter asked what else could be done to help with NI 151, which is showing as off trajectory on the Scorecard. Discussions have taken place with Jobcentre Plus to understand their data, what initiatives are already available and what additional action can be taken, but it was sometimes difficult to access and understand the agency's intelligence. Sarah said that GO East are happy to offer support in this area if necessary.

Graham commented that the Eastern Region Public Health Observatory had released a paper on the impact of the recession on health:

<http://www.erpho.org.uk/Download/Public/20345/1/Inpho%2038%20FINAL.pdf>.

Wendi commented more generally that it would be useful for the Performance Management Group to have access to benchmarking data, including statistical neighbours, to help highlight where other authorities may have good practice to share. Gill will look at how the Scorecard can be enhanced to provide this information on an incremental basis to support planned discussions.

John confirmed that the West Essex Partnership were successful in their Future Jobs Fund bid which should provide 160 placements starting in January. He is happy to discuss with Dominique to investigate linkages.

Louise Aitken was unable to attend the meeting, but had produced a note on the questions raised at previous meetings relating to the adult skills indicators (NI 163–165). The paper is attached. An important contextual note is that there are currently major changes with regard to skills provision nationally, with the Learning and Skills Council being disbanded as of April 2010, and replaced with bodies such as the Skills Funding Agency and National Apprenticeship Service. There will be some transfer of responsibilities to local authorities.



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Actions:

- ***Gill will check NI 166 target and consider how the Scorecard can be supplemented with relevant benchmarking information***

4. Obesity Joint Plan

Loretta gave a short presentation (attached) on obesity and actions being taken to address.



Obesity Presentation

Alan questioned how the message is being received by young people so that they can make their own choices. Loretta confirmed that the marketing is aimed at both the child and parents; Wendi added that in some cases it is not just around knowledge but deeper issues with food as a symptom. NI 57 (young people's participation in sport) also directly influences obesity and Loretta will add to the plan.

One of the broader determinants of obesity is child poverty, and Wendi and Dan had recently met with Tower Hamlets regarding this. Wendi believes that child poverty should be incorporated into the LAA refresh, with a suite of contributory indicators which all thematic partnerships can work to in a Total Place way.

Peter observed that obesity cuts across at least four thematic partnerships, based on the 'influencing' indicators selected, and we need to identify the next steps to take this forward. Loretta confirmed that CWOP will respond to the Essex Strategy Refresh, outlining obesity as a priority and the group supported this. Dan will consider how best to take this forward through the Essex Strategy/LAA refresh, possibly including obesity as part of a clearer strategy around child poverty and using the Total Place methodology to address.

Peter asked Loretta to come back to the next meeting with a framework on how to progress, liaising with Wendi on the links with child poverty, and with an idea of timeline going forward.

Dan commented that a PRG funded project in Harlow relating to provision of cycling lanes had not gone ahead, which would have clearly contributed to reducing obesity, and will contact Marina to discuss what alternative proposals are being developed outside of the meeting.

Actions:

- ***Loretta to report back framework/timeline for obesity actions going forward, with child poverty links***

5. Community Wellbeing and Older People

Mark took the group through a short update paper (attached) which highlighted the main updates for the partnership:



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NI 120 (mortality) – the work programme is being reviewed and simplified to focus on projects with greatest impact, and a new dedicated resource is now available to support this.

NI 123 (smoking) – a review and rationalisation of the actions contained in the action plan has taken place. New actions have been introduced including increased use of social marketing initiatives and more interactions with younger groups in society. We expect to see a large increase in quitters as a result of new year resolutions and targeted promotional activity from PCTs.

NI 134 (emergency bed days) – the target lead is concerned at the recent downward trajectory in performance and relevant Directors of Care in PCTs have been asked to confirm nominated leads. An in depth review is scheduled for the CWOP meeting on 12 January and Mark will update at the next PMG.

NI 135 (carers) – actually carrying out assessments and recording them on the system was identified as a major problem (telephone support follows the assessment). Targets for assessments have been set for the remaining half of the year. By 16 November the target was to complete carers assessments for 5,782 carers and to date 5,845 carers have been assessed, indicating that the approach is beginning to deliver the improvements required. Performance on NI 135 has improved as a result, with a reported increase from 23.1% in August to 23.6% in September. Other ways of channelling carers into the assessment process, e.g., through GPs, are being investigated and a benchmarking exercise against other areas with more successful results has been proposed.

NI 141 ('supported people' moves) – the first quarter data has now been received and, as predicted, the target is on track.

LI 2.1 (satisfaction with information to live independently) – there are concerns about how the tracker question has been worded which may affect the results

Note: the figure presented in the version of the Scorecard considered by PMG in December has been withdrawn pending further investigation of its accuracy

LI 3.1 (mental health employment) – the target has been exceeded for 2009/10 already. Good partnership working between the mental health trusts and third sector employment specialists to deliver the Individual Placement and Support Model, and opportunities provided by the Performance Reward Grant are contributing to the success. The impact of recent government proposals to provide support for mental health issues through Jobcentre Plus is being reviewed and will be reported to CWOP in January.

Mark commented that he would like advice on managing risk from other leads. Gwyn and Mark will discuss outside of the meeting.

Actions:

- ***Mark to update on an exception basis at the next PMG, in particular NI 134 (emergency bed days) and NI 135 (carers)***

6. Exception Reports (concerns/successes) & updates on Recovery Plans

Children's Trust

Wendi confirmed the Trust is continuing to look at ways to reduce the numbers of young people 'NEET', and are targeting four areas. There will be a substantive report on NEETs on the January agenda.

Wendi will also comment on progress in achieving educational attainment targets as part of the Children's Trust update next month. Gill noted that there are some discrepancies in mandatory education targets agreed directly with the DfES in January each year, and those published in the LAA, and it would be helpful to ensure these were aligned.

Safer Essex

Alan will pick up on the action needed to address NI 18 (re-offending) in the Safer Essex report scheduled for PMG in February.

2012

Interim data from the Active People's Survey is released on 17^h December with a district breakdown. Some of the work on NI 8 (sports participation) has been picked up by Sport England as good practice and the Performance Reward Grant supporting NI 11 (arts engagement) has helped leverage other funding.

7. GO LAA Review – likely items

Gill asked the group for feedback further to her email outlining the items for discussion.

Wendi commented that she is happy with the proposals, but would like representatives from Police and Health at the Children and Young People priorities meeting scheduled for 6 January. It was acknowledged that there is not a shared understanding of the position relating to domestic violence, and there would be benefit in additional discussion on this through the proposed bilateral.

Peter asked leads to let Sarah know of any good news stories for the January PMG. Dan also suggested Sarah look on the Essex Partnership Portal for case studies and good news stories.

8. Summit outcomes

Dan commented that the summary sheet which was distributed with the agenda shows highlights and key outcomes from each summit. These will be used in the Essex Strategy Review consultation process and incorporated into the draft Essex Strategy which will be signed off by EMB/EPF in March. If there is anything obvious missing, thematic leads are asked to let Dan know.

9. Total Place

Dan confirmed that progress is being made with the two 'deep dives' – Safeguarding in West Essex and NEETs in Tendring.

All stakeholder interviews are now complete for NEETs, the next stage is analysis and further interviews with NEET children and investigating employer engagement. The safeguarding stakeholder interviews have now commenced and the review of public sector spend is continuing throughout December and January. The learning/proposals will be rolled out at the end of March.

Dan commented that Total Place is not just about the deep dives - joint commissioning and shared services are also part of the Total Place thinking being investigated. A Communications Plan is being developed to keep partners updated about what is being done and the learning from the project.

10. AOB/next meeting

Peter advised that there will be a conference on anti-social behaviour in February, which will effectively be the rescheduled Community Safety Summit. The intention is to launch the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy at the conference, and also the development of minimum standards for Essex in compliance with national requirements.

Gill confirmed that the Essex Partnership has submitted a PRG claim for £15.970m, this is in addition to the £5.128m already claimed.

The next meeting will be held on 18 January 2010 from 2:00 to 4:30 at Maynetrees, Chelmsford.

Close

LAA Performance Management Group Forward Plan

Date of meeting	Item	Responsibility
18 January 2010	Children's Trust <i>to include update on NEETs and educational attainment</i>	Wendi Pete Cook/Clare Kershaw
	London 2012 Olympic/Paralympic Games	Kathryn Berry (for Miriam)
	Exception reports/update on recovery plans	All
	GO LAA review feedback	Hilary Cooper (GO)
	Total Place update	Dan
22 February 2010	Safer Essex	Alan
	Sustainable Essex	Gwyn
	Alcohol services	Alan/Donia Slyzuk
	Exception reports/update on recovery plans	All
	Draft Essex Strategy Review	Dan
	Total Place update	Dan
	Tracker 8 feedback (results due 22 January)	Duncan Wood/Kay Asuni
22 March 2010	Economic Board	Fiona
	Community Wellbeing and Older People	Loretta/Mark
	Exception reports/update on recovery plans	All
	Total Place update	Dan
19 April 2010	Children's Trust	Wendi
	London 2012 Olympic/Paralympic Games	Miriam/Jason
	Exception reports/update on recovery plans	All
	Total Place update	Dan

Future PMG meetings:

17 May 2010
14 June 2010
12 July 2010
13 September 2010
11 October 2010
15 November 2010
13 December 2010

Essex Management Board meetings:

2 March 2010
29 June 2010
2 November 2010

Essex Partnership Forum meetings:

23 March 2010
14 September 2010