

Minutes of a meeting of the EAP Health & Wellbeing and Vulnerable People

At 9.30 am on Friday 25th June, 2021

Held virtually via Zoom

Present:-

Members

Councillor Helen Harrison (Chair)

Councillor Ken Harrington

Councillor King Lawal

Councillor John McGhee

Councillor Russell Roberts

Councillor Chris Smith-Haynes

Officers

David Watts - Executive Director, Adults, Communities & Wellbeing

Lucy Wightman – Director of Public Health

Francesca McHugo – Democratic Services

Charlie Christmas – Democratic Services

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Shacklock.

2 Members' Declarations of Interest

A personal interest was declared by Councillors Smith-Haynes and Lawal in the general remit of agenda items 5 and 7. Councillor Lawal noted a potential pecuniary interest in discussions relating to care systems.

3 Terms of Reference

The Executive Director of Adults, Communities & Wellbeing outlined the draft Terms of Reference. Members made an addition to the terms of reference to allow for meetings on site. The right was reserved to hold virtual meetings at the discretion of the panel Chair. It was noted that supported virtual attendance would be permitted where required.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference for the Health, Wellbeing & Vulnerable People Executive Advisory Panel be approved.

4 Overview of Service Areas

The Director of Public Health outlined the shared role of her position within the Northamptonshire unitary councils and the CCG. Members received a summary of the service areas which focused on health protection and improvement. Members noted

the importance of the business intelligence function in identifying and forecasting needs.

The Executive Director of Adults, Communities & Wellbeing reminded members of the council Blueprint and the services within the remit of the panel. Key partnerships with community care services were highlighted.

In response to questions, the directors in attendance assured members that an 'Our Adult's Social Care' document was in development. Members were directed to the 2021 White Paper, 'Integration and innovation: Working together to improve health and social care for all' for additional background reading. A summarised version of the document was circulated to members.

5 Identified areas of interest

The Director of Public Health indicated that the first few sessions of the panel would involve more information sharing to provide panel members with a wider knowledge of the service areas within its remit. A 'health in all policies' approach was endorsed by members as good collaborative practice. Members noted that the data systems within Public Health are cyclical and deep dives could be undertaken to highlight priority and catch-up areas.

The following areas were identified as potential areas of interest:

- Fall services - supporting the frail and elderly
- Supporting independence – tertiary services to improve quality of life
- Hydration, nutrition and muscle tone
- Social prescribing
- Flu season 21/22 – limited data on circulating strains

Locality specific intervention:

- Smoking cessation – smoking cessation and harm reduction programmes
- Low level mental health illnesses
- Smear test uptake
- Chlamydia detection
- Obesity

The Executive Director, Adults, Communities and Wellbeing offered the following suggestions of areas with potential interest to the panel:

- Integrated Care Systems
- Assistive Technology Strategy
- Leisure policies
- Facilities applications
- Homelessness strategies and performance
- Integration with health
- Shaping care markets
- Care Planning – addressing the opportunity to challenge

Members noted the officer suggestions.

6 Identification of cross-cutting agenda items

Executive Director, Adults, Communities and Wellbeing identified key areas with the potential to overlap:-

- Leisure services
- Community safety
- Housing
- Adult learning
- Libraries

Members were informed that the Chair of the panel would enter into discussion with other panel chairs where items overlap, in order to determine a lead panel. In the event of any disagreement, the Leader of the Council would make the decision as set out in the Terms of Reference.

Members noted the approach as set out in the Terms of Reference.

7 Work Programme

Members considered topics to add to the work plan for future meetings of the panel.

The panel recommended a list of items for future consideration:-

- Integrated care across Northamptonshire
- Flu prevention
- Supporting independence
- Social prescribing
- Better Care Fund
- Encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle

8 Urgent Items

None Notified

9 Close of meeting

Chair

Date

The meeting closed at 11:36 am