

GWYNEDD HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2008 held between 2 - 4pm at the Local Health Board Meeting Room, Caernarfon

Present: Sandra Cairney, Gwen Carrington, Clare Jones, Sioned Larsen, Dr Lyndon Miles (Chair), Councillor Godfrey Northam, Dafydd Owen, Llinos Owen, Grace L Parry, Alwyn Rowlands, Janet Roberts.

	ITEM DISCUSSED ON THE AGENDA	Action by
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Craig Barton, Pat Billingham, Nia Elis-Williams, Darren Griffiths, Dafydd P Lewis, Glanville Owen, Harry Thomas.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 24/01/2008</p> <p>Correction –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point 2.1. It was Edwina Hart, Health Minister who had asked for an independent Review. Delete the words ‘Regional Office’. • Sioned Larsen (SL) said that more information needed adding to the minutes regarding the cuts to the Voluntary Services. See below the additional information, drawn up by ?: <p><i>‘The Liaison Group had agreed that it will receive details of any proposed cuts from the direction of the Council (in the form of Service Level Agreements for the Sector) in enough time to be able to collect full evidence together to ensure that full details are available before any cuts are implemented. This is a role of key importance for the Liaison Group – this was a step that it was felled really needed taking following substantial cuts to the third sector over the past year.’</i></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as correct.</p> <p>Matters arising -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The uncertainty over the future of the Local Health Board and the Strategy – to be discussed further (see below). • 2.1 Blaenau Ffestiniog Hospital. The Chair read out a statement to the group’s members regarding an incorrect report in the press about the closure of Blaenau Hospital. • 4.3.6 Following an enquiry by Cllr. Godfrey Northam about the Cancer NSF, Janet Roberts (JR) confirmed that it was the Government which had to decide on a choice of NSF. There are National Standards available for cancer. • 6.v8 NSF for Older People - JR explained that stronger links had been established with the Trust – the contact being Ann Marie Rowlands. A successful meeting had been held (07.04.08) when ideas for improving the service had been presented and developed. The Assembly had not given any guidance. The Health Board will lead on inputting the information – there was a strong structure. 	

	<p>Discussion of the Local health Board's future – Lead by Grace L Parry (GLP) Papers were circulated.</p> <p>Following a 12 week consultation period (25.06.08) on the report, the Minister will be expected to decide on the structures to be adopted. GP further explained that Staff and Partners were aware of the report and it was understood the Assembly's plan was to do away with the internal market and create an environment without any competitive element. One proposal was to create a National Board responsible for policy, development, direction and commissioning. GP outlined how this was a positive step forward and that a structure needed establishing so that Gwynedd was sure to get its voice heard.</p> <p>With regard to strategies in the future, there would be a link to services in every County.</p> <p>It was important with this that the Local Authorities and the Voluntary Sector expressed their opinions. Time was scarce because of elections and the advice given to Councillors to avoid controversial topics at this time. This needed discussing with Harry Thomas. It was noted that the assembly was aware of the election period and so it was essential that comments and feedback were sent to GP.</p>	
	<p>Report of the Co-ordinator – Janet Roberts</p> <p>The main activities were</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further development of the strategy • implementing the Action Plan. <p>In addition to this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new LOG was meeting on 14.04.08 with the new name of the Planning and Commissioning Group (PCG) • Joint Planning had been rationalised • The Health Federation had met on 07.04.08 to discuss the previous 6 months. Progress reports and to set new targets • The Telehealth service provision jointly with Anglesey was being replanned. There would be a more detailed presentation at the next meeting • Dignity in Care – this was a major campaign by the Assembly. Care Forum Wales had drawn up a charter – once more there was joint working on this with Anglesey. 	
4	<p>Strategic Matters</p> <p>i) Health, Social Care and Well-Being Strategy 2008/11</p> <p>The Health Strategy had by then been completed – but needing a final check and the addition of appendices. It was expected that it would go for printing on 14.05.08 and then be mounted on the Web.</p> <p>ii) Draft Strategy Action Plan</p> <p>The Management Team had noted a lack of prioritisation. There was a further request from the Council's Board that a document be drawn up that would link the Strategy to the Action Plan. JP had written a report to explain prioritisation - Lynden Miles (LM) disagreed that a link paper was needed – only prioritisation was necessary. There was a need to ensure that prioritisation of the strategy agreed with the priorities of the service.</p> <p>PCG was concentrating on prioritised areas – some were already moving forward. Co-ordination had to be ensured e.g. that Health was discussed in the Housing field. PCG was confident that indicators showed success with regard to</p>	

	<p>improvement. Any further comments from the Action Plan to be forwarded to JR.</p> <p>iii) Update on the Children’s’ and Young Peoples’ Plan</p> <p>The first draft document had been presented in May - Darren Griffiths would attend the meeting on 24.07.08 for to consult with the Board.</p> <p>iv) Gwynedd Council’s Three Year Plan 2008/9 - 2010/11 – Consultation Draft.</p> <p>It was noted that health was not prominently mentioned in this Plan. There was disappointment that the Plan did not reflect the Health Strategy and the Federation’s work. The consultation period for the report ended on 11.04.08 – it was important that the ‘Health Partnership Board’ should present written observations. It was also to be noted that a copy of the Consultation Draft had not been sent to the Local Health Board – it was merely discussed as minutes during a meeting. Comments should be sent to JR who would forward them to Arwel Jones (Gwynedd Council’s Implementation Policy Senior Manager).</p> <p>v) Consultation on Health and Homelessness Standards</p> <p>A document had been circulated to Board members to draw their attention to the above. The Consultation Period closed on 21.04.08. There was to be a meeting of the Homelessness Forum on 14.04.08 – any formal response was to be sent f.a.o. Martin Davidson.</p>	JR
5	<p>Governance</p> <p>Partnership membership</p> <p>The Partnership’s membership was discussed in order to update the list. Board members were likely to change as a result of the vote to be held in May. CJ would send the terms of reference to JR.</p>	CJ
6	<p>Co-operation</p> <p>i) National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 Section 33 agreement for modernising and integrating the community equipment service.</p> <p>Dafydd Owen led the discussion – he was co-operating closely with Arfon Pritchard (Local Health Board). It was noted that new arrangements/agreement would come into force when a new store was ready. This was approved.</p> <p>ii) Remodelling of the Local Health Service</p> <p>Clare Jones was leading on this. Papers had been circulated. The first paper was a document written especially to present the vision, changes and suggestions to staff, members of the public and stakeholders. The document had been approved by the Service Board. Chronic Conditions will be the subject of the first part of remodelling. Regarding the second paper - ‘Project Brief’ – it was noted that the PCG would be responsible for this. This work would include the Community Service Plan.</p> <p>The Council, Local Health Board and the Health Trust were committed to this work. Feedback from those who read it was awaited before it was issued for a period of consultation.</p>	

	<p>iii) Future of the Co-operation Grant</p> <p>Dafydd Owen was leading on this. It was explained that the Grant Guidelines dated 07.03.08 had been received. The Assembly's intention was to transfer this to the Council in 2009. The previous year's schemes would be continued. The Board agreed to support the decision.</p> <p>iv) Minutes of the meeting of the Lead Officers Group held on 14.01.08 and 04.02.08</p> <p>For information only. No comments.</p>	
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>i) Sioned Larsen mentioned the need for the Liaison Group (agreement by the Voluntary Sector and Gwynedd Council) to receive the details of SLAs concerning any proposed cuts as sending them to the group would ensure that full details were provided. Dafydd Owen and Sioned Larsen would discuss this further. Cuts had in the past had had considerable effect.</p> <p>ii) GLP referred to Betty Williams' letter - 'NWW Olympic Games' was enquiring whether Gwynedd Council were promoting the agenda for the preparations for the Olympics in Gwynedd. There was a need to discuss ideas and the economic implications. GLP would discuss this with Harry Thomas.</p>	
8	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Date: 24.07.2008 Time: 2:00 – 4:30pm Place: Glyder Fawr, Penrallt, Caernarfon</p>	