

GWYNEDD HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELFARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of a meeting held on 27th September 2007 1:00 until 2:30pm in the Board Room, Gwynedd Local Health Board, Eryldon, Caernarfon

Present: Craig Barton, Jo Charles, Clare Jones, Dafydd Lewis, Sioned Larsen, Dr Lyndon Miles (Chairman), Councillor Godfrey Northam, Councillor Richard Parry Hughes, Councillor John Wyn Williams, Gwen Carrington, Pat Billingham, Janet Roberts, Llinos Owen.

	ITEMS DISCUSSED ON THE AGENDA	Action by
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Barry Latham, Glanville Owen, Harry Thomas, Alwyn Rowlands, Nia Elis-Williams, Shan Lloyd Williams.</p> <p>Janet Roberts was welcomed as health coordinator.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of a meeting held on 24/05/2007</p> <p>Accuracy - The Chairman drew attention to a typographical error in point 4b (awr should be replaced by aros) and 5a (pobl should be replaced by pob). The minutes were accepted subject to those corrections.</p> <p>Matters arising - Sioned Larsen (SL) stated that Mantell Gwynedd had been holding interviews for children and young people (funded by Gwynedd Council).</p>	
3	<p>Coordinator's Report</p> <p>Janet Roberts (JR) explained that she was new to the post and that she had no observations to make at this point. She thanked the committee for its welcome.</p>	
4	<p>Strategic Issues</p> <p>Dafydd P Lewis (DPL) enquired about the situation in respect of Ysbyty Blaenau Ffestiniog. Clare Jones (CJ) explained that the Regional Office was meeting with local people to discuss the situation and that an independent review of the process was required. She explained the need for clearer details of the proposed services. It was assumed that Michael Williams would be undertaking the independent review. No timetable had been set as yet.</p> <p>Assessment of Needs</p> <p>Jo Charles (JC) outlined her concern that the document should be translated to ensure that better use is made of it. This needs to be moved forward and there should be greater emphasis on bilingual issues. Another concern was that the maps and graphs are not available bilingually – the NHPS should be contacted. The intention is that the Assessment be incorporated into the strategy.</p> <p>The Chairman asked whether the document was a public document. It was agreed to move ahead with the translation. The document will be broadcast on the web only.</p> <p>Issues of translation cost need to be resolved.</p> <p>No further observations.</p> <p>Draft Strategy</p> <p>CJ explained that the work of introducing the strategy had been a challenge due to staff changes. Despite this, the strategy will be released for consultation on 8.10.07. He outlined the background to the strategy explaining the need to issue a summary</p>	DPL

<p>strategy with options for action. Having reviewed previous strategies, he stated that the procedure would be similar; be brief and with a clear message. He acknowledged the need for more work on this strategy focusing more on the benefits to society. He confirmed that the strategy had already been acknowledged by the Local Health Board and the Strategic Care Team. The work will continue in order to formulate the final strategy.</p> <p>DPL acknowledged CJ's hard work and the approval of the Partnership. DPL explained that consultation with the Council's Management Team was ongoing in order to develop the strategy fully. More collaboration was required in order to maintain the balance between health and welfare in the strategy.</p> <p>JC's general view on the strategy was that the Anglesey strategy leaned heavily towards services.</p> <p>DPL observed that more emphasis was needed on welfare; Gwen Carrington (GC) felt there was a need to expand more on core services.</p> <p>The Chairman asked whether the document was sufficiently robust to be sent out for consultation.</p> <p>The strategy was discussed in detail.</p> <p><u>Introduction:</u></p> <p>Part 1:</p> <p>Part 2:</p> <p>Part 3: A general observation (page 13) by DPL that more information was required on children and young people. Information from the assessment should be collated and included in the strategy. An additional sentence is required in the reference to inequalities between urban and rural areas.</p> <p>Part 4: Additional work is required on environmental and educational elements. The sentence on Housing partnerships is very general and needs to be expanded upon.</p> <p>Part 5: There is too much emphasis here on the Community Service Plan strategy and inadequate information about its background, e.g. structure, patient management etc. RPH expressed his concern that the Health Services did not regard itself as a customer first organisation. The strategy must include procedures for listening to the public; their concerns regarding waiting lists, and deficiencies in medical staff. CJ explained that this was being reviewed on a UK basis and that schemes were being introduced on issues such as extended opening hours. JC added that services were available but further explanation was required – there is a scheme to extend opening hours.</p> <p>The chairman confirmed that there were issues here which need to be faced. RPH asked for the link to be made between health and schools. There are some opportunities here to reinforce the partnership e.g. a school welfare team could highlight any problems sooner. The chairman outlined how a paragraph could be included here explaining the vision of reinforcing the link with schools.</p> <p>Appendix: Questionnaire: agree/disagree? The chairman expressed his concern at the use of rating scales, preferring written observations only. Question 13 should be withdrawn. More space should be available for observations and more observations</p>	<p>Janet and Clare to implement changes for 08.10.07</p>
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	<p>invited.</p> <p>Following the consultation relevant changes need to be incorporated, observations considered and a final strategy created.</p> <p>The draft document was approved.</p> <p>Annual Report The chairman explained that the report had already been submitted. Observations? CB stated that the document was very technical and did not reflect the hard work behind it. There was adequate input into the report, but it does not interpret improvements.</p> <p>The report was received.</p> <p>Needs Assessment Darren Griffiths – phase 2 of the consultation to be completed by the end of October – this needs to be incorporated into the strategy.</p>	
5	<p>Governance. Two priorities were agreed. Gwynedd Joint Steering Group Core Group/Chief Executive – Health and Welfare Service. Climate Change.</p>	
6	<p>Services in the Community Scheme Develop two discrete schemes (Gwynedd and Anglesey) with the two groups coming together to arrange training and the workforce scheme. This is a slow process.</p>	
7	<p>Lead Officers Group Minutes No observations.</p>	
8	<p>Any Other Business On behalf of the Board, the chairman expressed his appreciation of the work undertaken by Shan Lloyd Williams over the last 3 years and wished her well in her new post.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: 24.01.2008 Time: 2:00 – 4:30pm Venue: Glyder Fawr, Cyngor Gwynedd, Penrallt Site, Caernarfon.</p>	