



Minutes of the meeting of the Healthier Doncaster Theme Group held on 22nd May 2008 in the Board Room, Park Lodge, Doncaster

Present:

Joan Beck	Doncaster MBC (<i>Chair</i>)
Tony Baxter	Doncaster PCT / DMBC
Jayne Brown	Doncaster PCT
Margaret Cox	Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Diane Derbyshire	Doncaster CEN
Ian Greenwood	Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Roger Greenwood	Doncaster PCT
Cllr. Barbara Hoyle	Doncaster MBC
Madeleine Keyworth	Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust
David Oldroyd	Doncaster CVS
Michaela Pinchard	Doncaster MBC
Karen Robinson	Doncaster PCT (Provider Services)

In Attendance

Arnold Drakeley	Doncaster PCT
Anne Graves	Doncaster MBC (Item 5)
Claire Larner	Doncaster PCT
Sarah Rogerson	Doncaster CEN
Yvonne Taylor	Doncaster MBC (Item 5)

Apologies:

Apologies for absence were received from, Christine Boswell, Nigel Clifton, Helen Dabbs (*Ian Jerams attended as substitute*), Gillian Fairfield, Cllr Eva Hughes, Jackie Lewis and Norma Wardman.

364.	Healthier Doncaster Theme Group – Chairing Arrangements	
	At the last meeting Jackie Lewis was elected as the new Chair of the Theme Group and members from the Local Authority were asked to nominate a Vice Chair. Members were advised that as the Mayor has not yet come to a decision regarding the nomination of elected members to outside bodies, the Local Authority were not currently in a position to nominate a Vice Chair, therefore Joan Beck, in the interim, volunteered to step in to act as Vice Chair and to chair the meeting in Jackie's absence. JBe noted that the posts which would serve on the Theme Group had been agreed however these posts had yet to be appointed to. Members were advised that this was likely to be resolved within the next two weeks therefore the group agreed to Joan's proposal to act as Interim Vice Chair.	
365.	Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2008	

	The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
366.	Matters Arising	
	<p>Minute 334 – LINKs Update Report – CL noted that a LINKs briefing had been circulated with the papers for information.</p> <p>Minute 340 – Funding Coordination Group – RG advised members that he had recently received a letter confirming that the Funding Coordination Group had now been disbanded.</p> <p>Minute 339 – Discover the Spirit – Theme Group Names – in terms of the issue of where specific issues like culture, housing and transport fit within the partnership framework, JBr confirmed that she had raised this at the DtS Board and members had agreed that the cross-cutting issues would be picked up by the existing Theme Groups or the DtS Board itself.</p> <p>Minute 344 – One Strategic Voice – MK confirmed that a further letter had been sent to the Mayor on behalf of the Theme Group to reinforce the group’s views on inclusion following the letter received from him.</p> <p>356 – Performance Management – DtS Challenge – RG requested an update regarding the report from the Local Resilience Forum into the handling of the floods last year. TB noted that the report is no longer confidential and would form part of the Pitt review. Members were also advised that Doncaster would be hosting a national conference in June as part of the package. TB agreed to report back on the next steps.</p> <p>359 – Feedback from DtS Board – RG expressed concern again over the accountability issues around the DtS Board and the fact that the website is no longer updated. JBr agreed to pick up this issue under Item 8.</p> <p>362 – For Information Only: (Notes from Core Officer Group 23rd January 2008) – With regard to the Local Authority’s consultation on proposed changes to its structures, JBe noted that the consultation had now ended and posts were beginning to be recruited to. Members were informed that the council was moving back to a more traditional structure with posts being created for a Director of Adult Services and a Director of Children’s Services. Members were advised that JBe had been successful in being appointed to the role of Director of Adult Services while short listing had taken place for the Director of Children’s Services post. Members congratulated Joan on her appointment.</p> <p>(Notes from Core Officer Group 23rd January 2008)</p> <p>AD noted that he had yet to pick up the issue of budget cuts to physical activity services for older people that had been raised at the</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>AD</p>

	<p>HCVP Overview and Scrutiny meeting but agreed to follow it up and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>[Post meeting note: It was confirmed from Overview and Scrutiny minutes that this referred only to the services provided by the Dearne Valley Leisure Trust].</p>	
<p>367.</p>	<p>Mental Capacity Act / Deprivation of Liberty - presentation</p>	
	<p>Yvonne Taylor and Ann Graves from the Local Authority attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. The presentation was extremely detailed however key points to note included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aim of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) 2005 is to empower people to make decisions for themselves wherever possible, and to protect people who lack capacity by providing a flexible framework that places individuals at the heart of the decision-making process, ensuring decisions are made in their best interests. • The Act, which came into force on 1st April 2007, saw the introduction of a new statutory Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) service, which Doncaster has jointly commissioned across South Yorkshire. The new criminal offence of ill treatment and wilful neglect also came into force. • All other parts of the act came into force in October 2007, introducing the new Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA), Court of Protection and Court Appointed Deputies, and a new Office of the Public Guardian. • Doncaster has received funding to implement the MCA and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards however from 2008 this funding forms part of the Area Based Grant which is unringfenced. • Mental capacity could affect anyone and the Act provides new ways for individuals to plan ahead for a time when they may lack capacity, like new Lasting Power of Attorneys, and being able to make wishes known, such as through advance decisions to refuse treatment. • Deprivation of Liberty safeguards were introduced into the MCA through the Mental Health Act 2007 and are intended to prevent arbitrary decisions that deprive vulnerable people of their liberty. The safeguards apply to people aged over 18 who lack capacity, in hospitals and care homes, where their care may be depriving them of their liberty. • Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards are planned to become a statutory obligation on 1 April 2009 and liberty deprivation will need to be authorised via supervisory bodies, either PCTs or Local Authorities, through a legal process including the commissioning of assessments. If this does not occur, the deprivation of liberty will be unlawful. Implementation of the safeguards will be monitored by the new Care Quality Commission and is expected to be fully operational by 2009/10. <p>Members reflected that the legislation would have an impact on future commissioning in terms of where individuals are placed. JBe noted</p>	

	<p>that the Older Peoples Partnership Board were keen to look at the issue of screening and would like to undertake a joint piece of work across all the Partnership Boards to explore the issues. MP noted that this could be addressed through the joint commissioning forum that had been recently established for all Partnership Board lead officers. JBr sought reassurance in terms of whether Doncaster is prepared for the implementation of the legislation or whether or not it constitutes a risk for the PCT and Local Authority. It was agreed that an assurance paper particularly around the training plan should be brought back to a future meeting. Members were advised that the risk in relation to the Deprivation Of Liberty Safeguards would probably be rated as amber as the codes of practice have yet to be produced however Doncaster is still ahead of many other areas in terms of the work it has already done. Another potential barrier could be ensuring that there are sufficient 'Best Interest' Assessors as there is no additional funding to offer pay incentives to existing staff to take on this responsibility.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p>368.</p>	<p>Performance Management – DtS Challenge</p>	
	<p>CL presented members with an updated report that contained feedback following the DtS Quarter 4 Challenge meeting that had taken place the day before with the Core Officer Group.</p> <p>JBr confirmed that she had had a discussion with Chris Boswell who had chaired the meeting and reported that all the actions that had been highlighted were being picked up and action taken where necessary.</p> <p>RG noted that the risk 'Interruption to services due to emergency situations' is an issue which poses a constant risk and suggested that the wording be amended to prevent it from appearing on the risk report each quarter. AD noted that at the Core Officer Group meeting, members had agreed that the scope of the 'challenge' should focus specifically on LAA actions and indicators therefore future challenges would not include risks falling outside of the LAA unless they link directly to a specific indicator.</p>	<p>CL</p>
<p>369.</p>	<p>Local Area Agreement 2008/2011 - Update</p>	
	<p>AD presented members with the most recent draft of the LAA which would be submitted to Government Office at the end of the week. Members were informed that the latest iteration has seen the Long Term priorities reduced from 10 to 7 while the LAA itself now consists of 28 priorities. The performance indicators have for the most part been agreed however some further tweaking in terms of the finer detail of the baselines and trajectories may be required. In particular, MP noted that the target related to self-directed support and individualised budgets needed to be renegotiated. Members were advised that final sign off by Ministers is expected to take place by 25th June. Once signed off, the final document will be circulated again to all members.</p>	

	<p>Linked to the LAA, JBr noted that she had recently received a presentation from John Casey at the Audit Commission on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and felt it would be useful if he were invited to attend the next meeting of the Theme Group to brief all members.</p>	CL
370.	Feedback from DtS Board	
	<p>JBr provided brief feedback from the two most recent DtS meetings that she had attended. Firstly, she noted that there had been a discussion around the allocation of Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF). Members were informed that previous NRF activity that had been rolled forward will be funded through WNF up until the end of September however an evaluation of what needs to continue after this will need to take place. AD noted that he was unsure whether the commissioning arrangements for WNF would fit in with the timescales for picking up any former NRF activity on 1st October as he had been advised that Neighbourhood Managers at DMBC had been tasked with developing plans for their areas which would be used as a basis for identifying the commissioning priorities for each of the deprived communities.</p> <p>In terms of the issue of accountability and the concept of the wider DtS Network, members were advised that this issue had been raised and was now higher up the DtS agenda. The DtS Board had also had discussions with Theme Group Chairs and lead officers with a view to improving communication and coordination between the Board and the Theme Groups. As a starting point to help explore how the Board conducts its business that is common across all Theme Groups, it was agreed that a cross-cutting issue should be chosen as a 'line of enquiry' and a specific project undertaken, exploring all the issues involved. Members were advised that domestic violence had been chosen as the first issue to be considered.</p> <p>JBr noted that the Board had also considered the new LAA at great length and discussed the issue of accountability and how it needed to link back to organisations.</p>	
371.	Any Other Business	
	There was no other business discussed.	
372.	For Information Only	
	<p>Members noted the LINKs briefing. RG expressed concern at the lack of transitional arrangements, leaving a gap between the end of March and the Autumn when the LINK is due to be in place. JBe agreed to follow up this issue with John Leask and proposed that a further report be brought back to the next meeting which could set out how the Federation for Carers intends to link with the Theme Group.</p>	JBe
373.	Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting	
	The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 th August 2008 at	

	2.00 p.m. in the Board Room, Park Lodge.	
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