



Representative Report to Network Members

Meeting attended: Healthier Doncaster Board
Date of Meeting: 18th November 2009

Key agenda items:

- 1) Healthier Doncaster Review Proposals
- 2) New Horizons: Towards a Shared Vision for Mental Health
- 3) Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention (QIPP)
- 4) Director of Public Health's Annual Report

Summary of Key Points

1) Healthier Doncaster Review Proposals

The members discussed the review proposals which aim to reinvigorate the Healthier Doncaster Theme Group to ensure it fulfils its role as a DtS sub group, in terms of delivering the Local Area Agreement and in coordinating the strategic direction for health and social care delivery in Doncaster.

The review is small scale and intended to allow the board to work more effectively. The following points were agreed:

- The frequency of board meetings changes to every two months
- The Chief Executive of NHS Doncaster becomes the Chair of the Group.
- Joan Beck, Director of Adult Services at Doncaster Council takes the role of Vice Chair for a 2 year period.
- That the membership be amended as per the revised Terms of Reference. It was agreed that Suzanne Joyner would become a member. Chair of Doncaster CVS also to retain a position on the board. Annette Laban to discuss the position of non-executive elected members on theme boards with Chief Executive of Doncaster Council.

2) New Horizons: Towards a Shared Vision for Mental Health

Board Members received a presentation to raise the awareness of 'New Horizons' and to frame a discussion on the future priority and direction of mental health policy within Doncaster. 'New Horizons' outlines the next steps for English mental health policy following the implementation of the National Service Framework for mental health. The key themes of 'New Horizons' include:

- Prevention and public mental health – recognising the need to prevent as well as treat mental health problems and promote mental health and well-being
- Stigma – strengthening the focus on social inclusion and tackling stigma and discrimination
- Early intervention – expanding the principle of early intervention to improve long-term outcomes
- Personalised care – ensuring that care is based on individuals' needs and wishes, leading to recovery
- Multi-agency commissioning/ collaboration – working to achieve a joint approach between Local Authorities, the NHS and others, mirrored by cross-government collaboration
- Innovation – seeking out new and dynamic ways to achieve the objectives based on research and new technologies
- Value for money – delivering cost-effective and innovative services in a period of recession
- Strengthening transition – improving the often difficult transition from child and adolescent mental health services to adult services, for those with continuing needs.

It was noted that as well as having a significant impact on people's lives, improving mental health could also reduce the cost of prescribing. Members noted the report and agreed to receive future progress reports from the Mental Health Partnership Board and Joint Commissioning forum on:

- The mental health and well-being of the population.
- The quality and accessibility of mainstream health and social care services.
- The quality and accessibility of specialist mental health services.

3) Quality, Innovation, Productivity & Prevention (QIPP)

Board members received a report providing background information of the local and national NHS Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) agenda, and an update of approach and progress in Doncaster.

The national economic situation has deteriorated over the last 18 months and as the Government and Treasury take action to manage the national recession, it is expected that public expenditure will have to be substantially reduced. As a consequence, the NHS is likely to face a period of little or no new investment from 2011/12.

In response to the changing national financial position, the Department of Health has undertaken an exercise to demonstrate opportunities in the NHS that can improve the quality of services provided to patients and also deliver efficiencies. This work has been undertaken in partnership with the private sector and the outcome of the exercise has estimated that the NHS can deliver significant efficiencies and improve quality by focussing on three QIPP themes in tandem. The three themes are:

- Drive through efficiencies in all provider services
- Optimise spend and ensure compliance with standards

- Shift care into more cost effective settings

To deliver this critical agenda and ensure a consistent approach that focuses on patient quality and service efficiency, NHS Doncaster has agreed a partnership approach to delivering the QIPP agenda with Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust, Doncaster Community Healthcare and Practice Based Commissioners. Local Authority colleagues have also been invited to be part of the partnership approach.

4) Director of Public Health's Annual Report

Tony Baxter presented the Public Health Annual Report for 2009. He stated that there will be changes in the demography of the population of younger people within Doncaster and services would need to reflect this in the future. The report also describes some of the important messages relating to Doncaster's children from the Doncaster Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Other areas in the report describe the challenge faced by Doncaster people from obesity, information about communicable diseases, progress made against recommendations made in the 2008 annual report. It also details Doncaster's Enhanced Public Health Programme and makes recommendations for decision makers in local health services and authorities on health gaps and priorities that need to be addressed.

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