

Healthier and Stronger Communities Partnership

Action notes from meeting on Friday 26th June 2009 in the Adult and Community Services Boardroom, County Hall, Exeter

Attendees: Members

Name	Organisation
Dr Virginia Pearson (Chair)	Devon Primary Care Trust / Devon County Council
Philip Bostock	Devon Districts Forum
Kate Brookes	Devon and Cornwall Constabulary
Diana Crump	Devon Consortium
Carolyn Elliott	Devon County Council
Karen Nolan	Devon Consortium
Simon Perkins	Devon & Cornwall Probation Service

Attendees: Officers

Mike Symonds	Government Office South West
Brendan Yates	DH/ Government Office South West
John Smith	Devon County Council
Iain Lang	Devon Primary Care Trust
Ian Tearle	Devon Primary Care Trust

Apologies

Lorraine Allen	Government Office South West
Jayne Carroll	Devon Primary Care Trust
Sue Craythorne	Devon County Council
Ingrid Fisher	Devon County Council
Jenny McNeil	Devon Primary Care Trust
Stephen Otter	Devon & Cornwall Constabulary
Anne Proctor	Devon & Cornwall Probation Service
Jennie Stephens	Devon County Council
Pauline Webb	Audit Commission
Anne Whiteley	Devon County Council

Action Notes

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Lead
1	Welcome and Introduction Dr Pearson welcomed members to the second meeting of the Partnership.	
2	Apologies Members were informed of those colleagues who were unable to attend	
3	Notes of the last meeting Agreed as accurate.	

4	<p>Matter Arising All matters arising were covered on the agenda.</p>	
5	<p>Governance arrangements Members agreed the new vision statement (Annex B). It was also agreed that a statement should be included on wider stakeholder engagement for the partnership. It is proposed to include a new section 2.2 stating: <i>“The Executive will convene a minimum of an annual stakeholder conference to share good practice, gain views on priorities and inform the work programme for the Partnership.”</i></p> <p>Consideration of the ‘Thematic Partnerships Groups Analysis (Annex C) prompted discussion on the role of the Chair of the various thematic groups. It was agreed that to strengthen the accountability of the groups and lay people should be sought to Chair where this was not the case. It was recognised that there needs to be a consistent approach to engaging the various groups to share the thinking on re-aligning the accountabilities. The stakeholder conference provides the opportunity to share with all constituents and secure their mandate.</p> <p>Action: Virginia, Ian and Jennie Stephens to meet to agree the process of aligning the groups and securing the support of the wider stakeholders.</p>	<p>Ian Tearle</p> <p>Virginia Pearson</p>
6	<p>Safeguarding Adults Whilst it was appreciated that that the accountability for the Safeguarding work should sit with the Safer Devon Partnership concern was expressed that at the current time the Partnership is focused on other priorities. Dr Yates raised the issue that all NHS Trusts and public sector organisations need to prioritise and embed ‘Safeguarding’ within their everyday practice.</p> <p>Action: discussion to be held with the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Improvement and Development Board to agree the process for aligning to the Safer Devon Partnership</p>	<p>John Smith</p>
7	<p>Health Inequalities Presentation The main discussion points arising from the presentation were;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inequities in service delivery often arise from traditional clinical behaviours ▪ All Age All Cause Mortality targets could be achieved without impacting on health inequalities, therefore proxy indicators need to be agreed to identify specific progress on inequalities ▪ Accountability for secondary prevention will be essential ▪ The expertise and skills of the voluntary and 	

	<p>community sector needs to be harnessed to engage with hard to reach groups and communities</p> <p>Action: the model of working through local Health and Wellbeing groups and their District Level Local Strategic Partnerships needs to be consistently implemented.</p>	Ian Tearle
8	<p>Local Area Agreement Performance Framework</p> <p>It was agreed this was a helpful format. Amendments need to be made to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ indicate the trend by upward/downward arrows ▪ express some quantification of risk need to be ▪ include named leads <p>The relationship between this reporting process and the 'Way Ahead' priorities needs to be made explicit.</p> <p>Access, particularly by the community and voluntary sector, to the data and intelligence developed through the joint Strategic Needs Assessment process was another area identified as needing development.</p> <p>John Smith spoke to the paper setting Stronger Communities Delivery Plan. The members endorsed the plan.</p> <p>Action: LAA reporting framework to be amended. A model for aligning the Way Ahead work to be designed to ensure a coherent approach to tracking progress.</p>	Ian Tearle
9	<p>Work Programme and Frequency of meetings</p> <p>It was agreed to plan for a conference in November/December. In view of the breadth of the remit for the Partnership it was also agreed to hold a workshop in September for the Executive to consider the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), the performance framework, the Stronger Communities Delivery Plan and the aims and objectives for the Conference</p> <p>Action: date and agenda for the workshop to be agreed and circulated.</p>	Virginia Pearson
10	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Dr Yates informed members that the National Indicator set was under review.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>To be agreed.</p>	