

Notes on the CCEN Seminar : Routes to the LSP - Health & Wellbeing Wednesday 11 November 2009

Donna Turnbull, CCEN Strategy & Policy Officer, introduced the seminar. She explained that the last CCEN seminar - *Routes to the LSP* – had given an overview, explaining about the CCEN and how it works, what the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) does and how the voluntary and community sector (VCS) connects with the LSP. One of the ways the VCS connects with the LSP is through the various Strategic Partnerships and today we will be focusing on the Health & Wellbeing Board (H&WBB)

DT introduced Deb James, Health and Social Care Forum Development Worker and Maureen Brewster, Senior Development Worker – Camden Health & Inequalities Forum who led the seminar with a short presentation on the background to the H&WBB.

Before the H&WBB was set up there was the Public Health Partnership (PHP). Membership of the PHP was Directors and Chief Executives of Acute Trusts and Primary Care Trust. It was responsible for commissioning and performance management of funding and was accountable to the LSP. As well as the PHP there is the Professional Executive Committee (PEC) with membership from Clinical Governance and GP's. The role of the PEC is to work closely with the NHS Camden board and senior management team to help develop and plan the future direction of health services in Camden. Due to changes in the Local Area Agreement and the shift to performance monitored against National Indicators there was no longer a need for a strategic partnership whose main purpose was commissioning or performance management.

The new H&WBB will develop a more holistic approach to services and to this end its membership is wider than purely health. There has been one meeting so far and terms of reference was the main agenda item.

The H&WBB will :

- advise on the strategic direction that will inform planning and commissioning of services for all age groups,
- Guide the coordination of work between commissioning bodies, with a focus on collaboration
- Focus on the health and wellbeing themes identified in the Community Strategy
- Direct the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Membership of the board will be no more than 15 although experts /advisers may be brought in from time to time. Presently there are two VCS places on the H&WBB and these will be nominated from the Health & Social Care Forum (HSCF) and the Health Inequalities Forum (HIF)¹. Other members include the Chair of Camden LINK, various Directors and Assistant Directors of council departments and NHS Camden. There is no longer representation from the Acute Trusts at strategic level. However the H&WBB intend to hold a series of open days/seminars during the year which will involve other NHS services (such as the Acute Trusts) and VCS groups.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

This has been a statutory responsibility since April 2008.

- Systematically identify and agree on current and future well being needs of a population
- Inform priorities for commissioning
- Improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities

Part of the work on this is looking at all the different policies already undertaken and how they link in – from national targets and priorities as well as locally expressed demand. Although this is supposed to be holistic it is predominately health service driven. However it will focus in future on both health and non-health influences, and align with the various strategic plans – Community Strategy, Children & Young People, Commissioning etc.

¹ There will be a Joint Health Inequalities Forum and Health and Social Care Forum workshop on Monday 16 November to look at how the representatives will be chosen, This will look at the skills and experience are needed and how the representatives can be supported.

- Q. What about carers?
 A. Government says that carers should underpin every aspect of the JSNA. Also it is the role of the workers with the HIF and HSCF to look at how they engage with carers and the H&SCF has outreach work as part of its role so as to engage those groups who don't attend forum meetings
- Q. What is the definition of 'wellbeing'?
 A. H&WBB is looking at the definition of '*wellbeing*' - the work of NEF, World Health Organisation etc.
- Q. Is there the will to make it real and accessible or are they just going through the motions?
 A. In Camden the VCS have been involved in the JSNA – agreed the main tool for the H&WBB to work with, However there will only be 4 meetings a year so may not get much done but H&WBB is keen on VCS involvement and are working to produce something worth doing.

Suggestions:

- VCS come up with definition of wellbeing and what we need to show this – measures /gaps etc. Prioritising what the VCS organisations (large and small) do
- Invite the Director of Public Health to an event showcasing the work of the VCS
- Access funding (Gulbenkian Foundation etc) for research into identifying the gaps in our knowledge of the VCS and its services
- If you can't attend the HSCF or HIF meetings you can contact the workers with any concerns about policies etc and these can go to the reps and taken to the H&WBB and then responses fed back to the forums
- Look at providing some support to reps – Children Schools and Families reimburse reps organisations for attending meetings.
- Need to be clear that representatives on H&WBB do not replace the Local Authority duty to consult
- Groups need to look at how they collect information on services and gaps – casework highlights unmet needs, patterns of service etc. This can be gathered together and submitted to inform commissioning – case studies.
- Need to develop a simple form for people to submit information²
- Training needs analysis needed to identify what training might be needed for example data collection, analysis
- Set up pool of shadow representatives – train people up to feel confident about sitting on strategic partnership boards

Attendance

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² Anju Bhatt said she was willing to work with VAC to develop simple 2 page form