



Business Board Meeting
Wednesday 25 September 2019
Hebburn Central

Present:

Peter Bower	Co-Chair	Shobha Srivastava	Director
Joy Curry	Director	Sheila Scott	HW Manager (minute taker)
Margaret Adams	Director	Tara Johnson	HW Team
Marilyn Stidolph	Director		

In attendance: Sarann Valentine, Christopher Cunnington-Shore, Dr Murthy, Jim Welch, Margaret Curtis, Dr John Dean, Paul Weddell, Rachel Rooney, Tina Balbach

Apologies: Sue Taylor, Ged Dixon, Paula Lowson

Agenda Item	Action
1	<p><u>Presentation by the Path to Excellence Team</u></p> <p>Peter Bower, Co-Chair South Tyneside Healthwatch, drew members and guests together and opened the meeting by inviting the NECS Team to introduce themselves, thanked the Team for coming to present to the three Healthwatch across the Integrated Care Partnership.</p> <p>He stated that we were interested to hear how the implementation of Phase 1 of Path 2 Excellence was proceeding but Healthwatch colleagues mainly wanted to know how the plans were progressing for Phase 2 and the associated public consultation.</p> <p>The NECS Team handed out packs for information then proceeded with the presentation.</p> <p>Peter thanked the Team for the presentation and opened the meeting for questions. Questions were asked by all Healthwatch and answered as fully as possible by the Team.</p> <p>Once all questions had been put, Peter asked the Chairs of Healthwatch Durham and Sunderland if they had enough opportunity to ask questions of the Team and if they wanted to make any closing remarks about their Healthwatch specific interest in Path 2 Excellence.</p>

	<p>Dr John Dean raised the following:</p> <p>Concerns in relation to inequality risks where people living in the Sunderland and Durham area were receiving appointments for ST district hospital when they had difficulties in travel, poor mobility and elderly and were living in deprived areas (30% of Sunderland Population). With an expensive circa three-hour return trip involving multiple bus connections.</p> <p>Some procedures involved an early start which rendered bus travel impossible leading to very expensive taxi fares.</p> <p>The ineffectiveness of the transport stakeholder group given that the bus companies are commercial organisations. All that is required is a hub to hub service that stopped at both hospitals.</p> <p>John also said that without funding much of phase 2 would not happen.</p> <p>The Chair of Healthwatch Durham raised the following:</p> <p>The figure of 1000 patients seemed to be relatively low and would need further investigation/ratification given the patient flows through elective choice.</p> <p>The need to consider the placing of services given the excellent situation of the Diagnostic Centre in Belmont which whilst offering excellent facilities is not necessarily well located for public transport.</p> <p>The need to have excellent public transport facilities (even perhaps an opportunity for NEAS) for the provision of services for those reliant on buses or metro/trains. The need to consider capacity whilst planning for the future - exponential increase in population/aging population/co-modalities/developing healthcare provision rather than short term requirements.</p> <p>The need to have an engagement plan that was meaningful and the ability for Healthwatch organisations to contribute at the planning stage recognising the value that could be harnessed.</p> <p>The need to ensure that there is a more cohesive plan developed between the CCG's and ICS to ensure that there is little overlap between various consultations particularly across South of Tyne and County Durham.</p>	
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	<p>Make the language simpler and possibly more infographics rather than significant paper-based reports.</p> <p>There being no more business the Chair summarised the meeting making the points that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Healthwatch would lead on risk analysis and would seek to convene a meeting, with the support of NECS, to look further into this topic • South Tyneside Healthwatch would be making a formal request for lay involvement in the Clinical Services Review Group. <p>The Chair closed the meeting.</p>	<p>HWS</p> <p>PB</p>
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u></p> <p>Awards for All: progressing well with Sarann making various contacts in the Borough.</p> <p>Has Shobha made a decision about retiring from the Board?</p>	
3	<p><u>Finance Report</u></p> <p><u>Management Accounts</u> Sheila presented the management accounts advising that all is going as it should be.</p> <p><u>Income and Expenditure</u> The amount of £1,734 from Access to Work for the alterations to the office door has been received.</p>	
4	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Margaret Adams had attended the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 18 September.</p> <p>Vicki Pattinson (Head of Adults and Integrated Care) asked if Healthwatch could dig deeper regarding the SEND report. Margaret advised that she should contact Sheila to discuss.</p> <p>Cllr Ian Malcolm asked what is HWST next 'Deep Dive'.</p>	
6	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Wednesday 27 November 2019</p>	