

Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Thursday 11 February 2016

Craig Mitchell House, Flemington Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5QF

Present:

Bert Lumsden
Kenny Murphy
Jo Clark
Bill Baird
Norma Philpot
Ewan Masson
Janice Burt
Liz Reid
Jim Bett
Sylvia Nadolny
Senga Smith
Christine Davison
Ross Livingstone
Louise Ewing
Heather Kirkbride
Caroline Gascone

Age Concern Glenrothes
Fife Voluntary Action
Fife Voluntary Action
Royal Voluntary Service
CARF
Dunfermline Advocacy
DPHS
Homeshare Scotland
FASS
Link Living
Link Befriending
Fife Voluntary Action
Circles Network
NHS Fife
NHS Fife
SAMH

Apologies:

Bill Chalmers
Linda Cruickshank
Fiona Smith
John Stirling
Duncan Mitchell
Jackie Morrison
Jane Maciver

British Red Cross
RNIB
Crossroads Fife Central
Disabilities Fife
FEAT
DPHS
Link Befriending

NHS Fife 'Clinical Strategy Participation & Engagement Plan', Louise Ewing, Patient Relations Manager

The Forum welcomed Louise Ewing who presented on the NHS Fife Clinical Strategy Participation and Engagement Plan.

Louise started with a video which outlined the purpose of the plan, [click here](#) to view this video.

A key focus on this plan is to engage with as many groups as possible during its development.

Louise and her team are keen to visit as many groups in Fife as possible to deliver this presentation and to gather views/feedback on the plan.

Questions Louise and her team wish to ask are:

- What's important to you?
- What currently works well?
- What could we do better?

Discussion points included:

- Strategic plans can be too high level to comment specifics.
- It is legislation that public sector bodies must engage and consult.
- This plan is separate to the Integration of Health and Social Care.
- Engagement with the third sector is seen as a challenge.
- Sharing information.
- The leaflet produced for the Clinical Strategy Participation and Engagement Plan.
- How services are going to be funded when services face cuts.
- Change is needed to deliver the best possible outcomes for service users.
- If someone is coordinating consultation and engagement activity to avoid over consultation with groups/people.

Health and Social Care Integration Update

The Integration Joint Board (IJB) has been established in law. Responsibility for full service delivery has been delayed until 01 April 2016.

The IJB have agreed what the strategic plan will be, including feedback gathered from the consultation. The third and independent sectors were not part of the meeting to discuss this feedback. The Strategic Plan is expected to be published soon. An Equalities Impact Assessment of the overall strategic plan has been carried out, the third sector were involved with this.

The IJB was officially launched at an event at The Bay Hotel, Kinghorn on 03 February 2016. There was significant focus on delayed discharge at the event.

The new manager for delayed discharge in Fife is Belinda Morgan. Jan Carter is the Chief Finance officer and Fiona MacKay is Head of Strategic Planning, Performance & Commissioning.

The Forum discusses the new structures being developed by the IJB:

The Partnership Management Group (PMG) was made up of senior managers, the third and independent sectors were key members in this group. The PMG has been dissolved and has been replaced by the Transformational Group. The IJB has two new committees.

Sandy Riddell who is currently the director of Health and Social Care in Fife has announced that he will be retiring.

Fiona Mackenzie and Heather Ford who are currently the Change Mangers for Health and Social Care Integration are moving into other positions as their secondment comes to end soon.

The budget for the IJB has not yet been confirmed, it is likely discussions on this will start in March.

It has been agreed and accepted that the third sector needs to be involved in all workforce development.

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Fairer Fife Commission

One of the recommendations from the Fairer Fife Commission is to develop a knowledge hub in Fife which will be done. This will be built on the Know Fife Dataset.

The IJB has fully accepted that the Fairer Fife Commission needs to be at the heart of work, and that they need to demonstrate how their work contributes to the recommendations.

Audit Scotland

Kenny discusses the Audit Scotland Report: Health and social care integration, [click here](#) to read the report.

Proposed Budget Cuts

Kenny has published an [article](#) on the FVA website regarding proposed budget cuts to Fife.

Fife Council currently faces a 3.6% cut to its budget.

Kenny has outlined a number of key points in this defence of third sector services:

- Charities reserves should not be a target for cuts.
- The third sector has received a far higher 'real terms' cut to budgets
- We should not ignore the recommendations in several national and local strategic plans that want to see an increased focus on:
 - Reducing inequalities and poverty
 - A shift towards prevention
 - Building the capacity of our local communities
- The third sector should:
 - Continue to seek funding out-with Fife
 - Work in collaboration

- Seek efficiencies where possible

Discussion:

Responsibility for projects currently in receipt of re-occurring funding through Social Work will be transferred to the IJB. The Forum asks Kenny to write a letter about the lack of information regarding re-occurring funding to the third sector.

Action: Fife Voluntary Action to write a letter to the IJB regarding this issue.

Kenny informs the forum that Service level Agreements (SLA's) cannot be cut from 01 April; there must be a minimum three month notice period for any changes.

Link officers (who monitor third sector activity under SLA's for Fife Council) are reporting that the third sector should not receive cuts.

Uncertainty of funding affects members of staff who may have contracts which end at the end of March 2016. This puts huge pressure on organisations:

- Loss of knowledge, training and investment in staff if they leave;
- Loss of motivation as jobs may be ending;
- Loss of momentum in work as organisations may put off starting new work.

“Kenny encourages organisations to send information to the Council about their organisation and their journey” including information on:

- Cuts already made (including 'real terms' cuts);
- About the services they deliver;
- The difference they make;
- Case studies;
- How they could deliver more with an increase in funding.

Member updates

Homeshare Scotland continue to look for their first match. They have received enquiries from all over Scotland. They are applying for funding from the Scottish Health Alliance.

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife are holding a volunteer and staff conference. They have invited Change Managers Fiona Mackenzie and Heather Ford to give an update on the Integration of Health and Social Care.

The Self-Directed Support Team at Fife Council held a launch event for On Your Doorstep which is a website offering information on Fife services and community assets. The event had a marketplace in the afternoon which was open to the public and showcased Fife services.

Feedback

