

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FORUM

22 October 2015

Attendance

Name	Organisation/role
Peter Haley (Chair)	Chief Executive, People to Places
Ally Green	East Berkshire CCGs
Robert Cooper	PPI Governing Body member, Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead CCG
Karen Maskell	PPI Governing Body member Bracknell and Ascot CCG
Ramesh Kukar	Involve – Slough and WAM
Chris Taylor	Healthwatch Bracknell Forest
Nicola Strudley	Healthwatch Slough
Cllr Lynda Yong	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Dr Jim O'Donnell	Clinical Chair, Slough CCG
Lily Evans	
Cllr Zaffar Ajaib	Slough Borough Council
Mike Connolly	PPI Governing Body member, Slough CCG
Hayley Edwards	Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead CCG
Dr Onteeru Reddy	Public Health, Slough Borough Council
Clare Williams	Local resident
Juliet Thomas	Commissioning Support Unit
Dr Trivedi	GP, Slough
Jo Jefferies	Public Health, Bracknell Forest Council
Apologies	
Dr Adrian Hayter	Clinical Chair, WAM CCG
Madeline Diver	CV Faith Sectors, Bracknell Forest
Caron Kipping	The Dash Charity
Roger Panton	OPAF
Phil Cook	Involve Community Services, Bracknell Forest
Pat Rodgers	Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
Carol Crowe	East Berkshire CCGs
Sonya Lippold	Health Advisory Group
Dr William Tong	Clinical Chair Bracknell and Ascot CCG
Andy Battye	South Central Ambulance Service
Sheila Holmes	Healthwatch WAM and Older People's Partnership Board for Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead
Dale Birch	Bracknell Forest Council
Mary Purnell	Bracknell and Ascot CCG
Cllr David Coppinger	Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Conflict of interests

There was no declaration of a conflict of interest.

Notes of meeting on 25 June 2015.

The notes were agreed.

Flu

Dr Trevedi, GP in Slough explained why it is important to vaccinate against flu.

The vaccination reduces hospital admissions and reduces the harm caused by flu. In doing this it also saves the NHS money.

Last year saw a reduction in numbers of patients suffering from respiratory problems. The Winter months were no different from other months of the year. There was also a reduction in numbers of people attending A&E.

The Flu vaccination is available to people in at risk groups including:

- Children aged 2 - 6
- People aged over 65
- People with a long term condition
- Pregnant women
- Carers of older or disabled people
- Learning disability

Some people don't come forward for the vaccination but we often don't ask why. When we do, we find people have various reasons why, including holidays and having recently been discharged from hospital. The GP can offer the vaccination at another time. Dr Trevedi has managed to achieve a very high uptake of the vaccine with his practice population. His approach has included offering group sessions for pregnant women and making personal contact with patients to ensure that all efforts are made to encourage them to benefit from the vaccination.

This has proved to make a tremendous difference for patients at his practice including having the lowest numbers of attendances at A&E and emergency admissions to hospital.

Dr Reddy from Public Health gave a presentation about the flu vaccination and the different levels of uptake.

The vaccination can prevent infection and can reduce harm if flu is contracted so the illness will be less severe.

Uptake rates have improved most in Slough but numbers are still lower than for the other CCGs.

Non responders can include people with strong cultural values and beliefs. We are meeting with religious groups to help address some misunderstanding.

The uptake by clinical risk groups and their relative mortality ratios was presented.

The data demonstrated a good uptake of the vaccination for some groups, such as people with diabetes, who have a relatively lower increased risk associated with flu. This is contrasted by lower uptake by people with chronic liver disease who have a risk of dying from flu which is 50 times higher than general population. This is despite the national and local campaigns to raise awareness and target the people in these at risk groups. It is thought that those groups of patients who have very regular contact with their GP practice are more likely to respond.

There are a number of myths about the vaccination that can dissuade people from coming forward. These include the belief that having the vaccination causes flu which is not true.

The presentations are available on the CCG websites.

Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

Juliet Thomas from the South, Central and West Commissioning Support Unit gave a presentation detailing the CCGs' plans for improving local services.

This plan was developed in response to the five year review from NHS England, closing the gap between health and wellbeing and parity of esteem.

National funding allocations have been made for improving CAMHS. For the east Berkshire CCGs this will be:

- £220,500 for eating disorders
- £551,934 additional transformation funding

The Transforming Children's Health Board has been set up and is chaired by Dr William Tong. This Board will oversee the further development and implementation of plans.

A provider forum has been set up to hear their views about the gaps in current services.

Stakeholder engagement has started but more is planned. In particular there is a need to develop more meaningful engagement with local schools.

The plan has been submitted to NHS England and comments are expected from them within the next two to three weeks.

Currently, the various services that make up CAMHS are organised into four tiers with tier four being the services for the most severely ill children, including inpatient care.

Berkshire children needing to be admitted to hospital will need to go to Reading where appropriate expertise and accommodation is available. Concerns were raised that this is some distance for families living in east Berkshire and that a more local facility would be preferred.

The size of the facility is based on the incidence and need. It is important that local children with the highest level of need have access to the best care and expertise and this means the facility needs to serve a large enough population to make it viable. It is not possible to have inpatient units near every community.

It is important that the other community-based services in tiers 2 and 3 are good quality and easily accessible. These services can help prevent an escalation to needing specialist care and will help to reduce the need for inpatient care. Currently, the waiting times for tier 2 and 3 services are too long and the plan intends to bring this down.

Investments in the adult mental health services based in the community have proved successful have proved successful at reducing the number of admissions to Prospect Park by half in last three years.

The timescale is tight for spending the money being allocated for this year. Plans are being developed for this year and include reducing waiting times, launching an anti-stigma campaign in schools and producing a directory of training.

Q: Do the plans include anything about transitioning between children's and adult services?

A: Yes, this has been understood as an important issue, in particular for vulnerable children.

Q: Bipolar does not appear to be identified as a specific priority but affects a growing number of young people.

A: In general, the plan has not identified specific conditions except for eating disorders which is required.

Q: It is difficult to get support for a child before a diagnosis which is a particular problem when waiting times are high. Is this covered in the plan?

A: The plan aims to bring waiting times down significantly which will help to address this problem.

Q: It is important to link with other key services such as schools and the police. Is this recognised in the plan?

A: Yes, this is reflected in the plan.

The presentation slides from both presentations are available on the CCGs' websites.

Future meetings

Next meeting: 21 January 2016
 6.30pm – 8.30pm
 4 Marlow Road, Maidenhead

Suggested topics for future meetings:

- Data sharing and confidentiality
- End of Life Care – engaging community groups
- Patient engagement
- HealthMakers feedback
- Car parks and transport
- Suicide prevention
- Obesity and nutrition in hospitals
- Future of Heatherwood Hospital and the trust acquisition (Frimley Health FT) one year on
- Primary care and extended access