

**Tonbridge & Malling Local Strategic Partnership  
Minutes of Meeting – 2 December 2011**

**Present:** Cllr Mark Worrall – Leader, TMBC  
 David Hughes – Chief Executive, TMBC  
 Angela Painter – Kenward Trust  
 Cllr Liz Simpson - TMBC  
 Mark Raymond – TMBC  
 Gill Fox – TMBC  
 Peter Robinson – T&M District Cricket Partnership  
 Jay Edwins – West Kent PCT  
 Sheila West – Kent Libraries  
 James Harman – KCC  
 Paul Temple – Age Concern  
 John Handley – Bridge Trust  
 Marcus Wright – K College  
 Angela Newey – Tonbridge CAB  
 Jackie Wilkinson – Russet Homes  
 Tish Gailey – West Kent PCT  
 Rob Slade – Kent Police  
 Val Miller – West Kent PCT  
 Bishop Brian Castle - Bishop of Tonbridge  
 Dr Bob Bowes – West Kent CCG

**Apologies:** Cllr Owen Baldock – Cabinet Member, TMBC  
 Cllr Valerie Dagger – Council Member, KCC  
 Bernadette Gillow – Ightham Mote  
 Steven Woodcock - Russet Homes  
 Paul Hannan – Hadlow College  
 John Graffik – K College  
 Chris Hare – K College  
 Jon Kirby – Kent Police  
 Cllr Graham Gibbens - Council Member, KCC  
 Father Brendan Grady - The Friars

		<b>ACTION BY</b>
<b>1. Introductions and Apologies</b>		
Cllr Mark Worrall welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Jackie Wilkinson for the use of the meeting room.		

<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>M.Worrall declared he is a Non-Executive Director of the NHS Acute Trust as well as a member of the Shadow KCC Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>	
<p><b>3. Introduction to Russet Homes – Jackie Wilkinson</b></p> <p>J.Wilkinson gave a brief introduction to the work undertaken by Russet. Took over housing stock from TMBC in 1991 and later joined the Circle Anglia group. Tenants include families, those in sheltered accommodation, special needs/ learning disability schemes as well as 140 shared ownership schemes. Majority are assured tenants, Invicta Telecare also based at Russet. Most important social landlord in the Borough, with turnover of £40 million, non – profit, distributing company e.g. profit reinvested into the housing stock.</p>	
<p><b>4. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011</b></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting were signed and agreed as a correct record. Matters arising were discussed as follows:</p> <p>Libraries: Indication of changes within library services. M.Worrall suggested that when proposals for change were drawn up, a group could be formed to look at these to ensure KCC are made fully aware of any community issues and impacts.</p> <p>Review of KCC Youth Services – taken forward via meeting with KCC / TMBC. J.Harman responded that KCC received over 700 responses from groups, currently going through them. Further news on this in the new year. Will provide group with formal timeline and confirmation of any changes.</p>	<p>JH to update to next meeting</p>
<p><b>5. Introduction / Overview of Local Health Structures – Jay Edwins (WK PCT)</b></p> <p>A presentation was made by J.Edwins giving an overview of the changes and new structures of local health services.</p> <p>M.Worrall updated the group regarding the status of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – this was still in ‘shadow shadow’ form. The emerging Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for health will be important in setting out local health needs and will inform commissioning plans. The goal needs to be greater integration with more straight forward pathways for those needing health care.</p> <p>There is still some uncertainty regarding the changes in public health and the transfer of this function to KCC, particular, the extent to which public health money be ring fenced. T.Gailey’s understanding was that 20% of the money would be allocated to Public Health England.</p>	

<p>Funding for individual authorities remained unclear.</p> <p>L.Simpson questioned how commissioning would be undertaken for very local areas but with specific needs including commissioning for mental health and child specialist care. It was suggested that commissioning of these specialist services would be undertaken by the National Commissioning Board to ensure national consistency. Local Clinical Commissioning Groups would also have a role to identify and meet such needs.</p> <p>M.Worrall enquired about the services currently being delivered by the voluntary and community sector e.g. foot care / eye / stroke recovery etc. Currently undertaken via direct service level agreement with the PCT. It remained unclear as to where these services fit within the new structure as these are essential services. T.Gailey responded that handover groups will work closely with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) during the transition from 2 PCTs into 7 or 8 CCGs to ensure continuity of such services</p> <p>M.Worrall thanked J.Edwins for his presentation.</p>	
<p><b>6. Health Inequalities in Tonbridge &amp; Malling – Val Miller (WK PCT)</b></p> <p>A presentation was made by V.Miller looking at inequalities within the borough. The key issues identified included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a widening gap in all age mortality between the least and most deprived wards</li> <li>- increase in the proportion of people aged 65+, higher in Tonbridge and Malling than anywhere else in Kent. For 85+ it is the second highest predicted increase</li> <li>- life expectancy at birth high in some wards (eg Kings Hill) but much lower in others (eg Burham, Eccles Wouldham)</li> <li>- problems of overweight children in YR and Y6 in some wards</li> <li>- relatively low prevalence of breast-feeding at 6-8 weeks</li> <li>- increasing rates of admission to hospital due to alcohol</li> </ul> <p>A number of issues were discussed:</p> <p>How work to reach the target to increase numbers of mothers breastfeeding up until 6-8 weeks. It was reported that additional health visitors are being recruited which could help address this.</p> <p>Healthy weight and the problem of getting people referred onto healthy weight programmes. More research was required to help inform local programmes.</p> <p>D.Hughes mentioned the poor provision of CAMHS within Tonbridge and Malling, which could attribute to the high figures for self harm.</p>	<p>Ian Derbys</p>

<p>J.Edwins offered to invite Ian Derbyshire from CAMHS to come to an LSP meeting to discuss this and to look into the details of the figures.</p> <p>M.Worrall thanked V.Miller and reiterated that specific details of all the issues could be brought to subsequent meetings.</p>	<p>hire to be invited to next meeting</p>
<p><b>7. Health Watch – Tish Gailey (KCC)</b></p> <p>A presentation was made by T.Gailey outlining the functions that will be provided by Health Watch. .</p> <p>M.Worrall mentioned the problem of knowing where to go with complaints. People are unsure. It was suggested that currently there are various organisations involved in health standards and the creation of a single body (Health Watch) should make this process easier.</p> <p>T.Gailey also drew attention to the complaints advocacy service. People should still go to the organisation they have a complaint with first and then if unresolved, Health Watch could take up those issues.</p> <p>M.Worrall thanked T.Gailey for her presentation.</p>	
<p><b>8. TMBC Health Initiatives – Mark Raymond (TMBC)</b></p> <p>M.Raymond gave an update on health related initiatives undertaken by the Borough Council. He drew attention to the health-related work undertaken by direct services, for example, Environmental Health and Housing (food hygiene inspections, etc), Planning (providing open spaces, access to services etc), Leisure Services (Leisure centres, sports development, etc).</p> <p>In addition, the Council delivers a range of health improvement projects currently commissioned by the PCT. This work includes healthy weight initiatives: adult weight programmes with a targeted 12 week gym programme for adults with a BMI of 28 or above; the MEND programme – working with whole families to tackle childhood obesity – currently running in East Malling and due to start in Trench in the new year; the Beat Project are commissioned in Snodland, Trench and East Malling to work on community health and health improvement days involving various agencies, community chef, cholesterol testing etc, making contact with hard to reach families; Platform 51 have been commissioned to run Jasmine – a women’s emotional and mental health project, also addressing alcohol and substance misuse. M Raymond reported that the Healthy Living Co-ordinator acts as an important bridge between the Borough Council and the PCT.</p>	

**9. Evolving Role of the West Kent Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr Robert Bowes**

A presentation was made by Dr Robert Bowes as chairman of the West Kent and Weald Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). It was noted that most of the Borough was included within its area with the exception of West Malling/Leybourne/Kings Hill who had chosen to join the Maidstone and Malling CCG. A further part of the Borough - Walderslade/BBH was also linked to the Medway CCG.

B Bowes reported that spending on health has increased over the years and gone up 3 times rate of inflation. This has gone unchecked until this year. There was a need to address this. There needed to be a shift in funding from acute care to primary care. The timetable for the CCG indicated that it will be a shadow body by April 2012 and then will have full responsibility the following year.

M.Worrall confirmed that members of the LSP would be willing to help with communication of changes.

J.Edwins asked how widespread is the problem that GPs do not want to be involved in commissioning and do not see themselves as “finance managers”.

Dr Bowes responded that the problem is widespread, but interest in commissioning and the CCG needs to be promoted to all GPs.

M.Worrall thanked Dr Bowes for his presentation.

**10. AOB**

Future meetings – invite Val Miller and Dr Marion Gibbon to look further into specific health issues.

The Chairman raised the issue of concerns around access to new hospital. He reported that investment to improve the frequency and number of bus routes serving the hospital was underway. However, one route from Borough Green to Tonbridge was thought to be uneconomic with projected low passenger numbers. Discussions were underway to look into other ways of enhancing transport options – e.g. expanding volunteer driver services. Discussions were due to take place at WK Partnership meeting to explore this further. Members of the LSP were invited to contact M.Worrall if they would like to get involved – all would be welcome.

Suggestion to hold the next meeting at K College – details will be circulated nearer the time.

All members to contact G.Fox or M.Raymond with any ideas for themed meetings/agenda items.

All

Presentations from this meeting to be put on website.

Date of next meeting – Thursday 15 March 2012 10am – 2pm.

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