

Public Board Meeting

Monday 6 February 2023
1100 – 1300hrs, by tele/video conference

Minutes

Item	Title	Enc	Who
1	<p>Attendance</p> <p>Directors: Jo Ringshall – Chair Martin Gallagher Jane Stanley Chris Byrne John Taylor Simon Adams</p> <p>Co-opted Board Members: St Pauls Hostel represented by Jonathan Sutton David Saunders – Volunteer Sandycroft represented by Lee McKenzie [NB the Co-opted Members attend the Board Meeting as non-voting participants]</p> <p>Apologies: Young Solutions represented by Pete Sugg Swallows Head and Neck Cancer – Co-opted Board Member Families in Partnership - Co-opted Board Member</p> <p>Also Present: Engagement Officers: Suzy James Margaret Reilly Nicola Longworth-Cook</p>		JR
2	<p>Declaration of Interests None declared.</p>		JR
3	<p>Minutes of Public Board Meeting on 24 November 2022 and Matters Arising: The Directors unanimously agreed the minutes of the Public Board Meeting on 24 November 2022 [Enc 1]</p>	Enc 1	JR

<p>5</p>	<p>The availability of Antibiotics suitable for Children in Worcestershire</p> <p>In December 2022 HWW made an enquiry with NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire following patients reporting difficulty in obtaining antibiotics for children and received a response in January reporting that the shortages of antibiotics in the run up to Christmas was a national issue. NHS Herefordshire & Worcestershire understood that stock availability issues in community pharmacies locally were largely resolved, assisted by the national introduction of the Serious Shortage Protocols allowing community pharmacies to supply alternative products to that specified on a prescription, in very specific circumstances. NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire stated that it continued to work with community pharmacies and other system colleagues to try to minimise the impact of stock shortages on patients where it can, and it is aware this is an issue that has attention at a national level too.</p> <p>After discussion during which LM raised concerns about patients reporting shortages of other medications the Directors agreed to monitor the situation.</p>		<p>JS</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Worcestershire's Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2022-2025</p> <p>The Board noted that as the responsible authorities for housing, Worcestershire's District Councils were currently considering Worcestershire's Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy. JT reminded the Board that several recommendations from the Thematic Review of deaths of rough sleepers in Worcestershire that had been undertaken by Worcestershire's Safeguarding Adult Board [WASB] were to have been implemented in the Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy.</p> <p>JS raised concerns that the Strategy did not meet the requirements of the recommendations in the Thematic Review and did not identify accountability structures within the individual Councils.</p> <p>JT proposed that he would seek assurance that the WASB was satisfied that the Strategy properly reflected the recommendations of the Thematic</p>		<p>JT</p>

	<p>Review through HWW membership of the WASB Assurance Review Panel.</p> <p>After discussion with the Board the Directors agreed this course of action, and that if reassurance could not be provided HWW would make written representation to the WASB Chair and the District Councils.</p> <p>Action: JT</p>		
7	<p>Business Plan 2021-2023</p> <p>The Board considered and noted the Business Plan progress report.</p> <p>CB briefed the Board on the process to revise the Business Plan for 2023-2026 which will include horizon scanning, a review of the projects in the current plan, identifying new projects and opportunity to co-produce the new Business Plan with those who use health and social care services. SA reported on experiences of patients with Parkinsons Disease and initial enquires with the NHS. The Directors agreed to add the Parkinsons Disease as a small project whilst the situation was scoped for consideration for inclusion in the new Business Plan. SA to amend existing Business Plan.</p> <p>Action: SA</p>	Enc 4	CB/S A
8	<p>Mental Health Services in Worcestershire NHS Urgent Mental Health Service and NHS Counselling and Therapy services; the developing role of the Voluntary Community Sector</p> <p>Sarah Dugan, CEO, of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust led a presentation about the provision of urgent mental health services and the Talking Therapies service, which was followed by Board and public participation.</p> <p>View the presentation and participation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4bBwWJ8Q2A</p> <p>During the presentation the Directors agreed to request further information in relation to Talking Therapies from the Trust and the CEO invited HWW to participate in a Peer Review process the Trust was developing.</p> <p>The Directors welcomed the invitation and will decide on participation once further details were known.</p>		JR

	Action: SA		
8	Reference & Engagement Group The Board considered and the Directors approved applications for membership of the Reference and Engagement Group from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ovacome [a VCS organisation] • Bernadette Louise [Expert by Experience] 		SA
	Date of Healthwatch Worcestershire's Public Board Meetings in 2023 <u>Thursday 23 March</u> Thursday 25 May Thursday 27 July Thursday 28 September Thursday 30 November [All online unless otherwise notified]		