

Wednesday 16th February 2011

2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Location: 4th Floor, Chester & District Housing Trust,
Centurion House, 77 Northgate Street,
Chester, CH1 2HQ

Agenda:

Chair: John Denny

1. **Apologies**
2. **Minutes and Matters Arising:** (10 mins)
 - Last Board meeting held on 14th October, 2010 (attached)
 - Special Board meeting on Health Inequalities held on 24th November, 2010 (attached)
3. **Health and Social Care Bill** (20 mins)
 - Liz Noakes, NHS Western Cheshire
4. **Localism Bill** (Plain English Guide attached) (20 mins)
 - Laurence Ainsworth, CWAC
5. **Housing Reform Bill** (20 mins)
 - Dave Shaw, CDHT
6. **Reshaping the Partnership Landscape** (paper attached) (20 mins)
 - Alison Armstrong, CWAC
7. **One Chester One City Plan Update** (20 mins)
 - Gemma Easter, Chester Renaissance
8. **Chester Area Action Plan:** (10 mins)

Please note : Written reports are provided and will be discussed on an exceptions basis only

- a On-going Projects:
 - Respect & Dignity Project Update
- b New Projects / Bids
 - Proposed Countess of Chester Country Park: Funding Bid (attached)
 - Faith Sector Audit (separate paper attached)
 - Heart Town proposal : British Heart Foundation
 - Home Start West Cheshire

Date of Next Meetings:-

Thursday 19th May 2011 from 1.00-3.00 pm, CDHT 's Offices (please note revised time)

Please see attached forward plan for further dates

Items for Information :-

The following papers are attached for Board Member's information.

▪ **Chester Asset Management Plan:**

Please see West Cheshire Together website – Chester APB page – for the latest version

http://www.westcheshiretogether.org.uk/area_partnership_boards/chester_apb.aspx

- **Community Forum Annual Review Reports for Blacon, City, Boughton Heath, Vicars Cross & Overleigh and Upton, Hoole & Newton (attached)**
- **West Cheshire Together LSP – Briefing Note (attached)**

Item 6:

Reshaping the Partnership Landscape :

Recommendation:

That the Chester Area Partnership Board:

1. Note the changing context within which West Cheshire Together and its component partnerships are operating; and
2. Consider the impact of these changes on the future role and responsibilities of the APB.

Item 8:

Chester Area Action Plan :

a) Current projects:

Respect and Dignity: Update

- Aim of this project is to develop an approach that will ensure improved health and well-being outcomes for older people living in residential care.
- Action research will be piloted in 2 residential care homes in the Chester area to enable staff to develop reciprocal relationships with residents and their families and to build / develop the skills needed to achieve these positive relationships.
- Meeting has been held with Dr Phil Elliott Research and Innovation Manager NHS Western Cheshire who has edited latest report on research project. He is very supportive of project and has offered to lend personal support to the project.
- Meeting has been held with Andy Fleet, Director of Oakridge Development and this has led to an introduction to Mandy Wearne, Director of Service Experience NHS North West. Meeting planned for 8th February
- Progress has been a little slower than hoped because of work pressure at Affirm 4.
- To date a contribution of £5,000 from the private sector has been secured

b) New projects / bids:

i) **Proposed Countess of Chester Country Park**

Full bid attached separately

Recommendation:

- To approve the funding bid of £9927

NB. This is the remaining APB budget for 2010/11 which needs to be committed and spent before the end of March 2011

ii) Faith Sector Audit

Full report attached separately

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

- **Recognise** the important contribution that faith communities and faith based organisations have made historically, and can make in the coming years in providing services within local communities across Cheshire West and Chester
- **Acknowledge** the indispensable role that faith plays in the motivation and effectiveness of welfare programs developed by the faith communities and faith based organisations.
- **Encourage** and promote further initiatives and deeper partnership underpinned by legislation, which assess services based on best value and contribution to the whole community, without discriminating against the faith that is vital to the success of the work of faith communities and faith based organisations.

(iii) Proposed Heart Town for Chester

Recommendation

- The Board is asked to consider the proposal for Chester to become a Heart Town
- Partners should advise the Chester Area Manager (Michelle Talgam) if they wish to participate in / support the development of this proposal

Background Information

The initiative from the British Heart Foundation is offering to make Chester one of the 50 towns being promoted as a Heart Town and this will bring with it extra resource.

Their investigation sourced from 'Quality of Outcomes Framework' has highlighted issues of particular concern in Chester. For example the prevalence of Cardiovascular Disease in Chester (CHD, Heart Failure, Atrial

Fibrillation, Hypertension, and Stroke) being higher than the rest of the UK. Diabetes and Obesity are lower.

The benefits of Heart Town are to

- Increase community levels of civic pride and identity
- Further enhance and promote the city externally
- Increase the health and wellbeing of the community
- Lead to a reduction in health and welfare costs

BHF want to work with partners to build support and publicity for Heart Towns. .

They would be involved promoting this and bringing lots of agencies together to support it including corporate one such as Lloyds pharmacy. They would be provide items such as: Heart Matters magazine, Schools and Education work, Health and Work, Heart Helpline, Heart Help Road Show and Heart and Healthy Lifestyle information.

A bespoke programme could be developed for Chester based on what we agree.

They would like to brand the project and have the town flagged as a 'Heart Town', and other things would include a heart shaped run/walk or ride would be developed and they would want to have support for fundraising and volunteering initiatives. They would hold an event which they would want advice/support for to promote Heart Town and would be looking to fundraise £6,000.

Heart Town will be launched in February and ideally the BHF would like us to sign up to this ASAP.

They would ask that we sign a pledge and commitment to have a partnership for Heart Town for 5 years. They envisage a steering group being created which would determine the work and agenda of the project locally.

The Health and Wellbeing Thematic Group have consider the proposal and are supportive of it.

In addition during the discussion the heart disease present in Ellesmere Port was also raised and BHF are now thinking of how they may extend the project to include Ellesmere Port as well.

(iv) Home Start West Cheshire

Recommendation:

- The Board is asked to consider the proposal to extend the Home Start service to the Chester area
- Partners should advise the Chester Area Manager (Michelle Talgam) if they wish to participate in / support the development of this proposal

What is Home-Start?

Home-Start is the UK's leading family support charity. Every year Home-Start helps thousands of families across the UK and many others based with the armed forces abroad. Parent volunteers offer support and friendship to other parents through home visiting, via family and specialist groups and through social events. Volunteers are recruited, trained and supported by paid staff in local Home-Start schemes, which are guided and supported by the national organisation Home-Start UK. Home-Start works in partnership with statutory and voluntary organisations locally to help parents build better lives for their children.

Working preventatively with parents and children

Families need support for many reasons: perhaps they are struggling to cope with post natal illness, a child's disability, family breakdown or bereavement or maybe they feel isolated and unable to connect with their local community. Whatever the reason, Home-Start offers non-judgemental practical and emotional support and helps build the family's confidence and ability to cope.

A value-for-money service

Each Home-Start scheme is an independent charity and local statutory sources are generally key funders of the core services. Social services, health and education budgets help fund schemes and the majority of referrals come from these areas. Other essential funding comes from independent trusts, grant makers, corporate donors and individuals.

Home-Start is highly rated as a value for money, quality service, which provides preventative support for families where they need it, how they need it and when they need it.

Some of the Home-Start Support Services Offered to families

- Weekly visits from a carefully matched parent volunteer offering tailor made support
- Emotional Support to help parents find ways to manage and resolve problems
- Direct support to children, including playing, listening, outings and encouraging development
- Practical help, perhaps with budgeting, nutrition and meal planning and making the home safe
- Signposting to local organisations including health and educational services
- Attendance at meetings for moral support
- Outreach and family group work

Home-Start Support to date in West Cheshire

Home –Start support has been successfully available to residents in Northwich and Winsford for the past five years through the Home-Start Vale Royal Scheme. This scheme has been viable as a result of mixed funding from statutory agencies, successful grant and trust bids and other fundraising initiatives.

In 2010, a successful bid to The Big Lottery Fund realised the schemes aim of expansion into the rural areas of Frodsham, Helsby and Tarporley and the recruitment of an additional member of staff was secured.

However, the remaining areas of West Cheshire, including Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston and Rural South have never had access to a Home-Start Scheme despite the need for one having been recognised by Home-Start Vale Royal and by a group of local Chester residents who in 2009 set up a Home-Start Chester and Ellesmere Port Steering Group with the intention of bringing a scheme to the unsupported areas.

As with other charitable organisations within the area, funding has been the main pitfall to securing the service to date, particularly as monies from the Local Authority have been difficult to attain during the recent council reorganisation and spending review.

Strategic Aims for Home-Start in West Cheshire 2011-2012

Providing a Home-Start service to all residents in West Cheshire remains a high priority for the coming years. To help achieve this, the Home-Start Vale Royal Scheme and the Home-Start Chester and Ellesmere Port Steering Group merged in December 2010 and have been re-named Home-Start West Cheshire.

It is the intention of this new scheme to continue to secure funding to sustain the service already built up and to identify and secure new funding to allow expansion. Becoming a commissioned service for CWAC's Parenting and Family Support strategy would go a long way in supporting this aim and it is hoped that relationships with the council will be developed further over the coming months. Furthermore, as regeneration initiatives gain momentum in Cheshire West, it is hoped that Home-Start services could be incorporated into plans for improving the lives of struggling families and for empowering residents to make a positive change in their locality by means of volunteering.

For further information on the work of Home-Start Schemes please go to www.home-start.org.uk