

Out and about with SAVS



Every day I am attending meetings to represent the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Southend. In order to keep our members up to date with what is going on I am producing a monthly report which gives information about which meetings I have attended, their purpose and key points of note to the VCS. Some of the information will be relevant to you and I hope it will all be of interest. If you want further information about any of the meetings or have something to contribute please contact me on 01702 356001 or asemmence@savs-southend.co.uk. I would love to hear from you.

Unless stated otherwise all the meetings are attended by me. However some meetings are attended by other members of staff. If you are attending any strategic meetings to represent the VCS it would be great if you could share this with us so we can include in this report.

Meetings attended May

Southend Health & Wellbeing Board - Development Session - 15th May 2016

Purpose

The Health and Wellbeing Board was set up as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012; it is made up off local statutory organisations and health related partners who are working in partnership to improve health and wellbeing for Southend's residents. The ambition is that everyone living in Southend-on-Sea has the best possible opportunity to live long, fulfilling, healthy lives.

Southend's Health and Wellbeing Board is made up of representatives from:

- Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
- NHS Southend Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Southend Healthwatch
- Southend University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
- South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT)
- Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS)
- Pre-School Learning Alliance

The meetings are held in public and anyone is welcome to sit in the audience - questions can be asked in writing in advance of the meeting.

Points to note

The meeting was to identify the big issues that the H&WB Board should be focusing on going forward. Some of the key issues highlighted were:

Health inequalities - the gap is increasing with people living in some areas of Southend having a life expectancy of 11.1% (men) and 10% (women) less than those living in more affluent areas.

The impact of new housing developments on infrastructure services, in particular health, education, social care. For example, the Queensway development.

The role of the third Sector - how can we be involved to help with health and social care issues.

There was a discussion about how the H&WB Board can best engage with the community. Our message was to use structures and networks that already exist to engage with - and to have clear, consistent and focussed messages.

Next steps

Date of next meeting to be advised.

Success For All Children's Board - 23rd May 2016

Purpose

The Success for All Children Group is Southend's Children's Trust. Since 2007 the Group has worked in partnership to jointly address key issues for Southend's children, young people and families. The group is aligned with the Southend Health & Wellbeing Board and its work supports the delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Our key areas of focus are:

- Improving Children's health and wellbeing;
- Keeping young people safe and protected from harm;
- Supporting Vulnerable children and families;
- Improving children's educational attainment and future prospects.

Points to note

There were updates about the MARAT: Southend on Sea Borough Council has convened a partnership project to further develop the JDATT in Southend (Joint Domestic Abuse Triage Team) into a **Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Team (MARAT)**. The purpose of the MARAT is to strengthen our response and intervention in cases of:

- High-risk domestic abuse incidents
- Missing incidents (children and adults)
- PREVENT Cases (Risk of radicalisation)

Initially, the focus in the Southend MARAT will be on high risk domestic abuse cases and this will be developed over the next three months to also include MISSING incidents and PREVENT cases

A briefing sheet can be found [here](#).

OFSTED were at SBC In April/May. We are awaiting for formal notification of the

outcome.

We had a workshop on how we can deliver fully integrated services for children and young people. Some of the suggestions were early support for families; unified messages from services; 1:1 support navigators and an integrated behavioural pathway.

Next steps

Next meeting - 18th July 2016

Essex Compact Steering Group - 19th May 2016

Purpose

The Compact is a voluntary agreement which aims to underpin and support better joint working between statutory agencies, such as local councils, and the voluntary and community sector in working together fairly and productively to improve the well-being of people living and working in Essex. It sets out principles and standards for a good, open, fair relationship between statutory and voluntary agencies. In Essex there is Compact working on a national, county and in many cases district compacts basis.

I have joined the Essex Steering Group recently as many of our members receive funding from Essex County Council.

Points to note

The meeting was the AGM which included several speakers. Some of the issues that statutory partners talked about were the need for increased engagement with the VCS, the need to grow community resilience, commissioning for outcomes, the importance of the VCS in helping them reach the communities they find it difficult to reach, and how the VCS can help them engage with patients to help with planning services.

Next steps

There are regular meetings of this group planned through the year.

Southend Business Partnership Executive - 24th May 2016

Purpose

The purpose of the Partnership's Executive are broad - some of the roles are:

- a) To act as a vehicle for improved liaison between the Council and private sector business, town centre and tourism interests.
- b) To act as a mechanism for the exchange of ideas between the Council, local businesses and relevant organisations with the aim of enhancing the economic success and viability of the Borough, including the town centre and facilities for visitors and residents.
- c) To act as a conduit between Southend's business community and The South

Essex Growth Partnership (SEGP) and The South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP).

d) To act as the Steering Group of the wider Southend Business Partnership.

Points to note

We had two presentations at the meeting. The first was about the airport business park and the second about Better Queensway. We also had the findings from the recent business survey. If anyone is interested in seeing this please contact me.

Next steps

Next meeting 30th August 2016

Southend LSCB and SAB Community Sub Group - 18th May 2016

Purpose

This is a sub group of The Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) the group carries out specific pieces of community work.

Points to note

Legal Highs law to come in force late May - currently 2 outlets still selling items but are aware of the law coming in. Were 5 outlets previously selling. Law will have low impact.

Female genital mutilation any one under the age of 18 with genital piercings must be reported by law as it is illegal.

Fraud Prevention awareness - further years funding to deliver home visits to potential victims.

Short video produced by University students depicting grooming of young people over the internet available on you tube to help awareness of issue.

Next steps

Stop the Trafficking event 29th - 31st July organised by Southend Soroptimists.

Next meeting 6th July

Attended by Anthony Quinn

Southend SAB Hoarding Work Group - 9th May 2016

Purpose

A short term group working to implement agreed Hoarding protocol and identify partnership working.

Points to note

Representatives have been asked to email top 10 hoarding service users that require intense resources. This will enable the group to pick top 10 people to focus resource on and apply the new protocols to.

Steve Turner - South Essex Homes to chair group.

Lovemore Mbawa - SEPT, vice chair

Invites to go out to Estuary Housing, SEAL, Family Mosaic

Next steps

Next meeting 28th June

Attended by Anthony Quinn

Early Help Governance Group - 26th May 2016

Purpose

Meeting scheduled for April was cancelled due to SBC being inspected and officers needing to focus on this.

Members were informed that the Health and Wellbeing Board had reviewed Early Help plans and formal proposals will go to CCG.

Draft six month action plan was discussed and key issues or challenges were identified. This plan has been taken to the SBC corporate management team and Success for All.

Working taking place to ensure all professionals involved with children and families area aware of the single point of contact and referral requirements. Effectiveness of pathway will be reviewed in firstly in June with report to EH governance group then on a quarterly basis.

Intensive work is taking place to resolve issues of data recording, data sharing and links to/from A Better Start. Discussion about the depth and quality of information being gathered.

As new referrals are flowing into the integrated team covering first contact/assessment capacity issues are beginning to arise.

Progress is being made to integrate EH services with health and public health delivery of services. Working to agree on detailed service planning that address specific aspects of need already identified.

Challenging timescales are in place with detailed work on monitoring

Points to note

There will be a formal launch of this reconfigured service.

The governance and leadership of children's centres is being re-formulated.

Although focused on outcomes for children there will also be a need to collaborate with other services such as adult services (so that parents needs are addressed)

There will be a need to address issues of workforce capacity, training and support.

Timescales may not allow for all professionals and services **such as those in the voluntary sector to be fully aware of and able to respond to the new referral pathway.**

Next steps

Next meeting to be held in July 2016.

Attended by Maureen Longley