



MINUTES NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PARTNERSHIP

Northamptonshire
Partnership

PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE BOARD

17th May 2010

Present: Chris Mallender (Health and Well-Being Board Chair): Chair
David Wright (Economic Development Board Chair)
Simon Evans (Regeneration and Growth Board Chair)
Paul Burnett (Children and Young People's Partnership Board Chair)
Paul Blanter (NNC Chief Executive)
David Kennedy (NBC Chief Executive)
Alex Hopkins (Assistant Chief Executive - Policy and Partnerships, NCC)
Nigel Toms (Audit Commission)
Darren Gray (Audit Commission)
Peter McLaren (Head of Partnership Support Unit)
Dan Beames (Performance Manager, Partnership Support Unit)

Apologies: Katherine Kerswell (NCC Chief Executive): Chair
John Parkes (NHS Northamptonshire Chief Executive)
Davina Logan (Communities Board Chair)
Bill Russell (GOEM)

For Items: 2c: Liam McKervey (NCC, Head of Personalisation)
2d: Rob Cooper (Job Centre Plus)

1. Item 1a Minutes of last meeting and Matters arising

- 1.1 **ACTION:** Carry forward the Feb 2010 Action 2.5: Identify whether changes in data collection contracts will improve availability of NI039 data or enable appropriate lead indicators. **Owner:** John Parkes.
- 1.2 Noting the Spotlight on the Single Confidence measure at the last meeting, Alex Hopkins informed the group that this remains a serious issue for the county with performance still below the national average. It was confirmed that an agenda item on the Single Confidence Measure was scheduled for the August Partnership Performance Board.

2. Item 2a LAA Data Gaps

- 2.1 Dan Beames reported that there remained 3 annual designated indicators without lead indicators.
- 2.2 NI112 under 18 Conception Rates (CYPPB). There is a 15-month data lag. 2009-10 data is due in June 2011. Recognising the issues with data regularity, CLG has removed this indicator from the PRG process. Paul Burnett informed members that CYP were now getting some lead data for this indicator.

- 2.3 **ACTION:** Dan Beames to liaise with Jane Waite / Martin Adams to discuss accesses the lead information and add to the LAA Performance Report. **Owner:** Dan Beames.
- 2.4 NI007 Environment for a thriving third sector (CB). Alex Hopkins explained that this was a very crude measure of the third sector using bi-annual survey. The Communities Board is looking at developing appropriate indicators for the third sector although it may be difficult to identify an appropriate lead for NI007.
- 2.5 NI120 All Age Mortality Rate (HWB). 2009-10 data will be available in Dec10. Dan Beames informed members that Bill Russell (GOEM) had shared some lead indicators for NI120 used by Leicestershire. These had been shared with a PCT Analyst to review appropriateness and if so whether the data was available for Northamptonshire.
- 2.6 **ACTION:** Dan Beames to add to LAA Performance Report if appropriate and available. **Owner:** Dan Beames.

3. **Item 2b Partnership Performance Report Q2 2009-10**

- 3.1 Dan Beames reported that overall the Partnership continues to perform relatively well against these, with the latest performance report indentifying 6 designated targets with a red status. These include the 2 housing targets that will remain red due to economic market conditions.
- 3.2 Dan Beames reminded members that the Partnership is now into the critical final year of the current LAA so Boards should ensure efforts are made to continue performance improvements; to maintain greens and convert reds and ambers to maximum Performance Reward Grant (a maximum of £4m is available)..
- 3.3 **ACTION:** LAA Boards to review delivery plans to deliver against the final year 2010/11 LAA targets. **Owners:** LAA Board Chairs

4. **Spotlight**

Item 2d Unemployment

- 4.1 David wright (Northamptonshire Enterprise Ltd) and Rob Cooper (Job Centre Plus) presented details of Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) volumes and the services provided to those claiming JSA. The number of JSA claimants peaked in April 2009 with 18,500. Since then, numbers have dropped 11% to 16,400, out performing the region that has experienced a 3% reduction. The Future Jobs Fund has proven particularly successful with 257 individuals benefiting from the initiative in Northamptonshire, the 7th best nationally.
- 4.2 Despite the reduction in JSAs, unemployment remains a concern for Northamptonshire, particularly the long term unemployed and areas of high joblessness. There are 12 locations in Northamptonshire with unemployment rates in excess of 10%. These unemployment hotspots are typically areas of high deprivation, high anti-social behaviour, poor health and with a higher

percentage of vulnerable and ethnic minority residents. Paul Burnett noted that CYPB had reviewed its NEETs population and identified that vulnerable groups were over represented. So it could be that services are not getting to these types of individuals.

- 4.3 **Action:** Take a holistic approach to the services offered to individuals in these hotspot areas, particularly vulnerable groups and report back to the Chief Officers Group. **Owner:** David Wright.

Item 2c Health & Well-being Board Red Indicators

- 4.4 Liam McKervey (NCC) reported that there were 2 Red LAA indicators that are led by HASS. These being NI130 Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support and NI145 Adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation. The other 4 LAA indicators led through HASS are currently at Green status.
- 4.5 The target for NI130 is particularly challenging at 20% of social care clients on self directed support, and although the 2009/10 outturn of 15% was below target it was a significant improvement on the 6.5% of the year before. Moving and encouraging more and more clients into self directed support has demanded that front line staff be retrained and with changes to all policies and procedures. So this has resulted in a cultural shift in service delivery. Having gone through these changes in 2009/10 HASS are confident of increasing take up of self directed support in the next 12-months.
- 4.6 HASS have been disappointed by the results of NI145 with the percentage of Adults with learning disabilities in settled accommodation falling from 73% in 2008/09 to 65% in 2009/10. A contributory factor to this reduction has unfortunately been the relative success of NI130 Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support. This is because those in self directed support may choose to live long term with a 'foster' family (for many years), yet this doesn't count as 'settled accommodation'. NI145 is owned by the Regeneration and Growth Board and its Chair Simon Evans has requested that these issues be taken to that group as a main agenda item.
- 4.7 **Action:** NI145 performance and action plans to be reviewed at the next Regeneration and Growth Board. **Owner:** Simon Evans.

5. Item 3a Disaggregating LAA Data

- 5.1 Dan Beames presented the latest version of disaggregated report that included 30 LAA indicators and 46 further indicators at district level. The report has been sent to Performance Officers throughout the partnership as well as LSP managers for comment.
- 5.2 Alex Hopkins added that LAA3 targets or other partnership performance scorecards should be built up from district level to allow for disaggregated targets and appropriate targeting of priorities.

6. Item 4a CAA 2010

- 6.1 Nigel Toms (Audit Commission) summarised the CAA process for 2010. This time, rather than looking in detail at all outcome areas, the CAA will focus on a number of themed areas. For Northamptonshire these include Alcohol Harm, Crime, Public Transport, Health and Youth Offending.
- 6.2 The Partnership Performance Board agreed that evidence and responses around the CAA areas of focus will be led through the 5 Partnership Boards. The Partnership Support Unit will provide a template to complete for each Board, with designated lead officers co-ordinating responses. Boards and organisations will also have the opportunity to include other notable achievements that sit outside the areas of focus. The Partnership Support Unit will bring all the evidence together to tell the Northamptonshire 'story' with the first draft going to the Public Service Board in July.
- 6.3 **Action:** PSU to provide a template to compile evidence for each LAA Board (through lead officers) and LSP. **Owner:** Peter McLaren and Lead Officers.

7. AOB

- 7.1 Dan Beames informed members that the LAA Performance Report would normally go to the CEX Group as an agenda item prior to PSB. However, that would mean that the 2009/10 Q4 report would not go to PSB until July. Members therefore agreed that on this occasion the Performance Report would be emailed to CEX members for information and go to the PSB meeting in May.
- 7.2 **Action:** Email the LAA Performance Report as well as a highlight report from this meeting to CEX prior to the same reports going to PSB on the 28th May. **Owner:** Dan Beames.

8. Next Meeting

- 8.1 Next meeting scheduled for 5th August, 2pm, Magnolia Room, County Hall
- 8.2 Subsequent meetings:
- 2pm, 3rd Nov 2010
 - 2pm, 3rd Feb 2011