

Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Report from Councillor Sue Ellington – Member Champion for Health and Wellbeing

On June 21st the Board held an emergency meeting in order to be consulted on the changes introduced by Cambridgeshire County Council. These changes included increasing the membership of the Board from 11 to 18 by increasing the representation from each district and the City Councils. Also, to increase the political representation from the County Council. This decision was ratified and the new members joined the board for development training during the afternoon.

On July 11th 2013 the Board met at Ely Maltings for a formal meeting. Cllr Tony Orgee chaired the meeting and I was re-elected as vice-chairman. Terms of Reference were agreed to include the new membership.

Care Network reported on the launch of the Community Navigator Scheme which is having a significant effect on many people's lives. There are organisational navigators including the Police, Housing scheme workers, Fire service, Bobby scheme workers and Dementia Care workers. But most importantly there are many local volunteers who have been trained to help individuals to access local services, activities and individuals who may provide advice, companionship or help.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire has been launched to promote and support the involvement of local people in commissioning the provision and scrutiny of local care services. They also have a role in formulating views on the standard of provision and how the services could be improved. A full list can be found on the website.

It was agreed that Public Health should bring forward their reviews of Primary prevention, and Mental Health Older People Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as the demographic changes affecting us are key to future health care provision.

The Cambridge and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) reported on their progress in commissioning services. South Cambridgeshire is mainly in the CATCH Commissioning group with some in Cam Health. They identified their challenges as:

- A growing and ageing population with health inequalities
- A financial gap of £26.9 million.

Their budget of £805 million to buy all the health care needed for the population of Cambridge and Peterborough provided challenges and choices .

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