

Summary Report:

Sexual Health Board

Monday 17th March 2015 | 10:15am – 11:00am

The Board Room, St Martin's Hospital, Bath

Attendees:

- Mike MacCallam (B&NES Council and BaNES CCG)
- Barry Grimes (BaNES CCG)

The meeting was attended by approx. 10 people from the Council, Public Health and other organisations involved in sexual health.

Introduction:

Mike MacCallam presented an overview of the purpose and principles of the **your care, your way** review. Mike explained the definition of community services and the phases and timing of the review. He also shared some of the themes that have emerged from previous engagement events including:

- The role of system navigators is key to delivery of seamless and integrated services
- There must be strong relationships between organisations and departments within organisations
- The role of voluntary and third sector providers is key
- The behavioural and cultural barriers around information sharing must be addressed
- Primary care is central to the role of community services and GP's recognise they have a key role as "caretaker" in a person's pathway of care

Mike explained that this is a key opportunity for commissioners, providers and our community to be innovative, be imaginative and be bold in helping to shape the outcomes of the review. We want to be proud of what we achieve as a result of the review.

Group Q&A Session

Q1: How will young people be involved?

BG explained that he was liaising with Briony Waite at the Council to identify suitable engagement events with children and young people. BG recognises that we need to do more and we will be having a stall at the Young People's Equalities Summit in April.

Q2: As new services are designed we need to take the opportunity to deliver the objectives set out in the Sexual Health Strategy. The Sexual Health Board will need to build in some two-way dialogue throughout the process in order to achieve this.

MM explained that the ***your care, your way*** website will be regularly updated with the latest information about how the project is progressing and that members of the Board can input ideas at any stage in the process.

Q3: How are you engaging with vulnerable, complex groups?

BG explained that the approach has been to work with existing groups and organisations that specialise in engaging with vulnerable and complex groups. For example, we have had really good feedback from our meeting with Developing Health and Independence. They told us that services can be too rigid for people who are vulnerable and chaotic and we need to make services more flexible to individual needs.

MM talked about the focus groups that will take place in May and June. These will provide an opportunity to look at possible models for community services and then test them out against particular stakeholder groups including vulnerable and complex groups.

Q4: Professionals from different backgrounds have different understandings of prevention and self-care. What's your definition?

An element of community care is making sure people don't develop needs and community services will need to link in with more general wellbeing services. Personal Health Budgets can help people to make individualised choices but people are not taking full advantage of this yet.

Our understanding of the terms like reablement, prevention and self-care is set out in the ***your care, your way*** overview.

Q5: Should prevention and self-care be treated as one of the nine functions or should it be a part of every function?

Everyone working in community services will need to approach their work from a prevention and self-care mind-set and we will look at adapting the nine functions for Phase 2 to reflect this.

Next Steps

Mike and Barry thanked everyone for their input and suggestions.

- Attendees took away booklets and leaflets to read and share.
- Further feedback is invited via the website: www.yourcareyourway.org
- Individuals can also feedback by writing a letter, making a phone call or using Facebook and/or Twitter

More information will follow in the coming weeks regarding the planned focus groups and we will contact all stakeholders involved in our engagement directly once dates and agendas have been confirmed. It is expected these workshops will commence in May 2015.