

BASP Board Meeting

4 June 2015



Attending

Luke Bingham
Anthony Bravo
Karen Brimacombe
Cllr Keith Chapman
James Clay
Lisa Edwards
Diane Hayward
Rebecca Kennelly
Julie Maskery
Gilda McIntosh
Stella McKnight
Cllr Clive Sanders
Jackie Sutherland

Representing

Sovereign Housing
Basingstoke College of Technology
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Hampshire County Council
Local Business Partnership
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Voluntary Sector Forum
Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
Voluntary Sector Forum
University of Winchester
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Employment and Skills Zone

Presenters

Karina Hutfield-Christiansen Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Kate Randall Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council

Apologies

Melbourne Barrett Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Tim Boschi Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Simon Dodds Basingstoke District Commander, Hampshire Constabulary
Colin Godfrey Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board
Kate Fryatt Hampshire County Council
Brian Rudman Hampshire Fire and Rescue
Marion Short Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council
Mary Swan Cultural Forum

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Strategic Homeless Group

Karina Hutfield-Christiansen and Kate Randall delivered a presentation outlining the changes to the Hampshire County Council Supporting People programme and Basingstoke and Deane's proposals in response to these.

Presentation to be circulated with these minutes.

From 2016 there will be a 39% cut in the funding available to Basingstoke for the housing related support services previously delivered under Supporting People. In

response to this BDBC commissioned a strategic review and looked at whether we could develop a local alternative to the Hampshire model that could deliver more for our residents with the money allocated for Basingstoke and Deane. A report will be submitted to committee in July and presented to the cabinet in September. The new service will need to be in place by April 2016.

All agreed there were potential links and opportunities for joint working across the BASP priority action groups and that the new Strategic Homeless Partnership should initially sit under the Housing PAG and provide regular updates to the BASP Board.

3. Priority Action Group Updates

Housing

Key agenda items for the PAG recently have been:

- Supporting People funding cuts and homelessness
- Allocations policy and how to manage refusals
- Move on accommodation

Basingstoke Employment and Skills Zone

Key items for the PAG sub groups recently have been:

Promoting employment sub group

- 2015 careers event
- Intra-partnership work experience scheme
- Communication across providers
- Access to low cost IT equipment, training and work experience

School engagement and employability sub group

- Schools survey on current levels of business engagement and employability sessions
- Employability checklist to enable young people to record employability activities done to help them at interviews/applications
- Providing information to schools/careers advisors on apprenticeships
- Question of Education event held January 2015
- Developing employability sessions that could be delivered during tutor time

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Basingstoke and Deane Children, Young People and Families Group

In March 2015 a new Basingstoke and Deane Children, Young People and Families Group was established. This aims to improve outcomes and opportunities for children, young people and families by all partners sharing responsibility for working in a more effective, targeted and coordinated way. Partners include amongst others: Basingstoke Consortium, BVA, HCC Children's Services and Adults Services, CAMHS, BDBC, Police, schools and housing associations.

The new more streamlined arrangements, with one strategic group for senior managers and an operational group for practitioners, aim to make things more efficient and be a more effective use of participants' time. The Troubled Families programme is an important aspect of the groups' work, but other priorities are being identified. The Strategic group is chaired by Tim Boschi and the Operational Group is chaired by June Balcombe.

Basingstoke Health and Wellbeing Partnership

The agenda for the April meeting focussed on the council's response to the cut to the Supporting People programme, particularly around homelessness, and the duties and responsibilities for Local Authorities under the Care Act. More work is being undertaken to fully assess issues and options in both areas.

The July HWP meeting theme is Children, Young People and Families; discussion will include links to the Troubled Families programme which now has a number of health criteria that can trigger intervention.

Public Health funded projects are coming to end and evaluation reports will need to be produced for HCC during June. Projects have had various degrees of success but learning points from all will help to influence future interventions.

Partnership input is being made to the Integrated Care programme (Better Care Fund) being coordinated by the CCG with connections being made to relevant stakeholders in the council (eg Learning and Skills, Housing). Links with the voluntary sector are also being made.

A health conference is being planned for 22 October at the Ark; purpose is to reflect on achievements from current shared plan for health and wellbeing and invite

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discussion about the common priorities for the next plan, informed by local health indicators and other evidence/pressures; target audience includes reps from community, voluntary, education, business sector organisations/forums - we would be delighted to see BASP members attend. Save the date invites will go out by the end of this month.

Mental Health Sub Group

The group has proved extremely beneficial in sharing cross service information and membership continues to grow. Previous meetings have focused on early intervention provision as the criteria to access statutory services have increased dramatically.

4. Follow up from BASP conference

40 people from 25 different organisations attended the event in March and were inspired by the speakers from Go ON UK and Tech Start.

An event write up and the presentations are available on the BASP website:

<http://basp.basingstoke.gov.uk/events/>

A task force has been set up to take forward the ideas gathered at the conference.

They are currently:

- Mapping current provision
- Planning an event for existing champions to share ideas and provide training on claiming UC online
- Collating information for the November edition of Basingstoke and Deane Today to signpost people to where they can get help. This will be supported by a website hosted on BDBC's site and with leaflets and posters.
- Developing digital champion pilot projects

5. BASP Chair

Rebecca Kennelly formally stood down as BASP chair from this meeting. Anthony Bravo has agreed to act as chair and Julie Maskery as vice chair until formal elections are held at the December 2015 BASP board meeting. Nominations for chair and vice chair will be invited 6 weeks prior to the December meeting.

All present offered their thanks to Rebecca for her hard work and dedication. She will be greatly missed and all wish her well in her new role.

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6. Date of next meeting

It is planned to have an event around skills in September. The date originally scheduled was 3 September but the event is likely to be held later in the month so it is not right at the start of the new term. Details will be sent when available.

The next BASP Board meeting will be on 3 December.