



HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Report of activity at Harrow Chief Executives

13th March 2013

Introduction
This paper summarises the activity involving the Harrow Chief Executives' meetings since the last Board.
Proposed Action
That the activity of Harrow Chief Executives is noted.
What are you asking the Partnership Board to do
The Board should note the activity of Harrow Chief Executives

Background

Harrow Chief Executives (HCE) have met once since the Board's last meeting as one meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

However, HCE have also reviewed and amended their membership to replace retiring members and to expand the reach of the meeting into additional organisations.

The membership now comprises:

Michael Lockwood, Chief Executive, Harrow Council
Simon Ovens, Borough Commander, Harrow Police – date for taking up office still to be confirmed
Rob Larkman, Chief Executive, Brent and Harrow PCTs
David McVittie, Chief Executive, North West London Hospitals NHS Trust
Ash Verma, Chair, Harrow in Business
Claire Murdock, Chief Executive, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust
Julie Browne, Chair, Voluntary and Community Sector Forum
Deborah Lightfoot, Independent Chair, Harrow Local Safeguarding Children's Board (for Children's Improvement Plan items)

Sandy Fenwick, Department of Work and Pensions
Amol Kelshiker, Chair, Clinical Commissioning Group

February meeting

Children's and Families Improvement plan

The HCE meeting received an update on progress made in implementing the Improvement Plan prepared to respond to the outcomes of the Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspections relating to Safeguarding and Looked After Children. The Improvement Plan had been developed by joint teams from the Council and NHS Harrow and the response to the common aspects of both inspection reports was the same.

The Plan had now been substantially completed with action taken on all items but with a very few not yet fully completed. Full implementation was expected in the very near future.

The Improvement Board had moved on from consideration of the response to the previous inspection to consideration of performance against the new standard to which Ofsted has now begun to work. This is a more demanding regime and will require further improvement. A new Improvement Board has been established with a new improvement agenda contained in the report A Child's Journey.

The importance of Safeguarding itself and to a number of organisations within the Partnership has resulted in the item appearing on the agenda for the meeting this evening and rendering any further discussion in this report superfluous.

Harrow in Business

Having invited Harrow in Business to re-join the Board, Ash Verma, the Chair of the organisation outlined the way in which the organisation had developed over the last 18 months. HiB is now the only Enterprise Agency operating in West London. It continues to be a source of advice and support to the voluntary and community sector regarding capacity building and in relation to responding to commissioning proposals from public sector bodies. Indeed HiB has fronted the successful consortium bid for providing Healthwatch in Harrow from April 2013 onwards.

With regard to the new Healthwatch venture, HiB will provide a hub, co-ordinating and providing administrative and project management support whilst the consortia members – MIND, Mencap, Age UK Harrow, HAD, Harrow Carers, Harrow College, CARRAMEA, Ignite Trust and Kids Can Achieve will provide their specialist understanding, insight and contacts with key health and social care users in Harrow.

HiB is also instrumental in developing and promoting Gateway Asia which is dedicated to helping businesses and institutions of all sizes to explore and benefit from commercial and investment opportunities on emerging and developing markets, especially Asia.