

SEVENTH NATIONAL INCLUSION HEALTH BOARD
MEETING NOTES
9 September 2013
Richmond House

Attendees

Board Members	
Professor Steve Field	Chair of the National Inclusion Health Board
Michael Marmot	Director, International Institute for Society and Health
Charles Fraser	CEO, St Mungo's
Ann-Marie Connelly (deputising for Duncan Selbie)	Director of Health Equity and Impact, Public Health England
Professor John Ashton	Faculty of Public Health
Working Group Chairs	
Paul Hitchcock	Director of Allied Health Professionals Federation (AHPF) Joint Chair, Leadership and Workforce Working Group
Dr Nigel Hewett	Clinical lead, University College Hospital Medical Director, London Pathway Chair, Provision, Promotion and Prevention Working Group
DH Officials	
Martin Gibbs	Deputy Director, Health Inequalities Unit
Other invitees	
Su Turner	Principal Consultant, Centre for Public Scrutiny
Anna Page	Policy, Public Affairs and Research Manager, St Mungo's
Observers	
Ranjit Seenghera	Inclusion Health Lead, NHS England
Ruth Passman	Head of Equalities and Health Inequalities, NHS England
Emily Cousins	NHS Management Trainee

Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and introduced Professor John Ashton, attending his first meeting.

The minutes from the meeting held on 4 June 2013 were accepted as accurate.

Department of Health update – Martin Gibbs

The previous week the Minister had announced the fifty two organisations that would receive funding from the Homeless Hospital Discharge Fund.

The Fund was established in response to the report by Homeless Link and St Mungo's, which found that over 70 per cent of homeless people were being discharged from hospital back to the streets without their health and housing needs being adequately addressed. The aims of the Fund are to ensure safe discharge after treatment and to secure appropriate facilities for those requiring on-going medical support after discharge.

The Ministerial Working Group on Gypsies and Travellers has been re-convened. It will take stock of progress on government commitments in the first report and departments have been asked to consider commitments and priorities for a further work programme.

Presentation from the Centre for Public Scrutiny – Su Turner

Su Turner, Principal Consultant at the Centre for Public Scrutiny, presented the Valuing Inclusion programme, which involved local authorities using the scrutiny process to explore how they could address the needs of the most vulnerable groups. This is the third year of a programme commissioned by DH relating to role of scrutiny in tackling health inequalities.

The report from the programme *Valuing Inclusion: demonstrating the value of council scrutiny in tackling inequalities* has been published and is available on the CfPS website.

The Board thanked the CfPS for delivering such a helpful report which it hoped would encourage local authorities to address the needs of the vulnerable.

Working Group Chairs

Leadership and Workforce Working Group

Paul Hitchcock updated the Board on the progress on two key pieces of work: the first, to develop a competence mapping toolkit and the second, a review of undergraduate and postgraduate curricular.

The Board commented on the competence mapping toolkit, which is close to being completed. The Working Group will engage with the Academy of Royal Colleges and Health Education England on both pieces of work.

Data and Research Working Group

Sir Michael Marmot presented the findings in the Working Group's second report *Inclusive Practice*. This is a review of the literature on improving access to primary care and prevention of avoidable admissions to hospital for the four Inclusion Health priority groups.

In discussion the Board made a number of points. A link needs to be made to the work on Long Term Conditions. GPs who are not prepared to care for the most vulnerable should not be practising. "Vulnerable" is perhaps the wrong term to use and we should use excluded as these people are excluded from services.

Provision, Prevention and Promotion Working Group

Dr Nigel Hewett updated the Board on work to update the Faculty standards document.

He voiced concern that in many areas the funding for specialist practices is being unpicked, leading to a loss of very necessary services and expertise. The development of the any willing provider direction of travel is also a concern.

Presentation from St Mungo's

Anna Page, Policy, Public Affairs and Research Manager, St Mungo's presented the findings from their recent report *Health and Homelessness: Understanding the costs and role of primary care services for homeless people*

The report had been commissioned by DH to ascertain if it was possible to identify the additional primary care costs arising from treating homeless people. St Mungo's found that costs are not routinely collected in primary care, however, by using case studies to identify treatment costs it was possible to identify the level of additional costs and potential for cost saving.

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be held on between on Monday 2 December from 14.30 to 17.00.