

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 22nd September, 2021.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall (Chair), Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Martin Gray, Ann Workman, Fiona Adamson, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, Jon Carling, Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), James Gray (Sub for Dominic Gardner), Peter Smith

Officers: Michael Henderson (SBC)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Jacky Bright, Jonathan Slade, David Gallagher, Dominic Gardner, Julie Gillon,

1 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Beall declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 6 'Food Power Network' as he was Chair of Eastern Ravens Trust.

Cllr Evans declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 6 'Food Power Network' as she was a volunteer at the Community Pantry.

Cllr McCoy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 6 'Food Power Network' as she served on the Board of Stockton and District Advice and Information Service.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Outbreak Management Update

Members received an outbreak management update and in summary, noted that:

- Stockton-on-Tees currently had the lowest 7-day infection rate in the North East.
- All North East LAs had seen a decrease in rate compared to 7 days ago.
- Vaccination uptake in Stockton-on-Tees was higher than the national average.
- There had been 3 COVID-related deaths registered in Stockton-on-Tees in the most recent 7 days.

The Board received updates relating to

- Increased transmission.

- Enhanced Support
- Vaccination programme for 12 to 15 year olds
- Testing
- Autumn and Winter Plans
- Communication and Engagement
- Covid as a endemic disease

Discussion:

- Work was ongoing, nationally, to understand the rates of patients, in hospital, who had/had not been vaccinated.
- There were concerns at Government plans to introduce charges for Lateral Flow Testing kits, which may see a reduction in testing.
- The Government had indicated that it would implement any actions necessary to protect the NHS.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted.

4 Covid 19 Vaccination Joint Update

Members received a joint update on the local vaccination programme. The presentation was provided by NHS Tees Valley CCG, Stockton Borough Council and Hartlepool and Stockton Health and covered the following areas:-

- Covid vaccination in action
- Our communications approach.
- Our vaccine inequalities approach.
- Our vaccine figures in Stockton

Discussion:-

- There were delays associated with the delivery of flu vaccines.
- Primary Care Networks and pharmacies would be the main providers of vaccines.
- Partnership working had been excellent and the joint communications approach had been very successful at getting appropriate messages out to the

whole community.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted.

5 Food Power Network

Consideration was given to Stockton on Tees Food Power Network's Food Poverty Reduction Strategy 2021 – 2024 and associated presentation.

It was explained that the Food Power Network (FPN) was a partnership of community groups, VCSE bodies and Stockton on Tees Borough Council that aimed to transform the way that communities experiencing food poverty access support, helping people to have long, sustainable lives that were free from hunger.

The FPN had three supporting principles:-

- Produce and promote healthy and sustainable food, reducing waste and the ecological footprint of the food system.
- Build community knowledge, skills and resources that promote healthy lifestyles and financial stability and security
- Improve food procurement so that more people can access healthy food choices

Members were provided with details of the holiday activity and food programme.

Discussion:-

- Members endorsed the work of the FPN.
- It was recognised that some families would be faced with a difficult decision this winter – 'whether to heat or eat'.
- The Board noted that the Holiday Activity and Food Programme did not provide support during half terms, but the Council's enrichment programme would fill those gaps.

RESOLVED that the Strategy be endorsed.

6 Intelligence Working Group Terms of Reference

The Board considered a report that proposed place-based arrangements for ensuring a coordinated approach to collating, interpreting and using collective intelligence and evidence across the health and wellbeing system in Stockton-on-Tees, to support the Health and Wellbeing Board in:

- identifying and addressing priorities to improve health and wellbeing and
- identifying and addressing health inequalities

The proposals were made in the context of evolving Integrated Care System (ICS) arrangements; and maximising the use of tools such as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Population Health Management (PHM).

It was proposed that two groups be established at local level: a Health and Wellbeing System Intelligence Group; and an Intelligence Working Group. It was proposed that the two groups worked hand in hand, with the System Intelligence Group having oversight of the approach and making recommendations for decision; and the Working Group having the role of collating and interpreting the intelligence to propose options, which the systems group can consider. The Terms of Reference were provided for members' consideration.

It was suggested that the Groups initially focus on winter pressures to test whether the proposed mechanism is appropriate. The meeting discussed whether a single group would suffice but agreed to go with the proposal as an initial arrangement and review after 6 months

RESOLVED that

1. the Terms of Reference for the System Intelligence Group and the Intelligence Working Group be approved.
2. the operation of the Groups be reviewed after 6 months.

7 Members' Updates

Healthwatch highlighted that:

- the Pioneering Care Partnership had been appointed provider for 3 years
- its Annual Plan was in development and would highlight priorities. The report would be presented to the Board, at a future meeting.
- it was working with TEWV around survey and consultation work
- it was undertaking collaborative work with North Tees Trust's Council of Governors.
- Work was progressing to make connections and build relationships with the local ICS.

Catalyst would be holding its Annual Achievements Awards on 12 November 2021.

It was noted that TEWV had appointed a number of new registered nursing staff. There was a reorganisation of the management structure underway.

The Council had developed a new Early Years Strategy with parents – ‘Conception to Reception’

The Oximetry at Home work had won a HSJ Award - Primary Care Initiative of the Year.

8 Forward Plan

Members noted the Board’s Forward Plan.