

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 31st March, 2021.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall(Chairman), Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Luke Frost, Cllr Lynn Hall, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Martin Gray, Ann Workman, Fiona Adamson, Tanja Braun (Sub for Sarah Bowman - Abouna), Jon Carling, Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), Dominic Gardner, Barbara Bright (Sub for Julie Gillon), Peter Smith

Officers: Michael Henderson, John Devine

Also in attendance: Cllr Clare Gamble

Apologies: Sarah Bowman - Abouna, David Gallagher, Julie Gillon, Lisa Oldroyd

HWB 50/20 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Ann McCoy declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 ' Children and Young People's Mental Health Update' as she served on Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health Trust's Board of Governors and was Chair of Governors of one of the Primary Schools involved in the Billingham pilot.

Peter Smith declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in item 5 ' Children and Young People's Mental Health Update' as he was a member of Redcar and Cleveland MIND's Board.

HWB 51/20 **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

HWB 52/20 **Outbreak Management Update - Presentation**

Members received an Outbreak Management Update presentation, for the Borough:

- 194 cases in last seven days.
- current rate 98.3 per 100k pop.
- Covid related deaths had been zero for the last seven days
- roll out of vaccinations, in the Borough, at 48.9%
- seven day infection rate continued to decrease.
- there were cases across all age groups
- Increasing Local Contact Tracing
- Increased testing with more community-based sites and increasing home testing kits.
- Basic messages remained key, as restrictions were eased.
- work continued within the community to address concerns and provide support.

Discussion:

- There was considerable work being undertaken to encourage and support people to isolate and trace contacts, in order to reduce transmission rates.

- Vaccination rates were increasing all the time but there may be inequities across the Borough and targeted messaging to specific groups was being undertaken. In addition, priority communities had been identified and would be targeted via outreach 'pop up' vaccination teams. Local Practices were actively contacting people who hadn't attended for vaccination.

- North Tees Hospital Trust continued to roll out vaccinations and were involved in vaccinating staff in other organisations, such as the ambulance service, TEWV and care homes and patients. The Trust had contributed to messaging and had undertaken publicity campaigns to reach into communities.

- Consideration would be given to what postcode data was available relating to vaccination up take in the Borough.

- Work place home testing had just been announced and it was anticipated to begin in April.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted.

HWB 53/20 Children and Young People's Mental Health Update - Presentation

The Board received a presentation relating to Children and Young People's Mental Health and the whole system approach in operation, within the Borough.

The presentation covered:

- Governance Arrangements, including the work of the Whole Pathway Commissioning Steering Group, the North Tees CYP Transformation Planning Group and Tees Valley CYP provider Forum.

- Update on key work and initiatives, including the transformation of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and a whole system approach with a single point of contact.

- Next steps - roll out and review, improved communication and engagement, staff development, possible expansion of Mental Health Support Teams.

Discussion:

- Children's Mental Health Services remained a priority.

- It was considered that the work and initiatives created a clearer pathway and easier access, to services, for families.

- the Board requested an update in 6 months.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted, and a further update be provided in 6 months.

HWB 54/20 Volunteering Strategy - Presentation

The Board considered a presentation relating to the Volunteering Strategy,

which was being refreshed by partners. Members were requested to provide comments.

The Strategy would be presented to the Council's Cabinet, in May, and would be launched during Volunteers' Week, at the beginning of June.

Members noted:

- the vision for volunteering in Stockton on Tees Borough
- objectives of the Strategy
- the benefits to society of volunteering
- the Strategy's commitment to equality and diversity
- support and training available to volunteers

Discussion:

- Members agreed that the pandemic had illustrated a significant amount of goodwill, in the community, and the Strategy provided a framework to harness that goodwill and develop it further.
- It was explained that contact had been made with local universities, to work with them and involve student volunteers.
- An Action Plan would be developed from the Strategy.
- The demographic of volunteering was changing with many more working age people coming forward.
- North Tees Hospital Trust was developing s Volunteering Strategy and it would be helpful if there could be linked working.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted

**HWB
55/20**

NHS England next steps for Integrated Care Systems

The Board considered a report that provided members with an update on the developing legislation associated with Integrated Care Systems.

Discussion:

- It was noted that lots of what was being proposed aligned with the existing local vision.
- It was anticipated that the concept of 'place' would be a significant debate, over the coming months.
- Further information about what the functions of the NHS Health and Care Partnership would be, to help with identifying the most appropriate local arrangements.
- Members received some clarity around what would replace Public Health England, namely

- UK Health Security Agency, which was responsible for public health protection and infectious disease capability
- Office for Health Promotion which would lead national efforts to improve and level up the public's health.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted and the Board continues to regularly review developments.

**HWB
56/20** **Members' Updates**

Members provided updates:

- Healthwatch had published a Covid Vaccine Report, based on information gathered from the public and was available on its web site, together with details of the Whitehouse Care Home, which had been helping residents' families to mitigate against isolation.. There was also a report coming out on feedback from carers. Healthwatch was working with Covid Marshals relating to messaging and was looking to secure a seat on any ICS body created.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**HWB
57/20** **Forward Plan**

Members considered the Board's Forward Plan.

It was agreed that the Board receives an update on issues highlighted in a recent CQC report on TEWV and the organisation's response.

Consideration to be given to removing the planned Board Review, given proposed changes to the NHS architecture.

A report on Special Educational Needs and Disability work and Strategy would be coming through to the Board, in May.