

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 17th November, 2021.

Present: Cllr Jim Beall (Chair), Cllr Dan Fagan, Martin Gray, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, Jon Carling, Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), Sarah Gill (Sub for Dominic Gardner), Hilton Heslop (sub for Julie Gillon)

Officers: Michael Henderson, Ruby Poppleton, Andrea Hogg (SBC)

Also in attendance: Darren Best (Independent Chair of TSAB), Leanne Stockton (HSSCP), Maxine Crutwell (TEWV), Laura Cattermole (TEWV)

Apologies: Fiona Adamson, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Lisa Evans, Dominic Gardner, David Gallagher, Julie Gillon, Cllr Ann McCoy, Jonathan Slade, Peter Smith, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Ann Workman

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Adult Safeguarding Annual Report

The Board considered the Annual Report of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults' Board 2020 - 21 and its Strategic Business Plan 2021 – 22. The Independent Chair, Darren Best was in attendance to present the report.

It was explained that, during the period covered by the plan the safeguarding landscape had continued to be hugely complex, presenting many new challenges. The year had been dominated by the COVID crisis and its impact, both nationally and locally.

During these unprecedented times the Safeguarding Board had continued to work closely with both statutory and wider partners, to gain the reassurance that safeguarding issues were addressed effectively and appropriately.

The Safeguarding Board recognised that safeguarding issues could not be addressed in isolation and effective partnership working added significant capacity and value to operational delivery. This had been a key area of focus for the Board during 2020 – 21 and had continued to be during 2021 – 22.

Where the Board believed that standards of partnership working had contributed to a safeguarding issue, it would ensure that it learned and improved. If necessary, it would undertake a Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR). Details of the SARs undertaken in Teesside were provided in the report.

Members noted that the Safeguarding Board's current Strategic Business Plan had the following aims and the Board sought assurances from Statutory organisations and multi-agency partners that these were being delivered:

- Empowerment
- Prevention
- Proportionality
- Protection
- Partnership
- Accountability

Discussion and key points:

- It was explained that, in terms of Safeguarding Adults, Stockton on Tees Borough Council were in a very positive position, providing good reassurance and leading the Safeguarding agenda, in the Tees Valley.
- Stockton on Tees Section 42 conversion rates were good.
- The Board had a number of Sub Groups, looking at specific areas of work, including the implementation of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adult Review, Communication and Engagement, Performance, Quality and Audit.
- Domestic Abuse was a key safeguarding issue, across the Tees Valley, and needed to continue to be an area of focus, for all partners. It was noted that Stockton on Tees' Domestic Abuse Strategy was currently being refreshed.

RESOLVED that the Teeswide Safeguarding Board's Annual Report 2020 – 21 and Strategic Business Plan 2021 – 22 be noted.

4 Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership – Annual Report

Consideration was given to the Annual Report of the Hartlepool and Stockton Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSSCP), for 2020-21.

Members were reminded that the HSSCP, was in its second year of operation; having been established in April 2019. It had replaced the previous two Local Safeguarding Children Boards.

It was noted that 2020-21 had been an unusual and challenging year for the partnership, with the need to adapt to new ways of working, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and social distancing restrictions.

HSSCP continued to meet virtually, throughout 2020-21, to ensure continued co-ordination of safeguarding services, across Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees. It carried out challenge and assurance activity, to enable learning to be identified for sharing across partner agencies.

In addition, HSSCP carried out project planning and development work throughout 2020-21 and continued to provide multi-agency professionals with safeguarding training and development opportunities; via online learning platforms.

The Annual Report provided an assessment of the effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, set against an analysis of the local areas safeguarding context. It recognised the achievements and progress that had been made in the local areas and provided a realistic assessment of the challenges that still remained

Discussion and key points:

- Members noted that, South of Tees, Redcar and Cleveland and Middlesbrough Borough Council's had formed a Children Safeguarding Partnership.
- The HSSCP continued to develop its approach to active learning and engagement with local partners

RESOLVED that the Annual Report and discussion be noted.

5 Working collectively to review the mental health system

Members received a presentation relating to the Transformation of Community Mental Health Services.

It was explained that the core aims of the transformation was to:

- develop a long term plan, offering significant investment to enable those with severe mental health illness better access to integrated primary and community mental health care.
- move from fragmented silo working to integrated, holistic, person-centered care model.
- ensure services and care pathways were co-produced with service users, carers and local communities.

Members were updated on work that had been undertaken to date to facilitate transformation:

- A report produced by Healthwatch to help understand 'needs' in local communities and establish a baseline.
- Mapping patients' journey
- Staff and service user/carers led design
- Identification of potential model
- Primary Care Network (PCN) Pilot
- Patient feedback on Pilot

Next steps would include:

- Sign off internally and externally to progress the model
- Working groups to be established for each area at place based
- Co-production of services through the introduction of Teesside Peer Led role
- Focus upon resilience/ prevention year 2 agenda
- Expand the PCN workforce

Discussion and key points:

- PCN practitioners could refer patients to secondary care services.
- It was anticipated that the work of the PCN Mental Health Team would help create capacity in secondary care.
- The Tees Valley would be receiving £1.4 million recurring funding for community mental health services.
- It would be important to ensure that there was no duplication of existing services e.g. the Footsteps Service. Links to other services in Stockton would be essential to maximise connectivity. There may be co-location opportunities. These issues could be discussed at the place based working groups, on which the Council and other Partners would have representation.

RESOLVED that the presentation and discussion be noted.

6 Healthy Lifestyles and Physical Activity Update Presentation

The Board received a presentation that provided an update on the work of the Physical Activity Steering Group. The update covered the following

- Recap from last update
- Covid Recovery
- Healthy Weight programme
- Whole system approach
- Future Development - Healthy Street Framework

Particular reference was made to potential opportunities, within the whole system approach, to support healthy living:

- Anchor Institutions development in the NE – to make use of the local anchor institutions to work together to benefit the communities in Stockton.
- Continue to work with the Inclusive Growth and Town Centre Team on the Waterfront Development, to create a suitable built environment to encourage physical activity.
- Work up Making Every Contact Count, to place the physical activity conversation in all pathways to create an opportunity to support behavioural change.
- Develop a 'Healthy Streets' approach, working with the community to access their street/areas.

Discussion:

- Members highlighted the link between physical activity and maintaining

good mental health.

- Reference was made to the North Tees & Hartlepool Foundation Trust's Active Hospital scheme that supported patients to be more active.
- The Board accepted that it would be very challenging to get all parts of the community to engage in physical activity. It was envisaged that the Healthy Street Framework would be an effective option for those harder to reach residents.

RESOLVED that:

1. the Physical Activity Steering Group's work, in coordinating the development and shaping of healthy places and initiatives, that facilitate physical activity and help address health inequalities, be supported and endorsed.
2. a further update be provided in 6 months.

7 Outbreak Management Update – Presentation

The Board was provided with a presentation relating to Outbreak Management.

Key points

- Stockton-on-Tees had the third highest 7-day infection rate in the North East.
- All North East LAs (bar South Tyneside and Stockton-on-Tees) had seen a decrease in rate compared to 4 weeks ago.
- Vaccination uptake in Stockton-on-Tees was higher than the national average.
- There had been 5 COVID-related deaths registered in Stockton-on-Tees in the most recent 7 days.

Discussion

- The Board queried if there were any figures relating to Covid 19 patients, admitted to North Tees, and the proportion of those who had been vaccinated. This would be investigated,

RESOLVED that the update be noted

8 Integrated Care System/ Partnership

The Board received a brief update relating to the Integrated Care System/Partnership:

- A Design Group was working up the local architecture and proposals were expected soon.

- Discussions, to date, placed Health and Wellbeing Boards as the local system leader.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

9 Members' Updates

Reference was made to a an event relating to Adult Learning Disabilities and it was suggested that a report on outcomes and plans could be provided to the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

10 Forward Plan

The Board noted its Forward Plan