

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING BOARD**

**30 MARCH 2022**

**REPORT OF  
PARTNERSHIPS' CHAIRS**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIPS' UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

This report describes the discussions being undertaken by the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Children and Young People's Partnership. It highlights the significant collaborative working and the important and invaluable links that are made, at each meeting, between Partners

This report covers the last two meetings of each Partnership, held during November 2021 and January 2022,

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the report be noted.

**DETAIL**

**Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership - 11 November 2021**

**1. A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees' strategic framework.**

Partners were provided with the draft of 'A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees' strategic framework. The draft Framework had been considered and endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, at its meeting held in July last year. The final Framework was approved by Cabinet in October 2021.

During discussion the importance of involving the voluntary sector and potential routes for generating and harnessing existing resources, in a much more effective way, was highlighted. Reference was made to opportunities to promote inclusive growth, for the most disadvantaged sectors of our community.

Partners offered assistance to ensure that consultation around the framework reached into the Borough's communities.

**2. Addressing Health Inequalities**

The Health and Wellbeing Board has considered a number of reports relating to this matter and had established Intelligence Groups to inform future work.

The Partnership has also received reports and supported the next steps planned by the Board. It was agreed that this would be a standing item on the

Partnership's agenda.

### **3. Vaccination Update**

The Partnership received a joint presentation from the Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), relating to the roll out of the Covid 19 vaccine. The Partnership received key headlines for Stockton, including what work was being undertaken to encourage uptake and tackle inequalities of uptake.

Janet Walker, Chair of the Vaccination Board, attended the meeting and provide a verbal update on the partnership approach to delivering the flu vaccination programme. It was noted that many lessons learned in the covid vaccination programme were being applied in the flu vaccination programme.

The Board discussed concerns around 'no jab, no job' and it was noted that a great deal of work had been undertaken, in Stockton, to reassure staff and dispel myths. It was considered that there was a high level of vaccination in local trusts' staff.

Covid vaccinations were likely to become part of the routine vaccination programme and there would be a focus on vaccinating communities, rather than cohorts.

Members were aware of the cohort of volunteers that had assisted in delivery of vaccinations and other support, during Covid. There had been a slight drop off, of volunteering, in some areas of support, but Community Champions remained strong.

It was explained that a great deal of work had been done, and would continue, with Universities, to help students register with GPs and to promote vaccination.

### **4. Member Updates**

The Partnership was given an update on the Winter Household Support Fund,

Tees Active was gradually opening more activities. It was looking at physical activity plans for dementia sufferers and carers.

'A way out' charity was running on reduced staff but was seeing increased demand for services. During the meeting the charity and Catalyst agreed to link up around delivery of food parcels ahead of Christmas. The charity was planning a sexual exploitation event, at the end of February, and, in partnership, was looking to get a Sexual Exploitation Strategy in place, for the region. In addition it would be involved in the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers on 17 December 2021. Partners would be asked to join and remember sex workers who had lost their lives in the area.

The Police representative explained that work around Operation Autumnus had been very successful, thanks to partners working together, in this area.

Reference was made to the numerous diversions for young people, put in place, during this period. This had reduced risk to young people, the community and had also reduced demand on services. The Police would be looking at developing an initiative called Twelve Streets, which focused on the most vulnerable streets in the Force Area. Partners' involvement in this would be important and information would be circulated in due course.

The Partnership received an update on health issues and noted that all entry points into the system were under extreme pressure, at that time. Work was ongoing to ease pressures but it was very challenging. North Tees Hospital was in a better position than many other Trusts, in the region, with better patient flow through the hospital. It was highlighted that the good patient flow was partly due to the trust's work, with the Council, and the provision of packages of care. It was considered that the local system, in Stockton, was working comparatively well.

From a Public Health perspective there was concern about the rates of Covid infection and other respiratory conditions, going into the winter. Work was ongoing to mitigate situations but the pressure on teams was considerable. There was work going on around Long Covid and there was a Long Covid pathway that could be accessed via GPs.

## **Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 26 January 2022**

### **5. Support to Care Homes Presentation**

Members received a presentation that described the coordinated support provided to the care sector, from the start of the Covid pandemic, to date

The breadth of support was significant and had been provided by a range of partners, working together. A strong working relationship had been strengthened further and this would continue, going forward, to the benefit of the Borough's most vulnerable.

It was considered that it was important to continue to promote messages that illustrated the massive amount of work that had been undertaken by front line staff across all partners, to keep people safe.

### **6. Adult Strategy**

Consideration was given to the Council's Adult Social Care Strategy 2021 - 2025.

The Partnership agreed that the Strategy was very easy to follow and illustrated exactly what the Council intended to achieve, with regard to Adult Social Care, over the coming years, and would help with aligning work across the Partnership.

Partners offered their help to take forward the action plan, that sat with the strategy. Contacts would be made to facilitate this.

## **7. Members Updates**

Housing Options had jointly commissioned a specialist supported housing needs study. Data was being sought around the levels of housing need in specific cohorts and some interviews with key stakeholders were planned. Partners indicated their willingness to be involved.

Primary Care Networks would be responsible for improved access services (outside core hours, inc. weekends) in October 2022, which was currently provided by GP federations. An update on this is to be provided at the September 2022 meeting of the Partnership.

### **Children and Young People's Partnership - 24 November 2021**

The Partnership continues to review the themes of the Children and Young People's Strategy to facilitate the coproduction of a refreshed Strategy.

## **8. Emotional health and wellbeing**

The Partnership received a presentation relating to Mental Health (MH) and Wellbeing of Children and Young People. The presentation provided an overview of the national and local picture and the impact of COVID

It was explained that, based on Public Health England estimates, there were around 4,600 CYP who lived in the Borough had a diagnosable mental health issue.

Members were informed of work that was being undertaken, locally, to address challenges.

Members heard of work being carried out by Stockton Colleges in terms of welfare delivery.

It was considered that upskilling trusted adults and workforce, to recognise a range of indicators of MH problems, and provide support, would be key.

Transition continued to be a challenge and the links between the emerging work described for CYPMH and similar work being undertaken in Adult Mental Health needed to be made/strengthened.

Work around whole pathway commissioning and the transformation of CAMHS, that would allow it to sit effectively with other relevant services in the system, continued to be a challenge and the pace of change had not been as rapid as envisaged.

Relevant partners agreed to look at joint work that was going on in other areas and feedback to the Chair..

## **9. Change in Children's Services**

Partners received a presentation on changes to the structure of the Council's Children's Services.

Members noted the key changes and the rationale behind those changes.

It was agreed that it would be useful to hear about changes taking place in other partner organisations, at future meetings.

## **Children and Young People's Partnership - 19 January 2021**

### **10. Resilience theme**

The Partnership considered the 'Resilience Theme' of the CYP Strategy and received a presentation relating to the Virtual School. The presentation included information about attachment disorder and trauma Informed provision and progress made in this regard.

Members were provided with details of a child who had moved into an Enhanced Mainstream Provision School and was later reintegrated into their own Primary School.

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) training was being provided by Stockton Riverside College (Education Training Collective) to its Safeguarding and Welfare Teams. Plans to roll out ACE training to all staff was in hand and training would be linked to Trauma Informed Practice. The Council and College would discuss and link work to ensure consistency .

Trauma Informed provision was a core part of training in the Council's 0 – 19 service,

Partners received a presentation relating to the Family Support service. The presentation described the Family Hub Model and other elements of the offer. Members noted that families were supported to build resilience.

It was explained that between Sep and December 2021 380 families had been referred in to the service, involving 767 children, with a 72% retention rate. 444 parents attended a programme within Family Hubs, with 61% noted that there was a improvement in their circumstances as a result of attending the programme. .

The Hub provided universal and targeted help. The universal help available was an early intervention that would help prevent issues developing and avoid statutory interventions.

Partners agreed It would be important to get the message out, to the community, about the range of help available in the hub and that accessing that help should be viewed as a positive, rather than a negative.

The Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities Programme was considered to be a particularly strong element of the offer, as it was provided by members of the community, so had more resonance with families.

It was envisaged that other agencies would provide services at the Family Hub.

Outreach into the communities was essential as some families were reluctant / unable to access services by attending buildings.

It was noted that the school nursing and health visiting services sat within the hubs and was an important link into the community. It was agreed that there was a real opportunity to maximise community based outreach services, across all agencies.

Hubs were involved in school holiday support and this was another means of reaching into communities and highlighting services, as was the Healthy Schools Programme.

#### **Forthcoming Partnership work includes:**

##### **11. Children's Partnership**

Children and Young People's Strategy Development, including consideration of key themes e.g. resilience, relationships, vulnerability. early years

##### **12. Adults' Partnership –**

Post Covid, Health Inequalities, Primary Care Networks Improved Access Services, Supported Specialist Housing, Caring for Smiles

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The risks arising from the production of this report can be categorised as low.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The content of the report reflects discussion and consultation at Partnership meetings.

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