

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 27th July, 2022.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Martin Gray, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, Clare Gamble (Sub for Jon Carling), Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), Dominic Gardner

Officers: Michael Henderson, Mandy Mackinnon, Julie Nisbit, Catherine Buller

Also in attendance: Katie Jenkins, Sally Sheridan, Millie Sheridan (BMBF)

Apologies: Fiona Adamson, Cllr Jacky Bright, Jon Carling, David Gallagher, Julie Gillon, Peter Smith, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Ann Workman

HWB 10/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

HWB 11/22 **Minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

HWB 12/22 **Approval of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022**

Members considered a report that provided the updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, reflecting the outcomes of the public consultation undertaken between 6 April 2022 and 6 June 2022.

Members had discussed a summary of the consultation outcomes at its meeting held 29 June 2022.

RESOLVED that the PNA final draft document be approved for publication, by 1 October 2022

HWB 13/22 **Covid Update from Health Protection Collaborative**

The Board received an update relating to Covid, that had been prepared by the Health Protection Collaborative.

Information provided, included:

- Estimated infection rates were rising, as was hospital activity.
- There had been an increase in care home outbreaks, in recent weeks.
- A peak in cases was anticipated for late October, then again in December.
- There was ongoing local support to homes through a multi-agency Social Care Operational Group
- Mass Vaccinations sites had been stepped down in June. Summer walk in clinics continued at Wellington Square. There was a local focus on inequalities, targeting certain groups. Guidance on the Autumn booster roll out was awaited.
- Vaccines remained a significant tool and continued to be developed. Details

of the current efficacy of the vaccines was provided.
- Future plans associated with Covid and the winter response.

Members were advised of the Covid Lessons Learnt Project which was a planned programme of work to ensure actions, taken during the Covid response, were captured and recorded:

- The scope of the work undertaken.
- Key processes and ongoing work
- A common understanding of lessons learnt

It was anticipated that the programme would inform any future phases of Covid response and any future pandemic, or other public health emergency. Progress on the programme would continue to be fed into the Health Protection Collaborative.

Discussion:

- Members considered that the cost of testing may be a factor in people, who had symptoms, not testing and taking appropriate action, and this may be influencing the increasing infection rates. It was accepted that there was no available research in this regard, at this time.
- It was noted that the ONS estimates were based on a large representative sample of the population receiving PCR tests.
- Cases of Covid in hospital were a mixture of patients admitted, because of Covid, and patients admitted for other reasons but had since tested positive for the virus, It was likely that the number of cases in hospital were a slightly higher percentage of patients admitted than the percentage of cases in the community.
- With regard to the walk in clinic, at Wellington Square, it was noted that Covid Marshalls were in the area and would speak to individuals and encourage them to go into the clinic.
- It was noted that all vaccine immunity waned over time and the research on the long term immunity provided by Covid vaccines was not complete. Any emerging information, from relevant research, would be reported to the Board.
- It was anticipated that ongoing vaccine development would produce vaccines that protected against a broad spectrum of variants,

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted/actioned as appropriate,

**HWB
14/22** **Tobacco Control Update**

The Board considered a presentation that provided an update on :

- The Tobacco Alliance and plans to refresh the Smoking JSNA. Also, mapping of current approaches amongst partners, including developments and innovation. There was planned work to agree shared priorities with the local Integrated Care System and Partnership

- The Stop Smoking Service contract - A new Manager had been appointed and the contract had been extended until March 2024. The service was exploring models of delivery.

- E – cigarettes /Vaping – The Stop smoking service would continue to promote e-cigarettes as a quit aid alternative. Working with schools around interventions through the Healthy Schools Programme and with Trading Standards in respect of controlling high strength vapes, known as Geek Bars.

- NHS ICS Pilot that would promote stop smoking services to North Tees Hospital staff and encourage staff to be strong role models in this regard, The pilot would include free, nicotine replacement therapy. The Board would receive a progress report at the next update.

- The Khan Review. Four recommendations

- Increased Investment
- Increased the age of sale
- Promote Vaping
- Improve prevention in the NHS

Discussion:

- Members were concerned that vaping was being taken up by young people who would not have, under normal circumstances, taken up smoking. The marketing of vapes was deliberately targeting children.

- Members were concerned about the Khan Review recommendation 'Promote Vaping'. Members were assured that the promotion of vaping was solely as an aid to quit smoking and not a desired outcome in its self.

- Members noted that there were much higher rates of smoking in the Tobacco Alliance's targeted groups.

- The Council would work with TEWV around the target group of smokers with mental illness and was keen to learn from the work TEWV had undertaken at its Roseberry Park Hospital, in terms of nicotine replacement therapy.

- Agreed that the next update should include data on how successful the Tobacco Alliance had been in addressing its areas of focus.

RESOLVED that the update and discussion be noted/actioned as appropriate.

HWB 15/22 **Support to Care Sector (Presentation)**

A presentation was provided that described the coordinated support provided to the care sector. The presentation covered the following areas:

- The Well – Led Leadership programme
- Support to the sector around recruitment and retention, including a pilot around retention and maintaining staff development and wellbeing
- The work and rebranding of the Social Care Operational Group
- Provider Forums and Information Sharing

- Winter resilience
- Quality Assurance and Compliance

Discussion:

- Members requested information on the number of vacancies and the reasons and scale of the problems associated with recruitment and retention. The Board was provided with a brief overview of the position and it was indicated that further information, in this regard, would be circulated after the meeting.
- Members considered the further roll out of the Well Led Programme to be very positive.
- The promotion of jobs and careers, in the care sector, as important, fulfilling and valued, was essential to change perceptions.
- The Board noted the scheme with Teesside University and it was suggested that consideration be given to including a mental health placement.
- Members agreed that the work described in the presentation had been well developed, over a short period of time, at a local level. It was noted that there had been significant regional and national interest in Stockton's work.

RESOLVED that the presentation and discussion be noted and actioned where appropriate.

**HWB
16/22** **Integrated Care System Update**

The Board considered a presentation relating to the North East and Cumbria Integrated Care System.

Discussion:

- It was noted that place based delivery, including delegations, was being developed, with proposed arrangements beginning in January 2023, prior to a review period and formal adoption by April 2023. Work would continue, built on local priorities and building on what already worked.
- Budget allocation across the ICS was likely receive significant scrutiny at local authority level.
- Members agreed that the changes needed to produce benefits and enhance and improve what was already in place. At scale the benefits would be delivered across the ICS.

RESOLVED that the Update and discussion be noted.

**HWB
17/22** **Members' Updates**

Members provided the following updates

- Cllr Shane Moor, Leader of Hartlepool Borough Council, would be the elected member representative on the Integrated Care Board.

- Healthwatch/Catalyst reported that, anecdotally, some patients were currently unable to access medicines, at pharmacies, because of supply issues.
- Holiday Activity/Enrichment Programmes had launched.
- Catalyst was recruiting a Fairer Stockton Coordinator.
- A response to a query, raised at the last meeting, and relating to access to play equipment, in Council parks, would be circulated to the Board.

HWB **Forward Plan**
18/22

Members considered the Board's Forward Plan. It was agreed that the August meeting could be cancelled due to a lack of items.