

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 21st September, 2022.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook(Chair), Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Ann McCoy, Martin Gray, Emma Champley (Sub for Ann Workman), Fiona Adamson, Dr Tanja Braun (Sub for Sarah Bowman - Abouna), Jon Carling, Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), Dominic Gardner, Dr Esther Mireku (Sub for Julie Gillon), Peter Smith

Officers: Michael Henderson, John Devine, Jane Edmends (SBC), Kathryn Warnock (ICB)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Jacky Bright, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, David Gallagher, Julie Gillon, Jonathan Slade, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Ann Workman,

HWB 19/22 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Ann McCoy declared an interest in item 6 'Cost of Living Crisis', as she served on the Board of Directors of Stockton and District Advice and Information Service.

HWB 20/22 **Minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

HWB 21/22 **Better Care Fund Plan**

The Board considered the draft Stockton on Tees Better Care Fund Plan 2022/2023, for submission to NHS England.

RESOLVED that the Plan be approved for submission.

HWB 22/22 **Update on Primary Care Networks**

Members received a presentation that provided an update on Primary Care Networks (PCN) in the Borough.

The presentation covered the following areas:

- Contractual requirements
- Plans relating to Enhanced Access
- Workforce Issues
- Integrated Care Board support to PCNs
- Locations of Networks and Practices, together with population details.
- Patients, in all the Borough's Primary Care Networks, would have enhanced access to services, via their GPs Mon - Friday 6.30pm – 9pm, Sat – Sunday 9 am - 5pm
- First Contact Physios had been aligned to the North Tees Hospital Trust physio service.
- Clearly some of the individuals undertaking new roles in primary care, to ensure a multi-disciplinary approach, were already employed in that system. However, in order for PCNs to receive additional role reimbursement funding,

there had to be a corresponding increase in the baseline number of staff that they employed. PCNs had submitted workforce plans and dealt with training issues and academic qualifications.

- Members noted some of the work to attract, retain and train primary care staff, so that delivery of services was not affected. The primary care workforce was now many and varied and GPs were just one part of a large team, that delivered a much wider range of services than had previously been the case. Communications needed to reflect this.
- It was important to expand online support and ensure that every contact counted, with patients being approached, proactively around issues that might impact on their health, further down the line.
- Tackling inequalities was a feature of the Direct Enhanced Services. Across Stockton-on-Tees, all PCNs selected Healthy Weight as their core focus for the Health Inequalities work, with a sub-focus of cohorts identified relevant to their PCN population health needs.
- In terms of population numbers, for PCNs, it was explained that they had to be between 30-50k. Stockton had four PCNs, whilst Darlington had one, for its whole population of over 100k. This was, in part, due to Darlington being part of the Healthy New Town Programme 2016 and had therefore been working in a similar way to the PCN model, since that time.

An update report and development session on PCNs could be provided at future meeting.

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Cost of Living Crisis

The Board was provided with two reports relating to the cost of living crisis.

Members were provided with some details of how the Consumer Prices Index had risen by over 10% and pay in real terms had fallen. Stockton on Tees Borough had a high proportion of people on low wages. Within the Borough demand for food banks had risen, this year, to a point where demand was outstripping the supply of food. Shortages of food, the affordability of healthy food, and colder homes all affected health and it was likely that more people would be ill, and some may die, as a direct consequence of the current situation.

It was agreed that Partners needed to work in a coordinated and collaborative way to support the community. Details of work, already underway, and involving a number of partner organisations, was provided and these included:

- The Food Power Network
- The Infinity Partnership - Partners providing specialist welfare advice.
- Affordable Warmth Partnership
- The Fairer Stockton Framework
- Household Support Grant
- Warm Homes Healthy People Programme
- Warm Spaces Campaign – 51 identified

Members noted that available support was communicated to those needing it in a wide range of ways.

It was agreed that it was important to identify any opportunities for building on the support work, already underway, and to further develop collaborative working, between all partners, in this area. Partners had previously been asked to highlight any relevant initiatives that they were involved in, and consideration could be given to collaboratively developing support further, building on the work being undertaken in the Council, led by the AD for Housing and A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees.

RESOLVED that

1. the reports and discussion be noted and further consideration be undertaken on what opportunities there might be, to work collaboratively, in order to expand and enhance existing support during the cost of living crisis.
2. the Board receives updates, at future meetings.

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24/22** **Members' Updates**

A brief Update on the prevailing situation with regard to Covid, was provided, including data relating to vaccinations and walk in clinics.

The Chair had attended the first meeting of the local Integrated Care Partnership and he provided a brief overview of some of the business conducted. He indicated that a Strategy needed to be prepared by December and it was likely that this would be presented to this Board's October meeting, for consideration. It was explained that a Chair of the Partnership was likely to be appointed in December.

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25/22** **Forward Plan**

Members noted the Board's Forward Plan.

Mental Health Transformation update – January 2023.

Adult Social Care Reforms to be scheduled for November 2022.