

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 19th October, 2022.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Jacky Bright, Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Martin Gray, Ann Workman, Fiona Adamson, Dr. Tanya 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, Hayley Walker

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Sarah Bowman - Abouna, David Gallagher, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Jonathan Slade

HWB 26/22 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

HWB 27/22 **Minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

HWB 28/22 **Integrated Mental Health Strategy Group Update**

The Board received an update on the progress of the Integrated Mental Health Steering Group.

Since the last update in May 22 the group had consolidated its membership and mapped local structures, meetings and groups to gain a better understanding of the local mental health landscape and governance structures.

Catalyst and Healthwatch, as representatives of the VCSE, had updated on the new mental health forum which had been implemented in June and provided valuable feedback and input from the wider VCSE into the Integrated Mental Health Steering Group.

TEWV and Healthwatch had worked with Starfish and Red Balloon to start a Lived Experience Forum in Stockton-on-Tees. The forum was an integral part of the transformation of adults mental health services and had started in September 2022.

CAMHS had undergone a significant transformation process resulting in a new treatment model, with a single point of access and mental health support teams working with schools and colleges in Stockton North and Billingham, covering 50% of the population. A more detailed update, in cooperation with children's services, would be presented to the Board in December 2022.

The work on the transformation of TEWV adult services and the development of a Community Mental Health Hub was progressing and would be presented to the Board in December 2022.

The next steps of the group were to focus on data and intelligence, suicide prevention and progress with the development of a strategic mental health framework for the Borough.

For transparency purposes Cllr Ann McCoy indicated that she was a lead governor on the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys Mental Health Trust Board

Discussion and key points:

- Mapping of services and local structures was an ongoing process. An update on progress of the mapping would be given to the Board, in December.
- A major focus of the community mental health framework was to ensure that provision was integrated into the local systems and access to services was easy and didn't necessarily need a referral.
- Events had been arranged at the Mental Health Hub, aimed at gathering intelligence on hard to reach groups.
- Preventative work would be a key focus.
- Links between the Mental Health Trust and Children's and Adults' Services, Public Health, Healthwatch and the VCSE were particularly strong in the Borough.
- There was a gap in terms of primary care representation on the Integrated Mental Health Steering Group and there would be further consideration of this.

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

HWB 29/22 Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities (SEND) – Progress update

Members considered a report relating to SEND services in the Borough.

The Board was reminded that Stockton-on-Tees was inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in February 2019 and was required to produce a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) to address a number areas of weakness.

In July 2022, a SEND revisit took place to determine if the Local Area had made sufficient progress in addressing the areas detailed in the WSOA. The SEND revisit letter, issued by Ofsted, was provided to the Board, together with a summary of the key points from the letter:

- Sufficient progress made against all of the areas identified in the initial inspection;
- Better engagement, communication and co-production, though with more work to do in some areas;
- Root and branch review of the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process undertaken;
- Appropriate additional capacity in the teams;

- Improvements in the quality of EHCPs, though more action needed to translate older plans into the new format;
- A coordinate and effective approach to joint commissioning;
- Better outcomes in EHCP plans and better information from agencies to support this.

In addition the Board received a presentation that outlined the progress to date in delivering against the priorities of the SEND strategy, which had a much broader focus than the preparation for the revisit.

Discussion and key points:-

- Members noted that, though the outcomes of the revisit were extremely positive, in all areas, a judgement would not be issued. However, the revisit team had commented that the work, that had taken place, and was planned, was amongst the best they had seen in the whole country and they were likely to recommend it to other areas.
- Work would continue and be refined and adapted, to try and meet the needs of all children and parents; the Board noted the complexities and ever-changing picture associated with this. It was noted that changes were likely to be needed, in the light of any requirements coming from the SEND and Alternative Provision Green Paper.
- The Partnership working, between the Council and ICB, had been very strong.
- During discussion it was noted that Healthwatch had been involved in the development of a 'Youthwatch' to enable young people to be the voice of young patients/service users living in the area. It was suggested that this may be something Bright Minds Big Futures may be able to assist with.

RESOLVED that:

1. the report, letter, presentation and discussion, be noted.
2. the progress made in the delivery of the SEND Strategy, be noted.

HWB 30/22 Domestic Abuse Steering Group Update

Members received an update relating to the Domestic Abuse Steering Group.

It was explained that the current Domestic Abuse Strategy was coming to an end this year and the Steering Group, and a working group it had created, had been updating the strategy.

The Board considered the vision and priority areas of focus of the new strategy.

A consultation plan was in place and the draft strategy would be shared with the Board and other groups (community safety partnership, Tees adult safeguarding board, Children's safeguarding board) in November for consultation with a view to approve a final strategy in December 2022.

An action plan and outcomes framework, to measure progress, were also in

development and would sit alongside the strategy to describe how the strategic intent would be delivered and monitored.

Discussion and key points: -

- Members highlighted information in the report that suggested 85% of domestic abuse survivors had sought help before they received the support that they needed. It was accepted that more awareness raising, and training was needed, for front line staff, in settings where people were known to disclose, to ensure they could help survivors appropriately.
- It was suggested that a major factor in ensuring the success of the DA Strategy would be securing access to key, complete and current local data. It was recognised that this would be challenging.
- Members agreed that the strategy needed to have input from people with lived experiences of the issues.

RESOLVED that the report and discussion be noted and agreed as appropriate.

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Covid Management Update from Health Protection Collaborative

The Board considered a presentation that outlined the current position relating to Covid 19 and specifically:

- Prevalence
- Patients admitted to hospital
- Vaccinations, including uptake
- Local Action, including protecting the most vulnerable, vaccine inequalities work, winter health work
- Next steps – embedding lessons learned, business continuity planning across organisations, surge discussions.

Discussion and key points:-

- Members highlighted the lack of national advice and messaging relating to Covid and the consequent confusion there was in the community around vaccinations, testing, isolating etc. Attempts to get messages out at a regional level were underway but messaging was a challenge due to the complexity of the process in terms of logistics, staff fatigue and availability, matching up supplies of covid and flu etc.
- It was agreed that officers consider whether some basic local messaging would be beneficial.
- Concerns around the lack of national messaging could be escalated via a number of routes e.g. Regional Directors of Public Health and this would be looked at.

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

HWB ICP Strategy

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Members noted that the draft ICP Strategy would be presented to the Board's meeting in November.

**HWB
33/22** **ICB update**

The Board received a presentation update, relating to the Integrated Care Board.

Key points highlighted included:

- Details of how the ICP Strategy was being drafted; details of the relationship between the Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs) and Integrated Care Board (ICB), plus area and place delivery arrangements.
- ICP footprints and membership details.
- Options in terms of place-based governance models – Consultative Forum, Place Committee of the ICB, Joint Committee. Consultation on this had been taking place.
- Next steps and timelines leading to formal adoption of governance arrangements by April 2023.
- Convening and development of Area ICPs

Discussion:

- The process associated with forming the local ICP was progressing very rapidly, and discussions continued in Stockton to identify a preferred place-based governance model.
- It would be important that the Health and Wellbeing Board was a key element of any governance.
- Governance options were intended to enhance collaborative working.
- Consideration of where the mental health portfolio would sit were still ongoing.
- Healthwatch was working regionally on how it could gather service user feedback.
- It was explained that a Regional Primary Care Collaborative was being established involving clinical directors, GP Federation representatives and local medical committee representatives. The collaborative would also work on a local footprint. It was envisaged that the collaborative would be able to identify the best primary care representation at place and area level.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

**HWB
34/22** **Members' Updates**

The Annual Social Worker Awards were planned for November and Stockton on

Tees Borough staff had been nominated as finalists for a number of awards – Newly Qualified Social Worker, Social Justice Advocate, Supportive Social Worker Employer (Adults and Children), Digital Transformation.

Healthwatch was planning a number of enter and view visits to pharmacies connected to medication delivery.

Catalyst reported increasing activity at food banks and community pantries, with supply decreasing.

The warm places initiative had received a positive report on Martin Lewis's website.

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Forward Plan

The Board noted the Forward Plan.