

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday 26th February 2025.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Lisa Evans (Vice-Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Diane Clarke OBE, Cllr John Coulson(sub for Cllr Marcus Vickers), Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Cllr Lynn Hall(sub for Cllr Stephen Richardson), Karen Hawkins, Majella McCarthy, Cllr Sufi Mubeen, Lucy Owens, Peter Smith, Jamie Todd and Cllr Sylvia Walmsley

Officers: Michael Henderson, John Devine, Sarah Kuster, Ian Turnbull, Greg Purta, Eddie Huntington and Elisha Dyball

Also in attendance: None

Apologies: Fiona Adamson, Dr Deepak Dwarakanath, Cllr Dan Fagan, Cllr Steve Nelson, Carolyn Nice, Cllr Stephen Richardson, Jonathan Slade, Matt Storey and Cllr Marcus Vickers

HWB/61/24 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

HWB/62/24 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

HWB/63/24 Right Care, Right Person in Cleveland Police Force Area

Members considered a report that set out how Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) was being implemented in the Cleveland Police Force area. It also set out the background to RCRP nationally, the work coordinated by Cleveland Police to date, the timescales for implementation and the work to date on implementing the plan across the Cleveland Police footprint.

Discussion and points raised:

- Members received examples of how RCRP operated in the area.
- Members noted that the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) Mental Health Trust's crisis number was fully operational and, nationally, it had the second highest answer rate, of 97%, which was very positive. It was agreed that it was important that instructions on how to access the line were clearly communicated to members of the public, so patients received the appropriate care.
- Police continued to support paramedics attending potentially violent situations, however, historical data was considered in order to assess the context and level of risk and determine if, and what level of, support was necessary.

- Statistically, there had not been any indication that the crisis number on 111(2) had decreased call outs of ambulances but this was being monitored.
- Training had been given to a number of services at the Council and voluntary sector. Further discussions, with Catalyst, would be undertaken to potentially identify other organisations for training.

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

HWB/64/24 Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Strategy - Progress and Next Steps

Members considered a report relating to SEND

It was explained that the Children and Families Act 2014 introduced significant changes to the systems and approaches for children and young people aged 0-25, with SEND). A new SEND strategy was developed by health, education and social care partners in 2021 which was in the process of being refreshed, following changes to the SEND framework and the leadership team in Stockton on Tees.

Members were reminded that a number of reports had been presented to the Board providing oversight on the delivery of the strategy and against the previous local area inspection and whilst there was now a new senior leadership team in place and a new inspection framework, strategic planning had been at the forefront of plans in 2024 to ensure that improvement was driven forward in 2025, using the Local Area Inclusion Plan as a tool to enable this.

The Board received an outline of the plans for 2025 following the establishment of the Local Inclusion Partnership and re-establishment of the SEND Strategic Board with new board members.

Discussion and key points:-

- The Council had limited powers in terms of what it could ask schools to do in this area. Some multi academy trusts disagreed with the Council's assessment of necessary provision. A new Ofsted Framework was to be introduced that had a stronger focus on inclusion and it was hoped this would have a positive effect on provision.
- Funding from the DfE was extremely limited in this area.
- Transition points to Adulthood continued to be strengthened.
- Training was an important aspect of maintaining provision.
- Specialist/Mainstream hybrid provision would be available at Stockton Riverside College which would give appropriate SEND pupils access to specialist learning, whilst also having access to the wider school environment.

RESOLVED that:

1. the Local Area Inclusion Plan for and priorities for 2025/2026 be endorsed.
2. a further report be presented in Autumn 2025, when a refreshed SEND & AP Strategy will be available.

HWB/65/24 Members' Updates

There were no updates.

HWB/66/24 Forward Plan

It was suggested that the March meeting be extended to allow the discussion of business, followed by a session to receive LGA feedback.

RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.

Chair: