

Health & Wellbeing Board

A meeting of Health & Wellbeing Board was held on Wednesday, 22nd February, 2023.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley, Ann Workman, Fiona Adamson, Tanja Braun (Sub for Sarah Bowman - Abouna), Lucy Owens (sub for Jon Carling), Alex Sinclair (Sub for David Gallagher), Shaun Mayo (Sub for Dominic Gardner), Hilton Heslop (Sub for Julie Gillon)

Officers: Michael Henderson, Mandy Mackinnon

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Jacky Bright, Jon Carling, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Dan Fagan, David Gallagher, Dominic Gardner, Julie Gillon, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Martin Gray, Sarah Bowman - Abouna, Jonathan Slade, Peter Smith

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January, 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2023 were confirmed as a correct record.

3 Alcohol Update

Members received an overview presentation relating to alcohol services. The presentation covered the following:-

- Alcohol profiles and data for Stockton-on-Tees
- ICS Alcohol Health Care Needs Assessment & recommendations
- ICS approaches
- Alcohol awareness
- Alcohol licensing
- Community alcohol services
- Inpatient detox provision

Discussion:-

- Reference was made to the promotion of discounted alcohol at retail outlets and particularly supermarkets and how this might influence consumption. The Board noted the difficulties associated with engagement with outlets at a local level and a national approach/agreement was needed. The issue relating to alcohol pricing, promotion and placement was being pursued through a number of routes.

- The definition of alcohol dependence use by the Council was in line with NICE Guidance.

- Member supported the recommendations coming from the Integrated Care System's Alcohol Healthcare Needs Assessment. It was recognised that a focus of the recommendations was the identification of individuals who may benefit from treatment and there was work to improve access to treatment. Also

there had been an increase in funding of services, in Stockton, over the next 2 years, to enable the expansion of the treatment offer.

- The voluntary sector highlighted that it could assist with the delivery of some of the Needs Assessment's recommendations, particularly recommendation 12, relating to engagement with people with lived experience. Reference was also made to work it was involved in with assisting the private sector around its social responsibilities and this could be a route into discussions around reducing alcohol promotion.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

4 Multiple Complex Needs - Peer Advocacy Pilot

The Board considered a report that provided an overview of the pilot work to support people in the borough with multiple complex needs, using a peer advocacy and support model and funded through the ICS health inequalities monies devolved to each local authority area.

It was explained that a steering group had been established to take the pilot work forward, comprising public health, adult safeguarding, the homelessness team and the A Fairer Stockton team, also liaising closely with A Way Out. The group was developing the pilot based on a range of public health background work and context including:

- A comprehensive health needs assessment for drugs was undertaken as part of the reprocurement of service in 2020.
- A comprehensive health needs assessment for domestic abuse was undertaken in preparation for reprocurement of service 2022/23
- Liaison with homelessness / supported accommodation service providers
- Contract monitoring and service improvement for people with substance misuse (drugs and alcohol)
- Learning from drug-related death reviews
- Learning from targeted work with hostels during the Covid pandemic
- Stakeholder engagement in planning activities and interventions funded through the national drug strategy monies
- Observation and learning from Team Around the Individual (TATI) meetings (adult safeguarding).

The group had established a referral route for the individuals and families who would be identified through the adult safeguarding process. There were several different potential ways of identifying a cohort of focus for the work. Due to the existing work to further develop the 'Team Around the Individual' (TATI) process as part of the borough's safeguarding work, the work was being commenced with those individuals being part of the TATI process. A 'test and learn' approach was being used, so that learning could be incorporated as the pilot developed. It was envisaged that, should the work be successful, the approach could be used for work with different cohorts and communities, being adapted as needed. Discussions were underway on building in evaluation from early in the work.

Next steps for the group were to develop eligibility criteria for the peer advocacy pilot; develop a job outline for the peer advocate; and seek expressions of

interest from the VCSE sector.

The pilot would run alongside other innovative approaches in development, with the opportunity for them to inform each other. This included the development of a change house which provided intensive individual and group-based support from substance misuse treatment services into existing housing provision to enable those with complex housing and substance misuse needs to stabilise their lives and engage with treatment.

Discussion:-

- The Board supported the proposals in the report.
- It would be important to try and identify the most difficult cases at an early stage, however, getting people to engage may be a challenge.
- It was suggested that the Pilot should link in with the Changing Futures work.

RESOLVED that

1. the approach set out in the report be supported.
2. an update be provided at a future meeting.

5 Place Based Committee

RESOLVED that the item be deferred to a future meeting.

6 Members' Updates

There were no members' updates.

7 Forward Plan

Members noted the Board's Forward Plan.

Domestic Abuse update, scheduled for March to be removed.