

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

27 SEPTEMBER 2023

**REPORT OF
PARTNERSHIPS' CHAIRS**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIPS' UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report describes the discussions being undertaken by the Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership and the Children and Young People's Partnership. It highlights the significant collaborative working and the important and invaluable links that are made, between Partners, at each meeting. Board members may access minutes of the meeting via the Council's Democratic Services Unit.

This report covers meetings held in July 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

DETAIL

Adults Health and Wellbeing Partnership – 26 July 2023

Health Inequalities

The partnership was advised that take up of the NHS Health Check was almost at pre pandemic levels. The health check was offered to 40 – 74-year-olds with no chronic health conditions. The health checks had been mostly paused during the pandemic but had resumed. In the first quarter of this year, 1,388 people had taken advantage of the health check, which was effective in detecting a wide range of health risk factors. All GP practices in Stockton were delivering the health checks and an updated payment system had been introduced to encourage delivery in more deprived areas. The NHS considered health checks an important tool for risk prevention in primary care.

Discussion and key points:

- The health check focused on cardiovascular disease and not mental health problems
- The health checks were carried out by trained health care assistants and should not therefore interfere with GP appointments
- Practices send out invitations to patients but patients can also request a health check
- Local take up compared well with regional and national take up

Members Updates

Members provided updates as follows:

- A CQC recognised medication managements qualification had been introduced and was awarded by the NCFE. Details would be circulated
- Healthwatch were about to embark on a piece of work around future needs for older people with learning disabilities. Details would be circulated
- Lottery money had been secured for a mapping exercise of the voluntary and community sector and gaps in provision for health inequality work. A presentation would be made at the Winter Health Conference
- The Government had announced a further extension of the Household Support Fund running from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The Council had been given £3.3million from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to provide support to a wide range of low-income households who were most in need due to the rising cost of living. The scheme was closely linked to energy costs, the rising cost of food, bills and other household costs. Further details would be circulated
- Exploring key issues affecting people's health this winter, the Stockton-on-Tees Winter Health Conference 2023 was planned for September. Anyone interested in getting involved to contact Jon Carling or Tanja Braun
- A three-year Peer Advocate Project commissioned by SBC would be starting in September. Work would support people with multiple and complex needs and funding was received by Local Authorities in the North East from the ICS and ICB. Local Authorities had adopted different approaches based on their own local needs and circumstances
- The Thornaby 'Warm Welcome' social sessions pilot had run throughout the winter and had been a huge success. It was planned to continue the sessions combining with warm spaces and promoting health checks
- In June, Thornaby Pavilion had been the setting for a unique sporting occasion, as residents from care homes tackled a number of different sporting events at the Care Homes Legends event. The pilot event had been organised by Tees Active and Stockton Council's Transformation Team

Children and Young People's Partnership – 12 July 2023

Children and Young People's Plan 2023 – 27 Plan on a Page

Members considered a high-level summary of the Children and Young People Plan for the period 2023-27.

The Plan on a Page set out the vision and 'pillars', which sets out shared priorities for action:

- Best start in life
- A Caring System
- Children at the heart of everything we do
- Families together
- Shared Intent: Alignment and Co-ordination

Feedback from partners was invited on the overarching strategy and based on feedback received, more specific commitments would be incorporated into a draft to be finalised by the end of July.

Members discussed how best to consult on the strategy recognising that there had already been previous discussions and engagement on a number of elements of the plan. It was agreed that engagement would be more meaningful if it focused on specific actions flowing from the plan.

Draft Early Help Strategy 2023/25

Members considered the draft Early Help Strategy for 2023-25 following discussions at previous partnership meetings. The Strategy was designed as a framework within which partners could operate and identified a range of areas for improvement which would be taken forward through more extensive engagement with partners.

It was also proposed that that Children and Young People's Partnership become the overarching governance framework for the strategy and that an early help operational meeting should be established to drive forward implementation.

Discussion and key points:

- It was highlighted that attendance was worsening across all year groups and that there were links between exclusion and undiagnosed SEND and emotional issues
- There were examples of best practice in the VCS; this strategy provided a mechanism to bring the VCS together and share that best practice
- Members discussed how best to get help for the child when the family could be the barrier to support. Children's Services had been discussing adopting a different approach which could provide a solution in some circumstances

Cared for Children, Care Experienced Young People and Corporate Parenting – Refreshing Our Approach

The Partnership considered a report providing an update on the proposed refresh approach around support children and young people in care and those leaving care. It also updated on activities undertaken to refresh the strategy for cared for and care experienced children and young people and incorporated the specific challenges identified in the ILACS Inspection.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risks arising from the production of this report can be categorised as low.

CONSULTATION

The content of the report reflects discussion and consultation at Partnership meetings.

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