

MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE:	Thursday, 10 June 2021
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Assembly Room - Barnsley Civic

MINUTES

Present

Councillor Jim Andrews BEM, Deputy Leader (Chair)
Dr Nick Balac, Chair, NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group (Chair)
Councillor Trevor Cave, Cabinet Spokesperson - Childrens Services
Councillor Jenny Platts, Cabinet Spokesperson - Adults and Communities
Wendy Lowder,
John Marshall
Chris Edwards
Mark Janvier
Adrian England
Julie Tolhurst
Bob Kirton
Rob Webster
Salma Yasmeen
Amanda Garrard
Jeremy Budd
Andrew Deniff
Diane Lee,
Christus Ferneyhough
Emma Robinson

1 **Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

2 **Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 4th February 2021**

The meeting considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th February 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a true and correct record.

3 **Public questions**

The meeting noted that no public questions had been received for consideration at the meeting.

4 **Poverty Needs Assessment - Emma Robinson**

Emma Robinson was welcomed to the meeting and provided a detailed update with regard to the refreshed Poverty Needs Assessment for 2020/21, outlining both the

local and national pictures in terms of healthy life expectancy, employment, child poverty, food poverty and digital poverty.

It was highlighted that Barnsley is now starting to see the emerging impact of Covid-19. Levels of poverty have risen in both Summer and Winter, with more people dropping below the poverty line. This trend is likely to continue as measures such as the furlough scheme and enhanced Universal Credit are removed. In Barnsley the Healthy Life Expectancy picture is worsening, with people in deprived areas spending more of their lives in poor health.

More than two in five families nationally have fallen into poverty in 2020, meaning hundreds of thousands were struggling to pay bills and cover costs for their child in lockdown, with an associated impact on children's wellbeing. More than 70 per cent of children facing hardship have at least one parent who works.

Disadvantaged children are more likely to develop mental health problems, have poor educational attainment, increased worries, frustrations, aspirations etc. 33% of Barnsley children live in poverty, an increase from around 28%. This is higher in some areas such as the Dearne, Worsborough and St Helens, with lower rates in Penistone.

Benefit claimant rates and youth unemployment is also increasing. Male life expectancy is static but is lower than national and regional rates. Healthy life expectancy shows a decrease for both men and women, in line with national trends. The Healthy Life Expectancy for males in Barnsley is 57.5 years, 5.7 years lower than the England average and for females it is 61.5 years, 2 years lower than the England average.

The number of homes in fuel poverty in Barnsley is increasing and is higher than the regional and national average. Fuel poverty contributes to Excess Winter Deaths (EWDs) as the risk of death and ill health is associated with living in a cold home when the outdoor temperature drops to below 6°C. The highest number of EWDs are in Penistone and Darton which may be due to the older population and the number of care homes in the area. The North Area Council has been doing work around winter warmer packs/sloppy slippers. Berneslai Homes is working with its tenants to reduce poverty and is picking up information around damp and condensation as this is linked to health.

A discussion took place around the need for the Board to carefully examine the data, look at the 'must-do's' and challenges and identify how to tackle them with partners. The timescale for this work has not yet been determined as the intelligence team has been working on Covid projects. Finance data will also need to be incorporated into it. The issue of Digital poverty needs more insight.

RESOLVED

- (i) that Emma be thanked for her attendance and contribution;
- (ii) that a household level 'Poverty Index' for the Borough be developed using similar methodology to the vulnerability model, focusing on financial hardship and poverty 'flags', to inform targeting of preventative work.

- (iii) Better capturing of data at an area level in our 'business as usual' work, ensuring the right questions are asked at the start of contact with residents to collect data on the situation of people in the Borough.
- (iv) that Wider boards should receive the findings and consider key actions/outcome proposals for reducing poverty in the Borough as findings from the needs assessment suggest that tackling poverty and inequalities will need a co-ordinated partnership response with place-based initiatives to support and promote employment, educational achievement, better health and improved social mobility.
- (v) that a mapping exercise be undertaken in terms of our resources to tackle poverty to help us identify the opportunities and gaps. This would also act as a "sense check" of current funding streams against the intelligence in the needs assessment to ensure we are spending the money in the right areas.
- (vi) to incorporate the findings/intelligence from this needs assessment into the development of the Council plan and Barnsley 2030 vision, and
- (vii) A Poverty Needs Assessment All Member Information Brief (AMIB) be arranged for Elected Members.

5 Integrated Care System Compact - Andrew Osborn

Jeremy Budd, NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group, was welcomed to the meeting to update the Board regarding the ongoing development of the Integrated Care System. It was explained that the draft governance arrangements will shape the next phase of the ICS development during transition to becoming a statutory authority from April 2022.

The Governance model, areas of focus for 2021/22 (which will inform delivery plans) and terms of reference were outlined, together with the timetable for the new system. Further legislation is expected in July. The Health and Care Plan will be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Jeremy be thanked for his attendance and contribution, and
- (ii) The Board note the contents of this paper, accompanying documents and supporting presentation and are assured that appropriate, place-based feedback is being provided by the Barnsley Design Group, which consists of key local stakeholders.

6 Barnsley Sustainability - David Malsam/ Sarah Cartwright

David Malsam and Sarah Cartwright were welcomed to the meeting to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on activity around sustainability; to introduce the decision-making wheel and to secure support for future engagement and consultation activity.

Barnsley's aims and ambitions were highlighted, together with the relationship between climate and health as it is well documented that access to greenspace has a positive impact on health and wellbeing. The sustainable energy action plan (SEAP) and Zero Carbon update were outlined along with governance structures and the types of projects which will be developed AMIB to be arranged.

The next stage is to get the Barnsley community to commit to reducing their carbon footprint, as BMBC has done. A hearts and minds approach and behavioural change is necessary to secure the future of our young people. Some positives can be seen from the Covid experience, which we need to build on. The Government has set a target of 'C' for properties in Barnsley, which means that around 80,000 homes will need to be brought up to that standard, with associated issues around cost and supply chains.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) David and Sarah be thanked for their attendance and contribution;
- (ii) the contents of the report be noted;
- (iii) the Barnsley's Zero45 programme and associated projects continue to be supported;
- (iv) the appointed consultant and BMBC be supported with the delivery of the consultation and engagement element of the route-mapping work;
- (v) Sustainability and Climate Change return to a future Health and Wellbeing Board to report back on the results of the consultation, and
- (vi) An All Member Information Brief (AMIB) be arranged for Elected Members.

7 Healthy Weight Declaration - Christus Ferneyhough

Christus Ferneyhough was welcomed to the meeting and delivered a presentation to update the Board on the adoption of the Local Authority Declaration on Healthy Weight (HWD), which is a strategic, systemwide commitment to promote healthy weight and good overall health and wellbeing in communities.

The HWD includes 16 commitments whereby local authorities (or areas) pledge to achieve action on improving policy and healthy weight outcomes. All partners are fully supportive of the HWD - sign-up is required from schools and leadership teams. The HWD is important as in Barnsley 1 in 5 children start primary school overweight or obese, 1 in 3 leave primary school overweight or obese and 2 in 5 of 5 year olds have visible dental decay. In Barnsley, 2 in 3 adults are overweight or obese, leading to health issues later in life.

A whole systems approach is required to tackling this, with the Board taking ownership. It was reiterated that consultation on the HWD will include young people and that Barnsley's food plan, which is currently up for a refresh, will incorporate the views of the Youth Council.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Christus Ferneyhough be thanked for his attendance and contribution;
- (ii) the Board approves and endorses the adoption of the HWD as a Barnsley declaration;
- (iii) a progress report be submitted and presented to the Board in October 2021 and
- (iv) Members of the Board work with us in identifying priorities and ways in which we can work beyond the pledges to make change.

8 Collaborative Cold Weather Planning - Julie Tolhurst

Julie Tolhurst was welcomed to the meeting and provided an update on Excess Winter Deaths (EWDs) and the cold weather plan. The collaborative cold weather planning group met on the 19th May and agreed membership and Terms of Reference and identified key actions and resources. A further analysis of data is required to produce the draft Cold Weather Plan, with thematic prevention work linked to underlying causes of EWD, alongside the practical sector based plan. Gaps and priorities need to be agreed. The group will meet again on 1st July and the draft plan will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Julie be thanked for her attendance and contribution;
- (ii) the Board supports the direction of travel and how organisations can contribute to this agenda particularly around data, community insight and any shared actions and
- (iii) interested parties should email Julie Tolhurst with expressions of interest.

9 Key points from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group held on 18th March, 2021

The meeting considered the minutes from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group held on 18th March 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

10 Key points from the Safer Barnsley Partnership held on 8th March, 2021 - Wendy Lowder

The meeting considered the minutes from the Safer Barnsley Partnership held on 8th March 2021. It was also reported that a new Chief Superintendent is starting on 14th June 2021 and that the Annual Plan is being refreshed.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

11 Key points from the Mental Health Partnership 17th May, 2021 - Adrian England

The meeting considered the minutes from the Provider Forum meeting held on 17th May 2021. Adrian England reported that since the last Health and Wellbeing Board meeting the Mental Health Partnership has: Submitted a joint response to Government's consultation on the Mental Health Act reforms; begun tackling complex, system issues (e.g. issue around Section 136s, and Learning Disabilities and MH); agreed and begun work on a range of priorities, including employment of those with a serious mental illness, self-harm, suicide prevention and perinatal mental health; commenced development of a system wide MH Strategy, which aims to be complete and presented to the HWB in October 2021; established a multi-agency task and finish group looking at system wide Mental Health Transformation and ensured service users' voices are heard throughout the process, with service user representation on the Delivery Group (through the MH forum) and regular consultation with the Recovery College.

Development of local Crisis Care alternatives is underway, working with potential providers such as Touchstone, to develop a Wellbeing Café model. The MHP has overseen Children and Young People mental health transformation work, which will continue to report to the Partnership and agreed to and launched the Zero Suicide Ambition for Barnsley, with a video available on YouTube. Adrian thanked Officers from the Local Authority and partners for the hard work they have done and for adding value to the work that is being done.

RESOLVED that

- (i) Adrian be thanked for his attendance and contribution,
- (ii) The minutes and update be received, and
- (iii) The Zero Suicide Ambition be endorsed by the Board.

12 Key points from the Stronger Communities Partnership - Councillor Platts

Councillor Platts updated the Board with regard to the work of the Stronger Communities Partnership. The Partnership Plan has been reviewed. It was highlighted that there is still a need to focus on prevention and early help. The partnership will no longer oversee worklessness, jobs and skills. Priorities will include a focus on 'Age Friendly' Barnsley, poverty, good food, support for carers and community engagement.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

13 A Day in the Life of - Diane Lee

Diane Lee was welcomed to the meeting and delivered a presentation on the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2020, entitled 'A day in the life of – Tuesday 3rd November 2020'. Over 320 'diaries' from Barnsley residents were received and will be used to inform COVID-19 recovery plans and what issues should be focussed on in the future. The Board was urged to share the presentation amongst networks and within communities.

RESOLVED that Diane be thanked for her attendance and contribution and the presentation be noted

Chair