

MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE:	Thursday 9 November 2023
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

MINUTES

Present

Councillor Wendy Cain, Cabinet Spokesperson - Public Health and Communities (Chair)

Councillor Trevor Cave, Cabinet Spokesperson - Childrens Services

Councillor Sue Bellamy, Cabinet Support Member - Place Health & Adult Social Care

Anna Hartley, Executive Director Public Health and Communities, BMBC

Adrian England, HealthWatch Barnsley

Jamie Wike, Deputy Place Director, NHS South Yorkshire ICB

Bob Kirton, Chief Delivery Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Michael Hirst, Chief Executive, Barnsley Premier Leisure

Carrie Abbott, Service Director Public Health

Cheryl Devine, Public Health Senior Practitioner, BMBC

Emma Labedzki, Public Health Project Officer, BMBC

Michelle Kaye, Service Manager - Housing and Welfare

Emma Robinson, Senior Public Health Officer (Research and Intelligence), BMBC

Alison Dalton, Group Leader Strategic Housing, BMBC

Julie Tolhurst, Public Health Principal - Place, BMBC

Dawn Lawson, Executive Director of Strategy & Change, South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Rachel Vella, ALMO Clienting Officer, BMBC

19 Welcome and Introductions - Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Anna Hartley, the new Executive Director for Public Health and Communities, BMBC was also welcomed to her first Board meeting.

20 Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests - Chair

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

21 Minutes of the Board Meeting held on 10 August 2023 (HWBB.09.11.23/3)

The meeting considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 August 2023.

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

22 Barnsley Place Partnership Update - For Information (HWBB.09.11.23/4)

The Board noted the contents of an update report from the Barnsley Place Partnership.

The Chair was pleased to note that Amanda Pritchard, NHS Chief Executive, had recently visited the Barnsley Community Diagnostics Centre (CDC) to see first-hand the work undertaken at the CDC and to hear about the difference the Centre was having on the lives of Barnsley residents.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

23 Joint Health Needs Assessment (JNSA) - Emma Robinson and Helen Jessop (HWBB.09.11.23/5)

Emma Robinson, Senior Public Health Officer, BMBC, delivered a presentation which provided the Board with an interactive overview of the Joint Health Needs Assessment (JNSA).

The presentation reminded the Board of the approach being undertaken to develop the JNSA. The JSNA was a continuous process which aimed to assess the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of the local population and to inform the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The JSNA would provide information on topics under the priority areas of:

- Good physical and mental health
- Diverse and welcoming communities
- Health and Care Services
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Environment, economy and employment

The Board were provided with details of the next steps for developing the JNSA, which included:

- A continuous process of updating the data, intelligence and insights.
- Work taking place on the underlying indicator tables across the 5 priority themes (which may involve wider consultation with Health and Wellbeing Board partners).
- Keeping abreast of wider developments that may support JSNA process – for example, SY ICS Data and Insights Strategy and InSYghts platform.

The Board were asked to provide their feedback on the proposed approach, if there were any gaps which could be identified, and any thoughts with regards how to achieve the right balance between data and narrative.

In response, the Board commented that the JNSA was an excellent interactive framework, was user friendly, reflected lived experience and positive stories of the local population.

The Board asked how assets could be developed and reflected in the JNSA. In response, it was noted that a discussion would take place with Research and Intelligence colleagues to help develop a wider repository.

The Board suggested that it may be useful to hold a separate session at a future date, to discuss in detail how Board Members could undertake further work to

improve life expectancy in Barnsley. In response, it was confirmed that there were strategies in place, and these could be linked to the data included in the JSNA. It was noted that a future discussion would be welcomed.

On behalf of Health Watch Barnsley, Adrian England offered the services of Lesley Cooper who would be able to assist in providing intelligence to fill in any gaps.

The Board were informed that the Health Intelligence Group would review the JNSA on an annual basis to confirm if it still contained the correct priorities, data and health inequalities. Furthermore, plans were in place to include within the JSNA, the health inequalities of the most vulnerable groups in Barnsley, which would include homeless people, refugees and asylum seekers.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

24 Cold Weather Plan - Julie Tolhurst (HWBB.09.11.23/6)

Julie Tolhurst, Public Health Principal, BMBC, presented a report and accompanying presentation to provide the Board with an update on Barnsley's Cold Weather Plan for 2023/24.

The following key points were noted:

- The 2023/24 Cold Weather Plan outlined the strategic objectives to reduce cold-related harm, winter mortality and reduce health inequalities.
- The Plan had been produced collaboratively with partners and aligned to the Barnsley 2030 outcomes, Barnsley Place-Based Partnership's Tackling Health Inequalities in Barnsley and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Working with key partners, the Plan emphasised the need for early intervention and prevention to focus efforts in working alongside residents most at risk of their health and wellbeing affected during the winter.
- The 2023/24 Plan would contribute to tackling the cost-of-living crisis residents face, driven by rising energy costs.
- Winter mortality represents an important health inequality, together with those in greater socioeconomic deprivation were more likely to be affected.
- The Barnsley Cold Weather Plan outlined several priorities, with key collaborative actions listed under each section, including:
 - Falls and frailty.
 - Health conditions made worse by the cold.
 - Housing.
 - Seasonal flu and COVID-19 vaccination uptake amongst priority groups.
 - Marketing and communication.
- A marketing and communications campaign entitled 'Keeping Warm and Well' would be launched to empower residents to self-care and stay warm and well throughout winter. The campaign would also include details how residents could access resources from More Money in Your Pocket.
- A webpage had also been added to the Council's website detailing winter support available across the borough.
- A toolkit training resources package would be launched on 27 November 2023.

- The Team would also be promoting at key community events, including Fuel Poverty Awareness Day and at Area Council events.

The Board noted that an evaluation exercise would be undertaken to assess the progress achieved in response to the priorities set out in the Barnsley Cold Weather Plan. It was agreed that details of the evaluation would be included in a future report to the Board.

The Board agreed to endorse the next phase of delivery, aligned to the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA) Adverse Weather and Health Plan.

RESOLVED that Members:-

- i) Noted the contents of the 2023-2024 Plan and recognised the work delivered to date to address winter mortality and cold related ill health in Barnsley.
- ii) Agreed to raise awareness of current guidance and support locally to address cold related ill health this winter and beyond.
- iii) Agreed to support a review of the Plan going forward into 2024, aligned to the UKHSA Adverse Weather and Health Plan.

25 Homelessness Update - Michelle Kaye (HWBB.09.11.23/7)

Michelle Kaye, Group Leader, Housing and Welfare, BMBC, delivered a presentation to provide the Board with an update on homelessness.

The following key points were noted:

- In Barnsley, during 2022/23, 835 families and single households were owed a homeless duty from the Council. Of which, 55.6% (464) were identified with additional support needs, including mental health (24%), physical ill health and disability (18.9%), offending (18.1%) and substance misuse (12.5%).
- In Barnsley, the main reasons for homelessness were in relation to the end of a private rented sector accommodation, family and friends no longer willing to accommodate, people leaving an institution, eviction from supported housing and leaving due to domestic abuse.
- Between 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023, 380 proactive outreach finds or reports of people rough sleeping had been investigated by the Council.
- A Homeless Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy for 2023-28: 'Working in Partnership to end homelessness in Barnsley' had been launched in September and would focus on five key priorities:
 - Homeless prevention and early intervention.
 - Supporting those with complex needs.
 - Developing a systemwide approach to housing and health.
 - Reducing the use and cost of temporary accommodation.
 - Improving access to a range of housing options.
- There was evidence to show that there was a link between health, housing and homelessness.

The Board heard that a range of initiatives were being undertaken by the Housing and Welfare Team to help address homelessness in Barnsley.

In summary, this included working with the hospital to look at how they could intervene earlier; undertaking training for key staff; working with partners on addressing poor quality housing conditions; working alongside the Integrated Care System to make sure that the homeless population is represented in any strategies, plans and operational delivery. There would also be a focus on reducing homeless-related deaths.

The Board also heard of some of the challenges experienced by the Housing and Welfare Team. In summary, this included supply and affordability in the housing market; availability and low turnover of social housing stock; the Cost of Living Crisis; engagement with rough sleepers and beggars; addressing wider needs, especially in relation to health and early referral to prevent homelessness.

The presentation also outlined a number of opportunities which would be pursued by the Housing and Welfare Team, and these were noted by the Board.

A discussion arose around early intervention to prevent homelessness. It was queried if sufficient work was being undertaken by social prescribing services to offer help, advice and support to those individuals currently living in their own homes who may be facing homelessness. In response, it was noted that discussions did take place at Social Prescribing Team meetings, and they were aware of the triggers and how to report into the Housing and Welfare Team.

The Board were concerned to note that homeless individuals often experienced difficulties in accessing mainstream mental health services. It was agreed that a discussion would take place after today's meeting between Michelle Kaye and Dawn Lawson.

A discussion arose around their being a need to undertake further work as a partnership to help address substance misuse, drugs and alcohol recovery steps for homeless individuals. It was agreed that a further discussion would take place following today's meeting between Michelle Kaye and Carrie Abbott.

The Board discussed and noted that there were some challenges around helping homeless individuals during periods of cold weather. Assurances were provided that the Housing and Welfare Team implemented the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) in order to prevent deaths of people sleeping rough during cold weather.

The Board noted that a large majority of homeless individuals did not attend hospital appointments etc. for fear of judgement. Assurances were provided that the Housing and Welfare Team were working with partners to help resolve this issue.

Following discussion, it was agreed that 'Safeguarding' also be added to the list of challenges faced by the Housing and Welfare Team.

The Board highlighted that, following the Covid-19 pandemic, there had been an increase in reports of both domestic abuse and the issuing of Section 21 Notices, which in some cases could lead to individuals and families becoming homeless. It

was queried if these increases would be a challenge for the Team. In response, assurances were provided that there were homeless leads, champions and other professionals within the borough who could offer help and support to individuals.

On behalf of the Board, the Chair thanked Michelle for her detailed presentation.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

26 Draft Housing Strategy Consultation - Alison Dalton (HWBB.09.11.23/8)

Alison Dalton, Group Leader Strategic Housing, BMBC, delivered a presentation to provide Members with an update on the public consultation which was currently taking place on the draft Barnsley Housing Strategy for 2024-2028, together with an overview of the key pillars of success which were included within the draft Strategy.

The following key points were noted:

- A public consultation survey on the draft Housing Strategy had been launched on 16 October and would close on 13 November 2023.
- A full communications campaign had been undertaken, which included both online and in-person stakeholder events with a number of key partners.
- To date, 85 responses had been received to the public consultation survey.
- Top themes arising from responses were in relation to amenities around new housing estates, preserving greenspace and maximising the use of existing housing stock.
- The final version of the Strategy would be presented at BMBC's Cabinet meeting on 10 January 2024.
- The draft Strategy included four key pillars of success which would allow the Council to focus and guide its collective efforts over the next four years. An overview of each of the four key pillars included within the draft Strategy was presented and noted by the Board.

The Chair commented that housing was a very important issue, which impacted upon Barnsley residents' health and wellbeing. Board Members were asked to respond to the consultation survey and share the online survey link within their networks - available at <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/draft-housing-strategy>

The Board asked if the Council had any powers to maximise existing housing stock within the borough. In response, it was explained that there were different approaches which could be undertaken by the Council with regards to existing housing stock and those owned by private sector landlords. In addition, discussions were taking place with planning colleagues to ensure that future council new build housing in the borough was delivered to the Barnsley Low Carbon new build specification.

RESOLVED that Members noted the presentation.

27a Minutes from ICB Barnsley Place Committee and Barnsley Place Partnership Board, 27 July 2023 - For Information (HWBB.09.11.23/9a)

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

27b Minutes for ICB Barnsley Place Committee and Barnsley Place Partnership Board, 31 August 2023 - For Information (HWBB.09.11.23/9b)

RESOLVED that the minutes be noted.

Chair