



STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

**Stronger Communities Partnership Board Meeting
Wednesday 18th December 2019
14:30pm-16:30pm
Town Hall, MR 11**

Minutes

Attendees

Councillor Chris Lamb – Elected Member - Chair
Phil Hollingsworth – Service Director, Safer, Stronger, Healthier Communities –
BMBC Communities
Shiv Bhurtun – Strategic Governance Partnership and Transformation Manager
– BMBC Communities
Claire Gilmore – Head of Early Start, Prevention and Sufficiency – BMBC
Education, Early Start and Prevention
Councillor Jenny Platts – Elected Member - BMBC
Adrian England – Chair of Healthwatch - Healthwatch Barnsley
Lisa Phelan – Head of Community Services Barnsley – Barnsley CVS
Rachel Payling – Head of Stronger Communities – BMBC Communities
Carrie Abbott – Service Director, Public Health and Regulation – BMBC Public
Health
Paul Hughes – Service Development Manager (Physical Health Services) –
NHS SWYPT
Dave Fullen – Director of Customer and Estate Services – Berneslai Homes
Linda Middlewood – Head of Service – BMBC People
Louise Beaumont – Business Support Officer – BMBC Healthier Communities
(minute taker)

Apologies

Nina Sleight – Service Director – Education Early Start and Prevention - BMBC
(Claire Gilmore attending)
Lennie Sahota – Service Director – Adult Social Care and Health – BMBC
(Linda Middlewood attending)
Jayne Sivakumar – Chief Nurse – Barnsley CCG
Wendy Lowder – Executive Director Communities – BMBC (Phil Hollingsworth
in attendance)
Gill Stansfield – Deputy Director of Operations – NHS SWYPT (Paul Hughes
attending)
Phil Parkes – Area Lead – SYHA
Tom Smith – Head of Employment and Skills – BMBC Education

Action Summary		
Item	Action	Responsible Officer
4a	LB to circulate the 'ABLE' document electronically to members.	Louise Beaumont
4b	PH to ensure services are aware that eligibility criteria applies to each area under the ABLE branding.	Phil Hollingsworth
5	Julie Tolhurst to discuss the carbon footprint issue with the Housing and Energy team.	Julie Tolhurst
6a	Emma White to contact Sarah Cartwright (Group Leader Housing Growth), to ensure the Age Friendly priorities are fully captured as part of the housing need work stream.	Emma White
6b	Emma White to look at rewording some of the language in the outcomes section of the first priority in the Age Friendly plan on a page document.	Emma White
6c	The Age Friendly Target Priorities work to be taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board.	Emma White/Shiv Bhurtun
7a	Linda Middlewood and Cath Magee to connect in terms of taking dementia specific training for care homes forward.	Linda Middlewood/Cath Magee
7b	To establish the current position in terms of commissioning arrangements of the Memory Service and how it works with the voluntary community sector/care home.	Jayne Sivakumar
1.	Apologies and Introductions	
	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies were received and noted from the above members.	

2.	Minutes of last meeting/matters arising
	<p>Previous minutes were agreed as a true copy, with the following updates to previous actions being shared:</p> <p><i>Item 2: BMBC to work collaboratively with SYFR to increase Safe and Well Check referrals.</i> The Healthier Communities team and Adult Social Care team within BMBC are working with SYRF to take this area of work forward. SWYT are also linked in with SYFR. Healthier Communities, Adult Social Care and SWYT are targeting areas that require additional work in terms of raising the number of referrals made into the service.</p> <p><i>Item 5: Carrie Abbott to speak to Tracey Turner (who set up the flu vaccination operational group) to see if anything could be added to the picture of flu vaccine uptake.</i> Data is not collected at ward level and area council level, with Public Health receiving their data quite late on. It was confirmed CCG colleagues may be able to assist in terms of data. Tracey Turner worked with GP practises on a weekly basis to see 'real time' data, although Tracey is no longer in this position. Public Health are continuing to liaise with NHS England in terms of taking this forward in regards to data.</p> <p><i>Item 6: Wendy Lowder is to take away the carers grant funding issue. Phil Hollingsworth/Jayne Hellowell to speak to Tara Ramsden in relation to the impact of the funding to see if there is anything we can do re this.</i> Funding is continuing but will be coming through a different source.</p> <p><i>Item 7: To bring back some tangible evidence in regards to physical activity and mental wellbeing to a future meeting.</i> This item is on the agenda for February's board meeting, If relevant data is available.</p> <p><i>Item 8: The board would like to see further details of the data set and how the offer has developed at a later meeting when available.</i> This item is on the forward plan for June's board meeting, if relevant data is available.</p> <p><i>Item 11: LB to move 'Access to Employment – Ladder of Participation' item to November meeting.</i> This item has now been moved to February's board meeting, with the chairs' approval. A new recruit in this area will be able to give more information at the February meeting.</p>
3.	For Info Only: Q2 Stronger Communities Narrative Report
	<p>It was noted that the Stronger Communities Narrative Report is successful in highlighting the great work that is being undertaken across the borough, including:</p>

	<p>Children and Young People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Once Upon a Prom 2019’ project, which aims to give everybody access to be able to attend their prom, regardless of their families’ financial circumstances. • ‘National Citizenship Programme’, which allows young people to contribute to their communities. • ‘Healthy Holidays Project’, which aims to provide fun activities and a hot meal to children during the school holidays. <p>Adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Employability Skills’ – work being done around helping people to gain ICT qualifications and the confidence to apply for work. • Work around Dementia – a lot of activity is taking place to ensure older people are connected in their communities, which will help to reduce social isolation. <p>The chair noted that work taking place around social isolation currently seems to be slightly disjointed and requires pulling together. This needs badging as a partnership activity as it currently does not tell the story of everything that is being undertaken behind the scenes. This will also provide the ability to learn from one another.</p> <p>It was noted that young people and families also suffer from social isolation, alongside older people. It was confirmed that a lot of work is being undertaken in each area to try and combat social isolation.</p> <p>It was agreed that the report is very useful, containing a good amount of information, which highlights a lot of meaningful projects that are underway in each area.</p>
4.	Performance Report
	<p>It was confirmed that the performance report is currently a work in progress, in terms of trying to make it a more visual document, to ensure relevant information can be extracted easily and in snapshots. In terms of the data graphs currently included, there is not a lot of data available at the moment; work is being undertaken to try and include backdated data for comparison.</p> <p>Key Points to note from Early Help Adults:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of activity is taking place around South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue’s Safe and Well Check Service, to ensure all services are sighted on what help is available to vulnerable people, in terms of fire safety. Data is expected to be included in future reports to reflect work that has been undertaken in this area. • Able service – a structure of this brand and the services that sit within this umbrella was passed round to members. Able is the overarching brand, with the diagram showing how different services hang together underneath. These services have been brought together and branded better. (Details of the Able branding are included below). • The new mental health service, ‘Umbrella’ has been established and

it was acknowledged that the Health and Wellbeing Board recognise this as an important work stream to take forward.

- The 'Warm Homes', 'Age Friendly' and 'Dementia Gateway' areas of work are covered below, as part of the agenda for today's meeting.

ACTIONS:

- **LB to circulate the 'ABLE' document electronically to members.**
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20191218 Able Team 20191218 Able Pull
Structure Chart.pdf Up Banner 1 Outlines.

Key Points to note from Early Help Children's:

- Work is being undertaken to increase the take up of the 2 year old entitlement funding and universal funding.
- There has been a slight decrease in persistent absence; this is a positive gain as this area impacts outcomes and achievements in life.
- There have been positive gains for Progress8 and Achievement8 for disadvantaged groups.
- Continuous gains are being made in terms of EYFS results increasing, leading to the gap between Barnsley and National results narrowing.
- Project updates;
 - Families' Fun project – targeting primary aged children to encourage physical activity. Development of specialised programmes to ensure this is fully inclusive is currently being considered.
 - Rose Vouchers – this project is continually moving forward, with the help of additional secured funding.
 - Reducing Parental Conflict – a project across South Yorkshire focusing on reducing parental conflict, along with the development of skills across the workforce.
 - Communication Support – at the stage of developing a sub-regional Workforce Development Strategy and associated infrastructure.
 - Parenting Offer – work is continuing, with capacity building to enable delivery of programmes for people with mental health issues.
 - Early Intervention (Green) Panel – development of a panel of assessors to ensure everything possible has been done in terms of early help, prior to exclusion. This will be supported through one off investments, with a panel being present in all secondary schools.

For clarification, in terms of the language development work stream, family centres, (which will be assessment hubs), will be accredited as 'communication friendly'. The target for this area of work is currently early years' settings; childminders etc, which will ultimately be followed through to schools.

5. Warm Homes Evaluation Report

Julie Tolhurst (Pubic Health Principle) attended to give an update on the Warm

	<p>Homes work stream, focussing on a 6 month evaluation of the service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This work area fits in with the borough wide approach to reduce excess winter deaths. • The work stream is part of the wider 'Able' service. • There is also a 'hospital discharge' element to the service which focusses on ensuring the home that individuals are returning to, following hospital discharge, is adequately warm. • Warm Connections, which is a commissioned service within North area council, commenced in January 2019. This is around income maximisation and energy efficiency, with positive work underway in this area. • Referrals into the service are continuing to increase, with referrals being received from providers in the borough, along with self-referrals from individuals. • Further work is being undertaken around the maximisation of benefits. • This work is primarily around fuel and energy efficiency but there are also wider areas being looked at. • Learning from questionnaires/surveys undertaken will help to shape the service going forward. <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we reach people who are capital rich but revenue poor? - Teams are now reaching out and working closely with area councils, with particular areas being allocated to casework, to ensure all areas are being looked at. There is also a lot of work being done around income maximisation. • The important thing is to get the message out there so everyone is aware of the service. There is a marketing programme underway which entails street to street and house to house work, along with work in targeted areas. • A comparison exercise between the North area council commission and the Warm Homes service was discussed; around comparing different approaches in areas of comparable outcomes, to ensure avoidable duplication. It was agreed that consideration is required to ensure 'like for like' is being compared. • How will Warm Homes be linking into the bigger agenda in terms of reducing the carbon footprint going forward; this needs linking in as a strategic priority. It was agreed that this needs to be considered, with the option of building up an evidence base to demonstrate contribution to this agenda. <p>•</p> <p>ACTION – Julie Tolhurst to discuss the carbon footprint issue with the Housing and Energy team.</p>
6.	Age Friendly Target Priorities
	<p>Emma White (BMBC) and Jane Holliday (Age UK) attended to provide an update on the Age Friendly agenda and target priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through 2019 a number of events have taken place, including a

celebration of work that has already taken place and engagement with residents to inform the action plan going forward.

- The Age Friendly steering group has been refreshed, with the membership of the group being broadened.
- Thinking about what actions mean in the context of Age Friendly for Barnsley.
- A strategic vision has been produced, with 3 key priorities;
 - 'Ensure good homes and communities to help people remain healthy, active and independent in later life'.
 - 'Removing barriers and creating more opportunities for older adults to contribute to society'.
 - 'Challenging ageist and negative language, culture and practises, wherever they occur, in both policy and practise'.
- There was an ask of the board to;
 - Note progress.
 - Support the vision.
 - Provide an insight into how the vision can be integrated into members' services.

Questions/Comments:

- The 3 priorities were seen as a positive, providing a clear direction of travel to take forward. The priorities are easy to understand and it is clear to see how these can fit into our work.
- There was an agreement to ensure this agenda is reflected in the 2030 plan for Barnsley.
- Points to note – this is a journey which is incremental and will happen gradually and is something we do 'with' the community rather than 'to' the community. It was also pointed out that this takes a collaborative approach.
- The number of agencies and individuals that have been involved has been a real positive, with some surprise by the number of agencies that have worked together in this area.
- Jane Holliday indicated a suggestion from the UK Network that Barnsley could consider signing up to the World Health Organisation Network. Shiv Bhurtun noted that it would be prudent to approach this at the most appropriate time to reduce any risk of failing to meet current commitments.
- There needs to be a focus on embedding things into the strategic direction and daily practise.
- Thought needs to be given to how each board member overlays this into their respective areas.
- Work to set out the housing needs of the borough for the next 10 years is beginning. This agenda also needs to link into this work.
- There was an ask of all members to be champions of this agenda and to consider this when refreshing policies etc.
- Emma White advised she is available for advice around this and is keen to pursue how the board can help to support this being part of 2030 prioritisation.
- It was advised that this piece of work would be welcomed at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a pledge or accreditation scheme for businesses that sign up to being Age Friendly? The Manchester model is being looked at as they are progressing at pace in this area of work. They have started working with businesses to offer older people opportunities. A ‘deep dive’ to establish what is happening in Barnsley is required in this area. • It was noted that a ‘dementia friendly’ approach being taken to businesses would be positive but consideration also needs giving to the possibility of confusing businesses with too many different ‘approaches’. • Linking into social isolation; there is currently a drive around volunteering opportunities for people who have recently retired, to stop them falling into social isolation. Lisa Phelan is speaking to Tom Smith around building something like this into the retirement process. <p>ACTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma White to contact Sarah Cartwright (Group Leader Housing Growth), to ensure this is fully captured as part of the housing need work stream. • Emma White to look at rewording some of the language in the outcomes section of the first priority in the plan on a page document. • This piece of work to be taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
7.	Dementia Gateway Service
	<p>Cath Magee (Dementia Gateway Service Manager) gave an overview of the service, with the following key points, in addition to the information contained in the paper circulated prior to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 people die in Barnsley each week from dementia, this demonstrates the urgency to ensure people are getting access to appropriate services in a timely manner. • The Memory Service are not going to be able to keep pace with the number of people coming through currently. • The third sector is already working at capacity. • A ‘Dementia Directory’ is being produced which will be circulated widely to people living with dementia and their carers. • A Dementia Volunteers Induction Handbook is to be produced, as volunteers do not like traditional training courses. This will enable an agreed minimum standard of induction for volunteers. • Good Practise – The Best of Barnsley Dementia Care Awards are taking place on 30th January 2020. This will be a celebration of the best dementia care practice across all health and social care sectors and will also raise awareness of people living with dementia. All board members are welcome at this event. • If board members would like to nominate anybody for a Best of Barnsley Dementia Care Award, they were asked to contact Cath Magee prior to Christmas (cath.magee@makingspace.co.uk) • The allocation of dementia gateway funds was discussed (details contained in the circulated paper). • A bid for lottery funding is currently being worked on; this will fund 5 full time members of staff to enable an offer of a befriending service.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A range of dementia specific training has been offered to all voluntary organisations. • The current model of dementia support isn't going to meet current need; supporting the third sector in this area would go some way to alleviating this pressure. <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What work has been done in terms of training for care homes? The service has not yet been into care homes but it is acknowledged there is a need in this area. There are a number of training options that could be looked at in this area. • <p>ACTION: Linda Middlewood and Cath Magee to connect in terms of taking dementia specific training for care homes forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cath has been linked in with all area council teams with the help of Lisa Phelan. • There is no statutory funding to any of the groups noted in the report; all funding goes through the Memory team. • The Befriending service is for people living with dementia as well as the carer, with a different approach being adopted by different organisations. • Lisa Phelan (Barnsley CVS) offered Cath the opportunity to get the online dementia training onto CVS' online platform. • Will this service be taken forward after the initial pilot period? This is unknown at present; the evaluation is part of the Healthier Communities Team's agenda. This evaluation will be fed back to the board when complete. All board members fully supported the need to continue to provide early help/early intervention support to people living with dementia and their carers. • Personal Care Budgets/Direct Payments can be used to purchase dementia support. • All HR policies should support carers, (regarding flexibility etc). Policies should also support people with early onset dementia who are still working. <p>ACTION: To establish the current position in terms of commissioning arrangements of the Memory Service and how it works with the voluntary community sector/care home.</p>
8.	Preventing Teenage Pregnancy
	<p>Cheryl Devine (BMBC Health and Wellbeing Officer) gave an update on the work being done to tackle teenage pregnancy, (presentation included below):</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>20191218 Teenage Pregnancy Presentatio</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are high rates of teenage conceptions in Barnsley, along with a lot of inequalities. Barnsley's rates are higher than the national average and Yorkshire and Humber's average. • Different areas' rates were compared (within Barnsley), with a big difference across the areas being noted. • Outcomes and knock on effects of teenage conception were discussed. • The Teenage Pregnancy Partnership was discussed; this is chaired by Cheryl and involves members including; 0-19 Nursing service, Sexual Health Services, Young Person Reps, Teenage Pregnancy Midwives, Targeted Youth Support, Early Help Services, Schools and Colleges, Education Welfare, Business Intelligence, LAC/Safeguarding Nurse, Homeless Service, Comms and Marketing, CCG/Primary Care and Elected Members. • This partnership group meets quarterly and feeds into the Early Help Children's steering group, which then feeds into the Children's Trust Executive Board. • A whole systems approach has been adopted, with an identified need to look at the support element of these young families. • Consultation work with families is required to establish why teenage pregnancy rates are so high in the Dearne area. • In terms of barriers, work needs to be done to look at how community spaces/facilities can be utilised more. • Other barriers include capacity, resources, stigma etc. • Successes/Learning points – results are being seen and a decline in teenage conception rates is being seen, but not as quickly as in other areas. <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Payling advised she is more than happy to support any work in communities that would lead to young people being able to access services locally rather than needing to travel into the town centre. • Although there is an acknowledgement that the real poverty is poverty of aspiration, in terms of areas of deprivation, in some instances this proves not to be the case. Following a recent community engagement exercise within the Dearne area, it was established that young people in this area actually have a lot higher aspirations than was initially expected. • Work does need doing in terms of raising aspirations and thought needs to be given to what more can be done around this. • Cheryl would like to do some pilot work with area councils in terms of improving aspirations and trying to keep young people in education. How you build on what is happening already and not doing something from scratch will be an important consideration in this area. • There was an ask of the group for members to consider the young people in this cohort in any work going forward.
9.	Forward Plan
	<p>Members were asked to send any requests for additions to the forward plan to Shiv Bhurtun or the SaferB-StrongerC inbox:</p>

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10	Any Other Business
.	No other business was identified.
	Date of Next Meeting
	Thursday 20 th February 2020 14:00pm-16:00pm Westgate Plaza, Level 3 Boardroom