

MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE:	Thursday, 3 February 2022
TIME:	2.00 pm
VENUE:	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

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
Jeremy Budd, Director of Commissioning and Partnerships, NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
Chris Edwards, Chief Officer, NHS Barnsley Clinical Commissioning Group
Mel John Ross, Executive Director Children's Services
Julie Tolhurst, Public Health Principal
Kathy McCardle, Service Director, Place (Regeneration and Culture)
Andrew Osborn - on behalf of Wendy Lowder, Adults and Communities
Amanda Garrard, Chief Executive, Berneslai Homes
Adrian England, Healthwatch Barnsley
Diane Lee, Head of Public Health
Julia Burrows, Director of Public Health
Dawn Hardy (SYP) on behalf of James Abdy, South Yorkshire Police
Sohaib Akhtar and Tom Bisset, Public Health
Andy Snell (Virtual), Consultant in Public & Global Health, Doctor in Emergency Medicine, BHNFT
Claire Miskell (Virtual), Project Manager, Strategic Housing
Bob Kirton (Virtual) Chief Delivery Officer and Deputy Chief Executive BHNFT

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 7th October 2021**

The meeting considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th October 2021.

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

3 **Public questions**

No public questions have been received.

4 **Statement on resignation of the Chair (verbal)**

Dr Nick Balac has issued his resignation as co-chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. He has been a key member of the Board for many years, playing a vital leadership role, and has been instrumental in the development of the Board. He will be very much missed.

RESOLVED that Dr Balac's resignation be noted.

5 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Sohaib Akhtar

The Health and Wellbeing Board was provided with a report and presentation reminding it of its statutory duty to publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) together with an update on the plans to complete the Barnsley PNA and to consider the suggested approval process for Board members to sign off the final PNA. It was explained that the PNA is a comprehensive assessment of the current and future pharmaceutical needs of the local population, providing a complete picture of the local population and how they differ in terms of their health needs and requirements. The document maps all current pharmaceutical services in the Borough, identifies gaps in provision and is used to predict future needs. The HWBB has a legal duty to ensure the production of a PNA every 3 years. Statutory Consultation on the report will take place in May and June 2022, with a 'final draft' version of the PNA presented to the HWBB at its meeting on 4th of August 2022.

RESOLVED that the Board:

- (i) Note the requirement to approve a PNA before the end of October 2022 (replacing 31st March 2021);
- (ii) Note the process for carrying out the Barnsley PNA set out in the report; and
- (iii) Agree the proposed sign of process for approval of the final draft and final version of the PNA 2022.

6 Mental Health Strategy - Patrick Otway

This item was introduced by Patrick Otway, who proceeded to explain that the Barnsley All-age Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2021-2025) will help to ensure that we have the conditions and culture to enable everyone within the local community to achieve their potential. This means that all residents of Barnsley will be able to enjoy those things that help them feel positive about their lives and gain access to high quality support and compassionate services when they need them. The strategy reflects the positive definition of mental health, as stated by the World Health Organisation (WHO), which is broader than just mental illness.

Key issues from feedback included that the strategy needs to support spiritual wellbeing, should reflect the positive impact that volunteering brings; the link between crime and mental health and intergenerational poverty. The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to consultation.

Adrian England expressed thanks to Patrick Otway and individuals and groups involved in developing the strategy.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the strategy.

7 Child of the North: Building a Fairer Future after Covid-19 - Mel John Ross

Mel John Ross introduced this item, informing the Board of the findings and recommendations of the report which was published in early January 2022. The basis of the report is that following a decade of austerity, including reductions to local public services, combined with welfare reforms which have disproportionately and more adversely affected children, young people and families in the North of England, the Covid-19 Pandemic has acted as a prism in further harming the life chances of these children. This has taken the form of a toxic cocktail of poor mental and physical health, together with feelings of isolation and despair both in children and their parents which contributes to poorer outcomes later in the life course.

Headline findings include:

- Only 14% of school children, in Northern Regions of England, received four or more pieces of offline schoolwork per day compared to 20% in the rest of the country.
- The loss of learning which children in the North experienced over the course of the Pandemic could equate to an estimated £24.6 billion in lost earnings over their lifetime.
- During the Pandemic, 23% of children in the North were perceived by their parents to be lonely, compared to 15% in the rest of England.
- Among parents and carers in the North of England, 23% felt lonely during the Pandemic compared to 13% in the rest of the country.
- Of local authorities in England with more than 100 children per 100,000 in care, 21 out of 26 local authorities are in the North of England.
- More than one in five children in the North are from an ethnic minority group; are therefore more likely to live in low income, deprived families and their experience of systemic racism adds to the detrimental effect on their life chances
- The reductions in funding to children's centres has equated to an average cut of £412 for every eligible child in the North compared to £283 in the rest of England.
- The challenges to children's mental wellbeing in the North of England caused by the impact of the Pandemic is estimated to cost £13.2 billion in lost income during their lifetime.
- By the second half of the Autumn Term 2020, pupils in the North East and Yorkshire and The Humber experienced 4 and 5.3 months of lost learning respectively compared to less than a month in London and the South West.
- Children's health in terms of obesity, tooth decay and safe and accessible green spaces for exercise have all been negatively impacted.
- Since the Pandemic, the percentage of children living in poverty in the North of England (after housing costs) is 33% compared to 30% across the whole of the United Kingdom.
- In the North of England 58% of local authorities have above average levels of children in families with low incomes, compared to 19% of local authorities in the rest of England.

The report makes 18 recommendations to improve the life chances of children in Northern regions of England and is a further clarion call to the Government for urgent action not only to genuinely “*level up*” areas of the country but also to break the vicious cycle of poverty, multiple forms of deprivation and their impact upon the wellbeing and resilience of families, together with subsequent pressures on children’s social care.

RESOLVED that the Board note the contents of the report, its findings and recommendations, and support it going forward.

8 Active in Barnsley Strategic Plan - Stuart Rogers & Dr Andy Snell

Andy Snell, Consultant in Public & Global Health and Doctor in Emergency Medicine, introduced this item. It was explained that the Active in Barnsley Partnership has renewed its strategic plan as the current partnership strategic plan expired in 2021. The new Active in Barnsley Strategic Plan (2022-26) is an evolution of the previous iteration which was based on a wider stakeholder input and has achieved good progress over the last three years. Built on a robust review, the partnership board have agreed the future direction for the plan with a clearer focus on where inequalities are the greatest, being clear about how support is provided to specific audiences and how data is used better to understand and inform our actions. Thanks were expressed to partners involved in its development, particularly Age UK. It was highlighted that the Transport Strategy is coming up for approval shortly and the HWBB will need to feed into this. For more information about Active in Barnsley contact: Stuartrogers@barnsley.gov.uk or [:Laura.Allen@yorkshiresport.org](mailto:Laura.Allen@yorkshiresport.org).

RESOLVED that the HWBB:

- (i) Support the Active in Barnsley Strategic Plan (2022-2026)
- (ii) Act as the accountable body for progress reporting against our strategic priorities and
- (iii) Suggest any potential areas for collaboration that can be included in the action plan
- (iv) Encourage member organisations to support the joint promotion of the What's Your Move Campaign to build the message across the borough, shape it, suggest improvements and use it with their audiences.

9 Affordable Warmth / Warm Homes Team - Kathy McArdle & Claire Maskill

Kathy McArdle and Julie Tolhurst were welcomed to the meeting and provided an overview of progress to establish a strategic approach to affordable warmth. This is recognised as making an important contribution to health and wellbeing outcomes of residents, alongside the Council’s aspirations to reduce emissions via Zero 40/45.

RESOLVED that the HWBB:

- (i) Note the importance of prioritising affordable warmth and impacts on resident’s health and wellbeing to tackle health inequalities;
- (ii) Note the position and achievements of the Affordable Warmth programme;

- (iii) Acknowledge the outputs from the Warm Homes team and the transfer of this function into the Strategic Housing, Sustainability and Climate Change Team; and
- (iv) Agree the development of an Affordable Warmth Strategy and the need to secure sustainable longer-term funding to support capital and revenue costs.

10 Barnsley Hospital Health Inequalities Action Plan - Dr Andy Snell

Andy Snell introduced this item, highlighting Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Action Plan to reduce health inequalities over the next 18 months. It was explained that health inequalities and their underlying causes drive unscheduled hospital activity, putting greater demand on health services. Tackling health inequalities is a key part of demand management, as unmet need presents as preventable urgent and emergency demand. Collaboration is key to addressing this. People in Barnsley experience poorer health and wellbeing than people in many parts of the country. These inequalities in health are long-lasting, persistent, and driven by social, economic and environmental inequalities.

The Integrated care Delivery Group (ICDG) is developing a 3 Tier Framework to tackle health inequalities as part of its action plan: Tier one (Section A) – dedicated care services (including establishing new services); Tier two (Section B) – all core care services (and how we can enhance them) and Tier three (Section C) – anchor institution (how we build a more inclusive society and economy in Barnsley).

It is of vital importance that the HWBB recognises the breadth of health inequalities in Barnsley and how all partners need to work together to collaborate, connect, and signpost to other services. It was felt that Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust should be commended for doing this fantastic piece of work.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the Health and Wellbeing Board note and provide feedback on the contents of Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Health Inequalities Action Plan; and
- (ii) Supports the delivery of the action plan by continuing to work collaboratively to address health inequalities and promote health equity in Barnsley.

11 Integrated Care System Update - Jeremy Budd

Jeremy Budd was welcomed to the meeting and provided an update on the Integrated Care System (ICS), focussing on delivery rather than efficiency (which will be a key focus for the 22/23 plan). It was highlighted that 25 strategic deliverables have been identified on which partners will work collaboratively to deliver. These include community vaccination, planned care, CYP/Early Start partnership, care closer to home, urgent and emergency care, mental health and design/ICP development. Some of the delivery elements are highlighted as 'at risk' but Members were reassured that plans are in place to minimise identified risks. Colleagues and partners should be applauded for their work on the plans through difficult times. The pace of change slowed down in October but is now restarting with the approach of spring and summer. Next steps will be mobilising the plan fully, which needs to be refreshed for 22/23, and working towards the 2030 plan. The 5-year plan will be refreshed too.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the Integrated Care System update.

12 Minutes from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group held on 14th October 2021

The meeting considered the minutes from the Children and Young People's Trust Executive Group held on 14th October 2021.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

13 Minutes from the Safer Barnsley Partnership held on 21st June 2021

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RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

14 Minutes from the Stronger Communities Partnership held on 3rd June and 19th August 2021

The meeting considered the minutes from the Stronger Communities Partnership meeting held on 3rd June and 19th August.

Members were asked to note that following a meeting of the December Board a programme of activities is being developed, aligned to the national health and wellbeing festival in may, looking at the theme of 'getting creative'. More details will follow.

RESOLVED that the minutes be received.

Chair