

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 22 September 2022

PRESENT – Councillor K Nicholson (Cabinet Member with Health and Housing Portfolio) (Chair), Councillor Harker, Councillor Tostevin (Cabinet Member with Adults Portfolio), Penny Spring (Director of Public Health), David Gallagher (Executive Director of Place-Based Delivery - Central and Tees Valley) (North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board), Sam Hirst (Primary Schools Representative), Michelle Thompson (Chief Executive Officer) (Healthwatch Darlington), Jill Foggin (Communications Manager, County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust) and Rachel Gault (Primary Care Network Darlington)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Abbie Kelly (Public Health Portfolio Lead) and Hannah Miller (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES –Councillor Dulston (Leader of the Council) (Leader of the Council), James Stroyan (Group Director of People), Brent Kilmurray (Chief Executive) (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust), Sue Jacques (Chief Executive) (County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust), Joy Allen (Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner) (Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Durham Area), Carole Todd (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative) (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative), Dr Amanda Riley (Chief Executive Officer) (Primary Healthcare Darlington) and Rachel Morris (Head of Department for Nursing and Midwifery, School of Health and Life Sciences) (Teesside University)

HWBB7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

HWBB8 TO HEAR RELEVANT REPRESENTATION (FROM MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC) ON ITEMS ON THIS HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD AGENDA.

No representations were made by Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

HWBB9 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS BOARD HELD ON 7 JULY 2022

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Health and Well Being Board held on 7 July 2022.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as a correct record.

REASON – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

HWBB10 WINTER PLANNING

The Executive Director of Place Based Delivery – Central and Tees Valley, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board gave a presentation (previously circulated), updating Members on the System's Winter Plan 2022/23.

It was reported that the Tees Valley Urgent and Emergency Care System (UEC) remained under significant and sustained pressure, with no reduction in demand seen during the spring/summer month; and that the pressure had been created by a range of issues which included staffing, increased activity levels and continued impact of Covid.

Members were informed that NHSE/I had produced a winter planning template; that the Local A&E Delivery Board (LADB) was required to RAG rate against 33 priority areas; that for the Tees Valley LADB, all 33 indicators were rated Blue, Green or Amber; and that the planning template had been submitted to NHSE/I.

The presentation outlined the current work that was being prioritised by all partners; and reference was made to a number of potential winter schemes that would support the UEC system.

Members raised concern regarding ambulance handover delays and welcomed the creation of a new ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital to manage handovers; discussed access to treatment via Same Day Emergency Care; and following a question regarding potential winter schemes, the Executive Director of Place Based Delivery – Central and Tees Valley advised Members that additional funding was available for winter planning; that winter pressures depended on a number of factors, all of which were being planned for; and that all hospitals within the North East and North Cumbria would work together to relieve pressure points in the system. Members also noted the support in place for GP practices facing pressures.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Executive Director of Place Based Delivery – Central and Tees Valley, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, for his informative presentation.

REASON – To convey the views of the Board.

HWBB11 DARLINGTON PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION REPORT AND FINAL APPROVAL

The Director of Public Health submitted a report (previously circulated) providing Members with an update on the consultation of the Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) and requesting that consideration be given to approving the final version of the PNA (also previously circulated).

The submitted report stated that the Board had the responsibility for the development and updating of the PNA, and the updated PNA was required to be published by 30 September 2022; and outlined the consultation that had been undertaken and the responses received.

It was reported that overall the feedback was that there were sufficient pharmacy services in Darlington at this time and that the four 100 hour pharmacies in Darlington provided patients access and choice of pharmacies within the town centre and the main suburbs.

Discussion ensued on the emergence of online pharmacies; Public Health advised that work would be undertaken with the PCN in relation to identifying changes in patient choices; and

that a further survey was being undertaken by Healthwatch in relation to repeat prescriptions.

RESOLVED – (a) That the consultation undertaken, as detailed within the submitted report, be noted.

(b) That the updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, as appended to the submitted report, be approved.

REASON – (a) It is a statutory duty that the Council publishes the PNA by 30 September 2022.

(b) The draft PNA was considered at the July 2022 Health and Wellbeing Board meeting before it went out to formal consultation.

(c) Consultation took place between 12 July and 11 September 2022.

(d) Any factual inaccuracies have been corrected in the final PNA document. Consideration has been given to all other issues raised.