

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 7 September 2023

**PRESENT** – , Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council) (Leader of the Council), Councillor Holroyd, Councillor Roche (Cabinet Member for Health and Housing) (Cabinet Member with Health and Housing Portfolio), Councillor Tostevin, James Stroyan (Group Director of People), Miriam Davidson (Interim Director of Public Health), Martin Short (Director of Place - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board) (North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board), Dean Lythgoe (Principal, St Aidan's Academy) (Secondary School Representative), Carole Todd (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative) (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative), Michelle Thompson (Chief Executive Officer) (Healthwatch Darlington), Rachel Morris (Head of Department for Nursing and Midwifery, School of Health and Life Sciences) (Teesside University) and Andrea Petty (Chief of Staff) (Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's Office)

**APOLOGIES** –Councillor Dulston, David Gallagher (Executive Director of Place-Based Delivery - Central and Tees Valley) (North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board), Brent Kilmurray (Chief Executive) (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust), Sue Jacques (Chief Executive) (County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust), Jackie Andrews (Medical Director) (Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust), Joanne Dobson (NHSE/I Locality Director for North East and North Cumbria) (NHS England, Area Team) and Sam Hirst (Primary Schools Representative)

### **HWBB1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

### **HWBB2 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.

### **HWBB3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS BOARD HELD ON 16 MARCH 2023**

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Health and Well Being Board held on 16 March 2023.

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

**REASON** – They represent an accurate record of the meeting

### **HWBB4 BETTER CARE FUND 2023/25 PROGRAMME**

The Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated) updating Members on the submission of the Darlington Better Care Fund Plan for the 2023/25 Programme and providing an update on the next steps across the Programme.

It was reported that the use of the Better Care Fund (BCF) mandatory funding streams and Disabled Facilities Grant must be jointly agreed by Integrated Care Boards and local authorities; they must reflect local health and care priorities; and plans must be signed off by Health and Wellbeing Board.

Reference was made to the Government's priorities for 2023-25 as set out in the BCF Policy Framework and the vision of the BCF; and that the vision was underpinned by two core BCF objectives, Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer and Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

Details were provided of the four national conditions for funding; the five key metrics; and the funding for the 23/25 programme, including Discharge Funding was outlined. It was reported that the funding package for 2023/25 was not new monies and were allocated against the ASC budgets.

Members were informed that following endorsement by the Programme Board, the Plan for Darlington was submitted to the BCF national team on 28 June and that feedback was currently awaited.

It was reported that a service review was underway across all programme funded schemes with the findings due to be reported to the Pooled Budget Partnership Board in October.

Discussion ensued regarding how the patient and carer voice is included in plans with assurances given that the plans are built around public engagement and involvement. Further discussion was held regarding young carers and the lack of a young carers group for schools to signpost to, members representing colleges and university confirming this.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the submission of the Darlington 23/25 Plan and expected dates of approval letters being issued be noted.

(b) That the programme review be noted, and a report to be tabled at future meetings, detailing the outcome of the review.

**REASONS** – (a) The 2023/25 Plan has been endorsed by the Pooled Budget Partnership as part of the agreed governance arrangements.

(b) Following completion of the review a report of the findings will be available.

## **HWBB5 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH - LIVING IN DARLINGTON AND RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC 2022/2023**

The Interim Director of Public Health submitted a report (previously circulated) sharing the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022/23 with Members and wider stakeholders. A copy of the report will be available on the Council website shortly following this meeting.

It was reported that the Annual Report has a particular focus on how some of the community responded to the COVID 19 pandemic and how they see their future; and that the Annual Report is the last report of Penny Spring as Director of Public Health due to her retirement in

June 2023.

The submitted report stated that it is a requirement of the Director of Public Health under the 2006 NHS Act to produce an annual report; the subject of the annual report for 2022/23 is how young people, families and staff in Darlington responded to the pandemic and how it affected their lives; and the report is presented in a video format produced with students from Darlington College, using the testimony of individual young people, families and staff.

No notable discussion or questions were fielded following the Interim Director of Public Health's delivery.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2022/23 be received by the Health and Wellbeing Board

(b) That the testimony of the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on lived experience be noted.

(c) That the legacy and ongoing impact of the pandemic on local people living and working in Darlington be noted.

**REASONS** – (a) The Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out a requirement for all Directors of Public Health to produce an annual independent report on the health of their local population and for their local authority to publish it.

(b) The annual report raises awareness of specific health issues in Darlington.

(c) The annual report highlights areas of specific concern, and makes recommendations for change for all partners and stakeholders.

#### **HWBB6 NHS FIVE YEAR JOINT FORWARD PLAN UPDATE**

The Director of Place (Darlington), North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board gave a presentation updating the Board on the NHS Five Year Joint Forward Plan (JFP).

The presentation outlined the national guidance for the JFP covering 2023/24 to 2028/29 which would be reviewed, updated and republished every March; reference was made to the JFP and how this fit with the ICP Strategy and NHS Operating Plan; and reference was made to the operational planning requirements.

Details were provided of the Tees Valley priorities; a number of key pillars had been identified, which support the delivery of the organisational, place and system plans; and these pillars had been aligned to the core elements of the collective Health and Wellbeing Strategies, Start Well, Live Well and Age Well. Members were provided with details of the work being undertaken in respect of these core elements; and reference was made to the cross cutting themes.

Members noted the stakeholder engagement and associated deadlines for the JFP.

Discussion ensued with board members requesting a list of meanings for the various

initialisms and acronyms used in the presentation. Secondary School colleague expressed the opinions that the goals presented were not presenting clear trackable goals and it was agreed that Director of Place, Darlington would share relevant details after the meeting. It was also highlighted that union representation would be valuable in order to speak on staff issues and it was confirmed that workshops are being set up to handle this.

**RESOLVED** – That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Director of Place (Darlington), North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board for his informative presentation.

**REASON** – To convey the views of the Board.

## **HWBB7 HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN DARLINGTON: THE ROLE OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

The Interim Director of Public Health submitted a report (previously circulated) updating Members on the health status of the population, with a focus on inequality and updating Members on the Health and Wellbeing Board in the context of the inequality. A presentation (also previously circulated) accompanied the report.

Discussion ensued with School colleagues highlighting that health inequalities are very evident in school settings with a noticeable difference when comparing children attending more and less privileged schools.

Councillor Holroyd recalled a principle employed by Cornwall Council in which the Doughnut Economics model was employed, a decision-making principle, in which all decisions are measured against how they reduce social indicators of deprivation as well as how they reduce negative aspects related to overshoot – with the aim to find a "happy medium" in which all needs are met without causing damage to society / population health or the environment.

The Interim Director of Public Health expressed a desire to push the establishment of a "Health and Wellbeing Network" in which members could freely share work and research to assist in completing priorities in an efficient and direct manner. This was well received by members with specific expressions that PCC and healthcare colleagues would be willing to contribute and Healthwatch Darlington willing to promote.

J Foggin, Communications Manager, County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust, informed members of a current programme in which young people are assisted and provided guidance towards careers in health care.

**RESOLVED** – (a) That the overview of health status in Darlington and the narrative on health inequalities and how they affect outcomes, be noted.

(b) That a review of the Health and Wellbeing Board "way of working" be agreed and the development of a Health and Wellbeing Network be supported.

(c) That a Task and Finish workstream to review and refresh the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment be established.

(d) That a Task Group to review and refresh the current Health and Wellbeing Strategy so it is

a “fit for purpose” Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, be established.

**REASONS** – (a) It is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities and produce a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

(b) The current Health and Wellbeing Plan has expired.

(c) To enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure that the ICB’s forward plan takes proper account of local health inequalities and the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **HWBB8 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Assistant Director Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that Members give consideration to amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board (also previously circulated).

It was reported that the terms of reference for the Board were last considered and approved at its meeting held on 7 July 2022; and a number of minor amendments have been made to the membership of the Board.

No notable discussion or questions were lodged following presentation of this item.

**RESOLVED** (a) the Terms of Reference be approved, with the inclusion of the following amendments :-

- (i) the deletion of the Darlington Borough Council Portfolio Holder with a remit covering Adult Services from the Membership of the Board;
- (ii) the deletion of the Darlington Borough Council Portfolio Holder with a remit covering Children Services from the Membership of the Board;
- (iii) the addition of Conservative Group Member to the Membership of the Board; and
- (iv) the addition of Green Group Member to the Membership of the Board

(b) That the revised Terms of Reference be included within this Council’s Constitution.

**REASONS** – (a) To enable the Terms of Reference to be updated with a number of minor changes.

(b) To enable the Board to consider any further amendments to the Terms of Reference, as necessary.