

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 13 March 2025

PRESENT – Councillor Roche (Cabinet Member with Health and Housing Portfolio) (Chair), Councillor Tostevin, Martin Short (Director of Place - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board) (North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board), Joanne Dobson (NHSE/Local Healthwatch Director for North East and North Cumbria) (NHS England, Area Team), Alison MacNaughton-Jones (Joint Clinical Director) (Darlington Primary Care Network), Carole Todd (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative) (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative), Michelle Thompson (Chief Executive Officer) (Healthwatch Darlington) and Andrea Petty (Chief of Staff) (Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's Office)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE –

APOLOGIES –Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council) (Leader of the Council), Councillor Holroyd, James Stroyan (Executive Director People), Jackie Andrews (Medical Director) (Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust), Sam Hirst (Primary Schools Representative) and Councillor Mrs Scott

HWBB19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

HWBB20 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.

HWBB21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS BOARD HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2024

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Health and Well Being Board held on 5 December 2024.

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

HWBB22 DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

The Safeguarding Partnership Business Manager attended the meeting to present the report. Members were informed that Local Safeguarding Partnerships are required to produce an Annual Report to account for the Partnerships achievements over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area. The report summarises and reflects on the work of the Partnership over the 2023/24 period and aims to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an understanding of the Partnership's work.

The report explained that Adult Self -Neglect continued to be highlighted as a significant

theme, the Partnership has recognised self-neglect is a complex and challenging area which is not easily identified. A key priority for the partnership is to ensure practitioners have the skills, tools and resources available.

The report outlined the strengths and impacts of multi-agency working to help keep everyone in Darlington safe, with a continued focus to ensure local agency safeguarding practice remains effective for all children and young people and adults with needs for care and support.

Discussion ensued around how to get involved with the partnership report, and what training is available for families around Safeguarding.

AGREED – That Members noted the report.

HWBB23 BETTER CARE FUND

The Assistant Director for Commissioning, performance and transformation submitted a report to provide an update on the progress and Policy Framework of the 2024/25 Better Care Fund Programme.

The report introduced the key changes to the Better Care Fund Programme, these included 'Consolidation of Discharge Funding: Local authority discharge funding had been integrated into the Local Authority Better Care Grant, enhancing flexibility in resource allocation.' 'Streamlined Planning and Reporting: The planning and reporting process had been simplified for most'.

The report stated that for the 2025/26 programme an additional approval stage had been introduced, The Chief Executives of the Integrated Care Board and Local Authority must confirm approval of the plan prior to submission.

Discussion ensued around the metrics of admissions and what were the figures of admissions through social care. The Group also discussed whether the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board should sign off the Better Care Fund.

AGREED – That Members note the report.

HWBB24 PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA)

The Director of Public Health submitted a report to update the Health and Wellbeing Board with regards to the progress of the review and re-write of the Darlington Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. To also request the board to delegate authority to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Director of Public Health to approve the PNA process.

The report stated that from the 1 April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England now has a statutory responsibility to publish and to keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in the population of its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The current PNA was published back in October 2022 with a lifespan of three years, the new one is required to be published by September 2025.

The report explained the purpose of the PNA, the progress made to date and the next steps. The final version of the PNA will be published by the 1 October 2025.

Discussion ensued around the document's lifespan of 3 years and whether information and data is regularly updated within the report to reflect the opening and closure of pharmacies. The group went onto discuss whether this document could be reviewed annually by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

AGREED – That Members noted the report and delegated authority to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Director of Public Health to manage and approve the PNA process.

HWBB25 NHS PLANNING UPDATE PRESENTATION

The Integrated Care Board Director of Place gave an presentation on the NHS Planning Update to the Members of the Darlington Health and Wellbeing Board.

The contents of the presentation included the summary timeline for planning submissions, Better Care Fund expectations, NHS Operational Planning Priorities and the next steps, joint forward plan and ICS Strategy refresh.

The Better Care Fund expectations gave an overview of the plan submission requirements, planning expectations and the metrics.

The presentation then went on to detail the Neighbourhood Health Guidelines, the six core components, objectives and priorities of the NHS Operational Planning.

The presentation then concluded with the next steps, such as the Government's health mission, NHS 10-year plan and the next steps.

Discussion ensued around the key priorities for the NHS Operational Planning, what the key challenges will be.

HWBB26 JOINT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY - PUTTING THE STRATEGY INTO ACTION

The Director of Public Health submitted a report for Members to consider the next steps to implement the recommendations of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

The report explained that at the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing board on the 5th December 2024 the JLHWS was agreed and has now been published. It was agreed at that meeting that the progress against the identified priorities will be shared through a regular cycle of update reports.

There are eight agreed priorities in the JLHWS and it is proposed that each year there will be a deep dive review of two agreed priorities, the first focus of review is on Pregnancy and early years.

It was also explained that the JLHWS will be reviewed every year, to monitor progress and impact so the strategy will remain relevant.

Discussion ensued around agreement in the approach of a deep dive review into priorities.

AGREED - That Members note the report.