

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 16 September 2021

PRESENT – Councillor K Nicholson (Cabinet Member with Health and Housing Portfolio) (Chair), Councillor Clarke (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio), Councillor Harker, Councillor Mrs H Scott (Leader of the Council), James Stroyan (Group Director of People), Penny Spring (Director of Public Health), David Gallagher (Chief Officer) (NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group), Mark Pickering (Chief Finance Officer) (NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group), Sue Jacques (Chief Executive) (County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust), Sam Hirst (Primary Schools Representative), Carole Todd (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative) (Darlington Post Sixteen Representative) and Jehanne Readman (Project Manager) (Primary Healthcare Darlington)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Ken Ross (Public Health Principal) (Public Health), David Nelson (Planning Officer), Clare Iley-Christie (Policy Research Officer), Joanne Heaney (Head of Commissioning, Performance and Transformation) (NHS Darlington CCG), Jo Murray (Associate Director - MH/LD Partnerships and Strategy) (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust), Nicola Childs (Commissioning Lead for Children and Young People) (NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group) and Hannah Miller (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES – Mike Forster (Operational Director, Children's and County Wide Community Care Directorate) (Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust), Rachel Morris (Head of Department for Nursing and Midwifery, School of Health and Life Sciences) (Teesside University), Michelle Thompson (Chief Executive Officer) (Healthwatch Darlington), Steve White (Chief Executive) (Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner, Durham Police Area), Dr Amanda Riley (Chief Executive Officer) (Primary Healthcare Darlington), Christine Shields (Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation)

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 WELLBEING 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 18 MARCH 2021

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Health and Wellbeing Board held on 18 March 2021.

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

REASON – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

HWBB4 CHILDHOOD OBESITY PLANNING OPTIONS IN RELATION TO HOT FOOD TAKEAWAYS

The Public Health Principal, Principal Planning Officer and Policy Research Officer submitted a PowerPoint presentation on Childhood Obesity Planning Options in relation to Hot Food Takeaways, following a recommendation from Cabinet that the Board investigate the impact of hot food takeaways on the health of residents, and in particular on childhood obesity in Darlington.

It was reported that defining overweight and obesity in children was a complex process and details were provided of the method used to determine a child's BMI; in relation to causes of obesity, there was no single cause but a multitude of factors; and that healthy weight needed to be everybody's business. Reference was made to the prevalence of obesity by age for 2019/20, with 12 per cent of children in Reception and 22.5 per cent of children in Year 6 living with obesity; that the prevalence of child obesity was concentrated in town centre wards; and details were provided of Darlington's performance compared to its statistical nearest neighbours.

Reference was also made to contributory factors and details were provided of the policy and guidance in place; and that the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) and PHE set out 6 elements to help achieve healthy weight environments through planning in the 2014 publication 'Planning Healthy Weight Environments.

It was reported that the use of exclusion zones for takeaway food outlets around locations often frequented by children and families such as schools, could be adopted as planning policy to promote health. Reference was made to the hot food takeaways in Darlington which had been plotted on a map, with a 400m buffer zone applied to all secondary schools. Of the takeaways in Darlington there were 14 existing takeaways within the 400m buffer zones; that of these, three were open during school hours; and that this did not identify a clear link between obesity and hot food takeaways, which was required to implement a policy approach.

Details were provided of the objectives of the Childhood Healthy Weight Plan for Darlington 2019-2024 which had been adopted and fed into the Local Plan, to transform the environment, increase making healthier choices easier and to support services needed to tackle excess weight; and that a range of actions were being undertaken in relation to understanding and adapting the obesogenic environment, out of home food provision, access to green space and active travel.

Discussion ensued in respect of the ease of implementing exclusion zones in the town centre; and it was requested that buffer zones be plotted for colleges in Darlington.

RESOLVED – (a) That the presentation be noted.

(b) That the findings of the investigation into childhood obesity planning options in relation to hot food takeaways be reported to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee and Planning Applications Committee.

REASONS – To enable the Board to consider Childhood Obesity Planning Options in relation to Hot Food Takeaways.

HWBB5 DARLINGTON VACCINATION UPDATE

The Chief Finance Officer, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group gave a presentation to update the Board on the Darlington Vaccination programme.

It was reported that NHSE vaccination target was 90 per cent for first doses; that the data up to and including 12 September showed that Darlington had achieved 84.53 per cent for first doses, which was above the Tees Valley CCG and North East and North Cumbria averages; and had achieved 79.02 per cent for second doses.

Details were provided of the vaccination uptake for the JCVI cohorts and ethnic groups; the vaccination sites in Darlington were outlined; and Members were advised that capacity for vaccines outweighed demand.

The Chair extended their thanks for the commitment of the NHS in delivering the vaccination programme and in particular the work of the NHS and partners to deliver the satellite sites and vaccine buses.

Discussion ensued regarding the vaccination of 12 – 15 year old's, which was expected to commence in England on 22 September; and Members were advised that a bespoke targeted approach was to be implemented to reach the gaps in the cohorts.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Chief Finance Officer, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group, for his informative update.

REASONS – To convey the views of the Board.

HWBB6 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS

The Chief Officer, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group gave an update to the Board on the Integrated Care Systems (ICS).

It was reported that the Health and Care Bill, which was progressing through parliament and due for Royal Assent in the new year, would allow for the establishment of Integrated Care Boards (ICB) and Integrated Care Partnerships (ICP); that ICB's were due to be in operation from 1 April 2022; the ICB would take on the NHS commissioning functions of CCGs and some of NHS England's commissioning functions; and that the ICP membership would include stakeholders and partners.

Members were advised that a number of ICP focused events had taken place; the themes from the events were being collated and an executive group had been established; with recommendations expected in October; and that further details would be provided at future meeting of this Board.

Concern was raised regarding the lack of input from Members in discussions and the need for consistent standards for all Health and Wellbeing Boards to ensure the success of the new approach.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Chief Officer, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group, for his update.

REASONS – To convey the views of the Board.

HWBB7 NEEDS LED NEURODEVELOPMENTAL PATHWAY

The Head of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery – Children and Young People, NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group gave a presentation updating the Board on the Needs Led Neurodevelopmental Pathway.

Details were provided of the reasons for the changes to the pathway; the outcome of the parent carer consultation which was undertaken to understand the issues and complexities with the Autism diagnostic process; and a multi-agency partnership was established to look at the issues and determine a way forward.

It was reported that a family support service had been created and was due to go live in December 2021; a Darlington needs led neurodevelopmental website had been developed; details were provided of key areas of investment to improve diagnostic services; and the changes that families would see to services were outlined.

Reference was made to the Darlington Bubble of Support and services which were included in this bubble; the pathway flow chart; and the current position of the new pathway, which was already having a positive impact on the length of time families were waiting for decisions regarding the need for a diagnostic assessment. Reference was also made to the National Autism Strategy which had recently been published and the actions being taken to ensure that work encompasses this strategy were outlined; and details were provided of the next steps.

Concern was raised regarding the lack of communication in respect the work being undertaken in Darlington to improve the Autism diagnostic process; and that an update should be provided to the recently established Cross Party Autism Working Group.

RESOLVED – That the thanks of the Board be conveyed to the Head of Commissioning, Strategy and Delivery – Children and Young People for her informative presentation.

REASON – To convey the views of the Board.

HWBB8 SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (IF ANY) WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR OF THIS BOARD ARE OF AN URGENT NATURE AND CAN BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

The Chair informed the Board that changes to the Membership of the Board would be communicated to Members; this included the replacement of non-statutory Members with Community focused groups.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

REASON – To inform the Board.