

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 15 December 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), Martin Short (Director of Place - Darlington) (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), Jill Foggin (Communications Manager, County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust), Rachel Gault (Primary Care Network Darlington) and Dr Jo Nadkarni (Psychology Professional Lead Durham and Darlington) (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Sukhdev Dosanjh (Head of Commissioning and Contracts) and Hannah Miller (Democratic Officer)

APOLOGIES – Councillor Clarke (Children and Young People Portfolio) (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio), Councillor Dulston (Leader of the Council) (Leader of the Council), James Stroyan (Group Director of People), 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), Joanne Dobson (NHSE/I Locality Director for North East and North Cumbria) (NHS England, Area Team), Sam Hirst (Primary Schools Representative), Michelle Thompson (Chief Executive Officer) (Healthwatch Darlington) and Rachel Morris (Head of Department for Nursing and Midwifery, School of Health and Life Sciences) (Teesside University)

HWBB12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

HWBB13 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.

HWBB14 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS BOARD HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER 2022

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Health and Wellbeing Board held on 22 September 2022.

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

REASON – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

HWBB15 BETTER CARE FUND 2022/23 PROGRAMME

The Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated) updating Member on the submission of the Darlington Better Care Fund Plan for the 2022/23 programme; and updating Members on the review across all funded schemes as part of the programme.

The submitted report stated that the Better Care Fund (BCF) was a programme spanning the NHS and Local Government which sought to join up health and care services; integrated care boards (ICBs) and local government were required to agree a joint plan for using pooled budgets to support integration, which was governed by an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act (2006); and the plan was owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Details were provided of the four national conditions for funding, three of which remained as previous years, with a change to national condition 4; the four key metrics that the plan must deliver against were outlined along with funding for the 2022/23 programme . Members were informed that the funding package was not new monies.

The Plan for Darlington was submitted to the BCF national team on 26 September following endorsement by the Programme Board; no feedback had been received from the assurance panel to date; and a service review was underway across all funded schemes to ensure the schemes continued to deliver against the priorities of the programme.

RESOLVED – a) That the submission of the Darlington 22/23 Plan and expected dates of approval letters being issued, be noted.

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

REASONS – (a) Awaiting feedback from the BCF national team on the 2022/23 Darlington Plan.

(b) To allow conclusion of the programme review across all schemes.

HWBB16 SEND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION

The Assistant Director Education and Inclusion submitted a report (previously circulated) updating Members on the Ofsted/CQC inspection on the provision of Special Educational Needs (SEND) support in Darlington and the subsequent development of a Written Statement of Action (WSOA)(also previously circulated).

The submitted report stated that the local area of Darlington was inspected by Ofsted and CQC between January 2022 and 1 February 2022; the inspection assessed how well Darlington Borough Council, Schools, Academy Trusts and all parts of the Health Service identified and met the needs of children and young people with SEND and the outcomes achieved; the Lead Inspector identified a number of strengths in the local area and the two areas of significant weakness identified across Darlington were outlined.

The Council, together with Health was required to produce a WSoA; this was created by the local area partnership, involving a number of co-production approaches; the SEND Assurance Executive would have strategic overview of the WSoA and the implementation of the agreed actions; the WSoA was approved as fit for purpose by Ofsted on 9 September 2022; and the delivery of the WSoA would be subject to quarterly monitoring by DfE/NHS England, with a full re-inspection undertaken by Ofsted/CQC 18 months after the approval of the WSoA.

RESOLVED – That the written statement of action be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board for information.

REASON – The recommendation is supported as the Written Statement of Action is a statutory requirement of the SEND inspection framework.

HWBB17 ADULT SOCIAL CARE DISCHARGE FUND

The Assistant Director Commissioning, Performance and Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated) seeking approval from the Board for the expenditure plans and related schemes (also previously circulated) in respect of the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund.

It was reported that on 18 November 2022, the Government published guidance and grant conditions relating to the £500m Adult Social Care Discharge Fund to support the health and social care system during the winter period; the funding had been allocated through the Better Care Fund and the Health and Wellbeing Board was required to sign off the funding plans; and there was an expectation for councils and Integrated Care Boards (ICB) to work in partnership to spend the funds locally across the health and social care system, with spending plans required to be submitted by 16 December 2022.

The submitted report stated that Darlington had been allocated a total of £856,314 with £417,643 allocated for the Council and £438,671 for the ICB; the funds would be paid in 2 tranches with the first tranche being paid in December 2022 and the second in January 2023; and the total allocation must be spent for schemes between 1 December 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Discussion ensued regarding range of schemes and the challenges surrounding recruitment and retention of staff.

RESOLVED – That the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund expenditure plan and proposed schemes, be approved.

REASON – The recommendation is supported in order to facilitate the Adult Social Care Discharge Fund's expenditure in accordance with relevant guidance and grant conditions.