

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

At the meeting of the **Health and Wellbeing Board** held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth on Thursday, 14 September 2017 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillor R.R. Dodd
(Chairman, in the Chair)

BOARD MEMBERS

Blair, A.	Jollands, J. (substitute member)
Dickinson, S.J.	Jones, V.
Evans, D.	Morgan, L.
Glennie, R.	Mead, P.
Jackson, P.A.	Spurling, S. (substitute member)
Johnson, A.	Thompson, D.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bradley, N.	Head of Service, Wellbeing - Adult Services
Todd, A.	Democratic Services Officer
Young, S	NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Gill, L.	Public Health Registrar
Hepworth, C.	Cygnus Support
Homer, C.	County Councillor
Robinson, J.	Communications Officer, NCC

9. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from V. Bainbridge, Councillor W. Daley, R. Firth, D. Lally and G. O'Hare.

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday, 13 July 2017, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

11. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBER'S INTEREST

Councillor V. Jones declared an interest regarding item 4.3 (Arrangements to Support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities) on the agenda as she had a family interest in the subject.

12. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12.1 Report of the Interim Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Northumberland

Liz Morgan, Director of Public Health presented the report which outlined the background to the responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with respect to the development of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). With the existing JHWS coming to its conclusion, the paper summarised the proposed direction of travel for a new strategy which reflected current and future population health and wellbeing needs and priorities and the changing landscape in health and social care provision both locally and nationally. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix A).

Members were advised that the HWB had a statutory requirement to produce a JHWS on behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Council. The current JHWS would end in 2017 and a new strategy was required which reflected more detailed information now available on the health needs of the population of Northumberland; and the changing landscape for health and social care provision.

The broad priority areas proposed for the new JHWS were:

- Giving children and young people the best start in life
- Empowering people and communities
- Tackling some of the wider determinants of health
- Adopting a whole system approach to health and social care.

It was noted that the JHWS required a more formal governance mechanism to demonstrate progress against the priority areas and to hold the Northumberland system to account. This would involve engagement from a wide range of stakeholders from health, social care, the voluntary sector and health-related services (such as planning, transport and housing). The timescale for the strategy would also be set at 10 years so as to be long enough to measure meaningful changes in population health/health-related outcomes. The 10 years period would also mirror the timescale for the contract of the proposed Accountable Care Organisation.

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It was reported that as part of the governance of the JHWS development process it was proposed that a Task and Finish Group be established, led jointly by the CCG and the Council, with a view to presenting the final JHWS to the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2018.

Members welcomed the report and the proposed framework for a new JHWS. The asset based approach and improved governance process were discussed along with the Health and Wellbeing Board's role in monitoring and ensuring accountability against priority areas.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The contents of the report, be noted;
- (b) The proposals for the governance, priority areas and development of a new JHWS for Northumberland, be supported;
- (c) A Task and Finish group be established to develop the JHWS before the strategy is finalised, and
- (d) Regular updates on the work and progress made by the Task and Finish Group be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

12.2 Better Care Funding Plan

The Board was provided with a powerpoint presentation on the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2017-2019 by Neil Bradley, Head of Service, Wellbeing - Adult Services and Alistair Blair, Clinical Chair, NHS Northumberland CCG. A copy of the presentation has been enclosed with the signed minutes.

The presentation covered the following:-

- the history of the BCF
- the BCF in Northumberland
- BCF targets before 2017
- the 'improved BCF' (iBCF)
- iBCF grant conditions
- the 2017-2019 BCF Plan
- the 'old' BCF
- the 'improved' BCF
- delayed transfers of care (DToC) targets

Members were informed that the Better Care Funding Plan was submitted on 11 September (a copy of which was to be circulated following the meeting). The iBCF grant conditions allow for the funding to be used for three purposes; meeting adult social care needs, reducing pressure on the NHS and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported.

The Board acknowledged the difficulties faced by Northumberland regarding the delayed transfers of care targets. NHS England had used the September figure which was one of the lowest months as a target to be applied to all future months resulting in a very challenging target. It was noted that there were no monetary sanctions in place if Northumberland did not meet this target. It was also noted that Northumberland were not the only authority to raise scepticism about the achievability of the DToC targets.

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RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

12.3 Report of the Interim Chief Executive/Director of Children's Services

Arrangements to Support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities

Andy Johnson, Interim Director of Children's Services presented a report which updated members on the self evaluation of education, health and social care services for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities. It had been put forward to the Board to enable members to contribute to the development of the self evaluation and strategy. The report was supplemented by a powerpoint presentation on the scope of the work carried out so far and the impact it has had. (Report and powerpoint presentation enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix B).

Members were advised that the joint strategy identified the responses to immediate and longer term challenges that services face and the practical steps that were being taken to address them. All information contained within had been sourced from individual organisations and partners and it was stressed that the documents were jointly owned by all.

Following on from the presentation a number of comments were raised, including:-

- Northumberland's vision statement was well drafted and covered the aims of all involved in improving services for children and young people.
- Members welcomed the joint approach with all organisations each playing their part in giving all children the best start in life and to support them to reach their full potential.
- Once the documents were approved the Health and Wellbeing Board would receive annual updates on progress made. This would in turn identify any issues to be addressed within any of the services and enable the Health and Wellbeing Board, and service provider representatives who sit on the board, to engage in partnership work to monitor and help resolve issues.
- Many improvements had been made in recent years to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities.
- It was suggested that safeguarding arrangements should be included.
- It was confirmed the local authority was developing a better relationship with the regional commissioner regarding academies but there was still no direct power to intervene if an academy was in need of support.
- 21 September 2017 was the deadline for any comments or further input into the draft documents.

It was proposed that a final draft of the strategy and self evaluation would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board before sign off.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The contents of the draft area self-evaluation report and area strategy for special educational needs and disability, be noted, and

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- (b) Any further comments on the drafts be submitted to enable the documents to be further defined before final versions are produced.

13. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme (a copy of the work programme has been enclosed with signed minutes as Appendix C).

It was suggested the following issues be placed on the Work Programme for future meetings:-

- Final drafts of the strategy and self evaluation regarding the arrangements to Support Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities be scheduled for the November meeting.
- Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) - Annual report and update on issues identified to be moved to the November meeting.
- Interim report of the JHWS to be scheduled for the December meeting.
- An item on new housing developments being built across Northumberland and the impact on health services be proposed for a future meeting date.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme and items above be noted.

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