

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 Tuesday, 7 January 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS

Brown, S.	Mead, P.
Daley, W.	McEvoy-Carr, C.
Fletcher, E. (substitute member)	Morgan, E.
Jones, V.	Thompson, D.
Lothian, J.	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Bell, A.	Head of Commissioning, NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group
Malone, C.	Communications Lead - Internal
Todd, A.	Democratic Services Officer

One member of the press was also in attendance.

31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from A. Airey, N. Bradley, C. Briggs, Councillor S.J. Dickinson, R. Firth, Councillor C.R. Homer, Councillor P.A. Jackson, J. Mackey, G. Syers, C. Wardlaw, C. Riley and J. Warrington.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday, 14 November 2019, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

33. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

33.1 REPORT OF THE NHS NORTHUMBERLAND COMMISSIONING GROUP

Better Care Fund Update

The report presented by Alan Bell, Head of Commissioning, NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), updated all on activity related to the Better Care Fund (report filed with the signed minutes as Appendix A).

It was reported that the Better Care Fund (BCF) which commenced in 2015/16 was a component of government policy to improve integration between health and social care.

It was advised that for 2019/20, there continued to be four national conditions to support integrated care:-

- Plans to be jointly agreed.
- NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to CCG minimum contribution.
- Agreement to invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services, which may include 7-day services and adult social care.
- Managing Transfers of Care.

It was stated, that in summary, Northumberland's BCF plan continued to robustly set out how the national conditions will be met whilst ensuring continued support to integration across health and social care. The services had a long history of delivering high quality care for patients making best use of available resources.

It was noted that progress updates could be provided to members to ensure continued scrutiny and monitoring of the four national conditions and that of the overall BCF plan.

Members discussed services that were funded by the BCF including home care, rehabilitation and reablement. It was noted that some of the services were performing above national targets and it was agreed that the good work taking place in the county in relation to these services should be showcased to other areas/authorities.

It was acknowledged that there was often a tendency to look at issues, not where services were doing well. Northumberland's services, compared to many other areas were good if not outstanding. However, members were reassured that there would be continued monitoring to ensure any issues or drop in performance could be addressed quickly.

A concern was raised regarding the requirement for new primary care networks to have more responsibility for overseeing social care and whether there were plans in place for this to be achieved. It was reported that this was one area that had been highlighted as a potential concern and in response a service director was to be appointed to work jointly across NCC and the CCG on this very issue.

RESOLVED:-

Ch.'s Initials.....

(a) That the submitted Better Care Fund 2019/21 plan which sets out how Northumberland will meet the nationally mandated conditions and maintain integration across health and social care be noted.

(b) To continue to monitor the Better Care Fund 2019/21 and for progress updates to be provided on a regular basis.

(c) To actively showcase the positive performance of services within Northumberland.

34. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – FORWARD PLAN

E. Morgan, Director of Public Health presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan (a copy of which has been filed with the signed minutes as Appendix B).

RESOLVED that the Forward Plan and comments made be noted.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____