

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024

Present: Cllr Jane Somper (Chairman), Cllr Cherry Brooks, Sam Crowe, Anna Eastgate, Marc House, Margaret Guy, Paul Johnson, Jonathan Price, Simon Wraw and Simone Yule

Present remotely: Theresa Leavy and Cllr Byron Quayle

Apologies: Patricia Miller, Richard Bell, Jan Britton and Cllr Spencer Flower

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Rachel Partridge (Assistant Director of Public Health), Matt Prosser (Chief Executive), George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Tony McDougal (Communications Business Partner - Adults and Housing), Sarah Howard (Deputy Director of Place, NHS Dorset) and Sarah Sewell (Head of Service - Commissioning for Older People, Prevention and Market Access)

Officers present remotely (for all or part of the meeting):

Andrew Billany (Corporate Director for Housing) and Jennifer Lowis (Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement)

36. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Spencer Flower, Jan Britton, Patricia Miller and Chief Supt. Richard Bell.

37. Minutes

Proposed by Sam Crowe, seconded by Jonathan Price.

Decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2023 be confirmed and signed.

38. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made at the meeting.

39. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

40. **Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

41. **Urgent items**

There were no urgent items.

42. **Better Care Fund 2023-25: Quarter 3: Quarterly Reporting Template and Case Study**

The Head of Service for Older People and Prevention Commissioning introduced the Better Care Fund quarterly reporting template and case study. A presentation, which is attached to these minutes, highlighted the performance against the Better Care Fund metrics, the spend and Activity, and the case study on the Homes First Accelerator.

The Board discussed the report and members made the following points:

- There were voluntary sector initiatives for helping with discharge from hospital.
- There was a start to looking at carers as part of the Better Care Fund, however there also needed to be conversations about young people and care leavers.
- There needed to be a piece of work that looked more widely at the Better Care Fund, rather than just the parts relevant to the Board.
- Further working at place and neighbourhood levels would improve working with community initiatives.
- Senior leaders needed to have an understanding of the Better Care Fund and where the resources were going.
- Healthwatch were planning to create patient diaries on the integration of care.
- The Better Care Fund was a 2-year plan however there were opportunities to change the 2nd year.
- The Better Care Fund was a pooled fund, so it would be possible to include budgets from Children's Services and Housing in it.

Proposed by Sam Crowe, seconded by Jonathan Price.

Decision:

That the Better Care Fund Quarter 3 2023/24 Quarterly Reporting Template and supporting Case Study, be retrospectively approved.

43. **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Narrative Update**

The Director of Public Health introduced the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Narrative Update. It represented insight from service users and front-line

staff, as well as data which is normally included. The JSNA was a high-level strategic summary and a statutory responsibility. It was framed against the priorities in the Integrated Care Strategy and needed to be taken into account when developing the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams. The Director thanked everyone who had taken part in preparing the JSNA.

Members discussed the report and raised the following points:

- There was an improvement in the number of young people in treatment for drugs and alcohol.
- Isolation was an issue for people living in rural areas. People needed to be empowered to bring people together in communities.
- There was alignment between this report and the Better Care Fund and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams reports. Thought needed to be given to how pooled budgets could be used, like the Better Care Fund, to improve health in individual neighbourhoods.
- Ensuring that mental health and inequality in suicide was not being overlooked.

Proposed by Simon Wraw, seconded by Jonathan Price.

Decision:

1. That the updated Dorset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment be noted.
2. That the publication of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment be approved.

44. **Place and Integrated Neighbourhood Development**

The Deputy Director of Place, NHS Dorset, introduced the report on the development of Place and Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

Board members discussed the report and raised the following points:

- There were services that overlap with services being provided by GPs. It was important to see what was right for local populations.
- Co-production in Portland was important and a good example of partnership working.
- With regard to who would be leading and resourcing Integrated Neighbourhood Teams, consideration is being given to this so there were options depending on the direction of the new administration following the local elections.
- It would not be necessary or right to have some specialist services in a local place. There needed to be honest conversations about this.
- There would need to be evidence to ensure that integrated neighbourhood teams were wrapping around communities.
- That Healthwatch was involved with the leadership group, and that the Dorset Parent Carer Council should be part of the group to ensure that youth voice was involved.

Proposed by Jonathan Price, seconded by Cllr Somper.

Decision:

That the Board endorse and agree the approach to implementing integrated neighbourhood teams, based on the “Portland Together” approach.

45. **Families First for Children Pathfinder and Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Annual Report 2022-23**

The Executive Director of People – Children introduced the report and gave a presentation. The Families First for Children Pathfinder included four key reform strands which were Family Help, Child Protection, Family Networks and Safeguarding Partners; each of these strands were summarised. The locality model for Children’s Services had been enhanced through around 60 new roles which were part of the Pathfinder reform.

The Pan-Dorset Safeguarding Children’s Partnership Annual Report was in partnership with BCP Council. The key areas of the report were highlighted and the priorities for 2023-25 were outlined. Although there were shared priorities between both councils, different approaches were taken depending on the needs of the local area.

The Chairman congratulated the Executive Director on the work completed on the Pathfinder and the successful recruitment to posts. She raised a concern around the risk of funding not being continued for the pathfinder. The Executive Director responded that the Department for Education has provided some additional funding and there have been indications of a new funding arrangement for councils. The new posts had been recruited on a permanent basis.

46. **Work Programme**

Members suggested items for the work programme which included:

- Continued oversight of integrated neighbourhood development.
- The Physical Activity Strategy
- Suicide prevention through the Mental Health Delivery Board
- Tobacco control work in hospitals.
- Switching to vaping: Swap to Stop

Due to the importance of housing on health and wellbeing, it was suggested that a representative of the Housing Directorate be invited to join the membership of the board. This had full agreement from board members and options to update the Terms of Reference for this change to take place would be explored with the Monitoring Officer.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer would write to NHS England to consider whether they would like to appoint to their vacancy on the Board.

47. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 2.00 - 3.42 pm

Chairman
