

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

At 2pm on Tuesday 20 June 2023

Held at North Northamptonshire Council Offices, The Council Chamber, Corby Cube, George Street, Corby, Northants, NN17 9SA.

### **Present:-**

Councillor Helen Harrison (Chair)	North Northamptonshire Council
Councillor Macauley Nichol (Vice-Chair)	North Northamptonshire Council
Councillor Scott Edwards	Executive Member Children's, Services, North Northamptonshire Council
Martin Claydon	East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)
Pratima Dattani	Chair, Wellingborough Community Wellbeing Forum
Ann Marie Dodds	Executive Director of Children's Services
Colin Foster	Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Children's Trust
Susan Hamilton	Director of Public Health, North Northamptonshire Council
Andrew Hammond	Deputy Chair/NED, Integrated Care Board
Debbie Healey	Voluntary Sector Board Representative
Lyn Horwood	East Northamptonshire Community Wellbeing Forum
Michael Jones	Divisional Director, East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS)
David Maher	Deputy Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust
Deborah Needham	University Group Hospitals Northamptonshire
Dr Steve O'Brien	University of Northampton
Dr Raf Poggi	Primary Care Network
Rob Porter	Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Northamptonshire Police and Fire Service
Jess Slater	Chair of the East Northants Community Wellbeing Forum
Sarah Stansfield	Chief Finance Officer, Integrated Care Board
David Watts	Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing, North Northants Council
Sheila White	Healthwatch Northamptonshire
Kate Williams	Chair, Corby Community Wellbeing Forum

### Officers

Nicki Adams	Integrated Care Board Winter Director
Mike Bridges	Consultant in Public Health - Drugs and Alcohol
Jenny Daniels	Democracy Officer (Democratic Services) (Minutes)
Sam Fitzgerald	Assistant Director of Adult Social Services, North Northamptonshire Council
Alison Gilbert	Director of PLACE, North Northamptonshire Council
Susan Hamilton	Consultant in Public Health
Michelle Mealor	Interim Business Manager, North Northants Health and Wellbeing Board

Amy Plank	Strategic Lead for Private Sector Housing, North Northants Council
Patsy Richards	Public Health Principal
Karen Spellman	Director of Strategy and Planning Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board
Sarah Stansfield	Chief Finance Officer Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board

#### **14. Apologies for non-attendance**

Apologies were received from Toby Sanders, Chief Executive, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board; Nicci Marzec, Director of Prevention, Office of Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner; Naomi Eisenstadt, Chair, NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board; Chief Superintendent Steve Freeman, Northamptonshire Police; Jo Moore, Chair of Kettering Community Wellbeing Forum and Jess Slater, Chair of East Northants Community Wellbeing Forum.

#### **15. Chair's Announcements**

The Chair thanked the previous Chair for all his assistance during his term of office.

The Chair introduced the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Mr Rob Porter as a new member of the Board.

The Chair also thanked Dr Shaun Hallam for his service.

#### **15. Notification of requests to address the meeting**

None received.

#### **16. Members' Declaration of Interests**

The Chair invited those who wished to do so to declare interests in respect of items on the agenda.

The Voluntary Sector Representative, Debbie Healey declared she was the Chair of the Mental Health Foundation.

#### **17. Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21 March 2023**

**RESOLVED that:** the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2023,

#### **18. Action Log**

The Chair introduced this item (copies of which had been previously circulated) which gave details of actions that had been and were yet to happen as follows:

- The briefing on health inequalities allocation had been circulated and there would be an update at this meeting.
- Shirley Plenderleith's name had been amended.
- Papers had also been circulated by the Director of Adults, Health Partnerships and Housing, North Northants Council on 19 April 2023.

**RESOLVED that:** The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the Action Log

## **19. To propose and Elect a New Vice-Chairman**

The Chair announced that no nominations had been received. She asked Councillor Macauley Nichol if he was prepared to continue in his role as Vice-Chairman. He confirmed that he was.

**RESOLVED that:** Councillor Macauley Nichol be Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

## **20. Disabled Facilities Grant 2022-2023 Full Year Review**

At the Chair's invitation the Strategic Lead for Private Sector Housing, North Northants Council introduced the report (copies of which had been previously circulated) which provided details of the total spend on the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) for 2022-2023. A change was made to the agenda with this report being presented earlier than previously agreed at the request of the presenter. The Chair confirmed these were mandatory grants and could be utilised for a variety of adaptations from minor adjustments to major works such as extensions. The maximum grant was £40,000.00.

During the COVID-19 crisis many contractors were not able to attend properties. The department had now reduced the waiting list to 12 weeks and 6 families and they were working with the occupational therapy team to clear their lists. The team would continue to make efforts to improve this.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- Two local MPs were assisting by lobbying government to receive more funding.
- Provision had been made for residents who had received grant funding in excess of £6000 to refund the grant in the event the property is sold. (There was also an opportunity to work with social services to receive some funding from them.
- Means tested thresholds could not be changed. The majority of applications were for amounts under £40,000. Extensions could exceed this and if money was spent in-year it could provide some evidence to look at funding streams elsewhere to make up for any shortfall.
- There was a need to increase the discretionary amount because there were a small number of cases where applicants did not qualify but could not fund the adaptations themselves.
- More complex cases were coming through from families where there was a need to keep their children with them by providing an adaptation in the home.
- Work was being undertaken with social landlords with the potential for a home improvement agency where some of these cases could be combined.
- The majority of private landlords were unwilling to provide funding for adaptations in the home. Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) could be provided for council tenants but not housing associations.

**RESOLVED that:** The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the update on the DFG allocation and spend across North Northamptonshire Council for 2022-2023 full year.

(The Strategic Lead for Private Sector Housing, North Northamptonshire Council left the meeting at 2.25pm)

## **21. NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board Summary (ICB) 5-year Joint Forward Plan**

At the Chair's invitation the Chief Finance Officer Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board presented the NHS Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board 5-year joint forward plan (copies of which had been previously circulated) which provided an overview of the Joint Forward Plan, national and local priorities, key multiple impact interventions and their prioritisation and how the approach to creating conditions for success was developed.

Members of the Board also noted the following:

- The Deputy Chief Executive, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust stated he had been working on this for some time. The alignment part of the forward plan was critical so that people could work their way through it. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) would also be refreshed so that the assumptions made in it could be reviewed.
- Data was now required to evaluate the effectiveness of the plan.
- The Chief Finance Officer Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board stated they would make the plan a live document which would be refreshed annually. Several delivery plans fed into the document which included metrics to demonstrate the KPIs were being met.

**RESOLVED that:** The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the Summary of the Integrated Care Board 5-year Joint Forward Plan.

## **22. North Northamptonshire PLACE development**

At the Chair's invitation the Director of North PLACE Development introduced this report (copies of which had been previously circulated) which gave an overview of the development of North Northamptonshire PLACE through an oversight of a New Sense of PLACE model, Support North Northamptonshire (SNN) – Voluntary and Community Sector Collaborative approach and the North Health and Wellbeing Strategy development.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- It was recognised that there is a need for a cohesive, coherent and integrated message to be communicated to all the residents of North Northants.
- There is a need for the local authority to own the concept of PLACE, CREST values and Live Your Best Life to be integrated into all our interactions with the public .
- It was also noted that where short-term care of up to one month was required, employers could be encouraged to allow flexibility for family members to fulfil this role.
- The chairs of the Community Wellbeing Forums were thanked for their continued work and were encouraged to seek support from Board members to assist them to overcome any obstacles. Subject leads should also be nominated within each Forum
- The Chief Finance Officer Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board stated the majority of the system work was being undertaken in addition to people's substantive roles. Their enthusiasm was appreciated, really important and should be maintained. The work behind the scenes results in residents receiving the services they need.

**RESOLVED that:** the Health and Wellbeing Board noted the overview on the development of North Northamptonshire Place.

### **23. Financial Year 2023/2024 Health Inequalities Update (Health Inequality Additional Allocation Funding)**

At the Chair's invitation, the Director of Public Health, North Northamptonshire Council introduced the report (copies of which had been previously circulated) which provided a breakdown of the allocation of North Northants Council Health Inequality Additional Allocation (HIAA) funding to improve health inequalities across the local system, how the one-off funding allocation had been spread across a range of projects that supported early intervention and prevention across North Northants, the extent to which Trauma In Practice activity would be developed and led by the Project manager once they were in post, an update on the programme which was initially planned for delivery over a three-year period and how work was ongoing to identify potential future funding for routes for this beyond year one.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- Funding was from the previous financial year. Work will be carried out to bid for additional future funding
- Due to changes in funding, prioritisation of funds for next year cannot be finalised. The funding process is currently in pilot form.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of the use of funds and provision of data to support this will assist in securing future funding. The Director of Public Health confirmed that the 5 year strategy focusses on making health inequalities part of every decision made.
- The Integrated Care System is still in its infancy and clarity in decision making was still needed. As it matures, open communication will ensure it improves.
- The importance of ongoing evaluation was noted as opposed to evaluating on an annual basis.

**RESOLVED that:** the Health and Wellbeing Board noted the update on the use of the Health Inequalities (HIAA) funding allocation across North Northants Council.

### **24. Winter 22/23 - A Stocktake**

At the Chair's invitation the Integrated Care Board Winter Director provided a presentation (copies of which were previously circulated) which gave details of winter issues, demand trends, getting people out of hospital, mental health issues, bed flow and out of area placements, Kettering General Hospital discharge flow and North Northants Council pathways.

In answer to queries on the presentation the following was confirmed:

- Both Northamptonshire Trusts experienced critical incidents on different days. Both had difficulties arising from operating at a higher frequency level and utilised all the tools available to them. Whilst acknowledged as not ideal, sot purchases were used to good effect to add flexibility.
- Access to improved data would improve the process of evidencing what is working well.
- Strikes did result in the unavoidable and reluctant cancellation of some elective surgery and cancer appointments.

- Patient discharge was an issue both for freeing-up beds and also the potential detrimental effects of staying in hospital when it was not medically necessary.
- They spot purchased in the Pathway 1 and 2 capacity which enabled people to have a lesser reliance on beds.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the services purchased took place. Providers were also asked to advise the benefits to front line staff.
- General Practice surgeries were able to take some people out of the urgent care system. Their service is key to the future in the creation of a stable primary care centre
- The Primary sector want to take on the redesign of care with the involvement of GPs.
- The previous years', funding was strictly for discharge and could not be used for general practice.

The following was also noted:

- Staff would also need to be included in discussions for the following year.
- The Corby Wellbeing forum noted that people who wanted to connect with their GPs had been unable to do so and ended up presenting at A&E Departments.
- The approach of winter will put pressure on GP surgeries despite the available funding. Not all practices have the capacity to implement requirements at short notice, making the early involvement of the primary care network important along with the forums that could be informed now of who the navigators are and how to access them.
- It was noted the vaccination process was equally important as it enabled parents to be at work and children at school.

The Integrated Care Board Winter Director noted the funding was received with non-negotiable caveats that linked to the 5-year plan. The overall strategy included navigating care at a micro level. There was a need to educate residents around the resources that are available to them at a local level.

**RESOLVED that:** the Health and Wellbeing Board noted the update on the Winter Stocktake 2022/23.

## **25. Developing the Children and Young People's (CYP) Health and Wellbeing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**

At the Chair's invitation the Public Health Principal introduced the report (copies of which were previously circulated) which provided the Board with details on the progress of the Children and Young People's (CYP) Health and Wellbeing Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for North Northamptonshire.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- There would be a JSNA product which would be owned by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- A deeper dive would be undertaken into the breakdown of the groups that had responded.
- A JSNA for Special Educational Needs (SEN) was to be commissioned.
- The JSNA would be connected to Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) and they would undertake some focus groups around the LAPs to gain an understanding of their needs by canvassing the views of those engaged with the LAPs and using that to inform future plans.

**RESOLVED that:** The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the update on the progress of the CYP JSNA for North Northamptonshire.

## **26. Northamptonshire Combatting Drugs Partnership**

At the Chair's invitation, the Consultant in Public Health - Drugs and Alcohol introduced the report (copies of which had been previously circulated) which provided an update on the newly formed Northamptonshire Combatting Drugs Partnership. It set out the action plan and new 10-year drug and alcohol strategy 'From Harm to Hope'. The National Strategy recognised the importance of a system-wide approach.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- West and North Northants Councils are looking at tobacco control as it is an aspiration to have a joint strategy for Northants. This was currently in development and the paper would go to the Director of Public Health.
- The involvement of a clinician from Kettering General Hospital would support the aim of the partnership to address issues around substance misuse.
- The Consultant in Public Health would take away the suggestion that Solve It be included.
- It was noted that as part of the needs assessment they had mapped all organisations directly working with and contributing to the issue. The action plan identified the organisations that would be consulted.

**RESOLVED that:** The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the update on the Northamptonshire Combatting Drugs Partnership.

## **26. Better Care Fund End of Year Performance Report.**

At the Chair's invitation the Assistant Director for Adult Services introduced this report (copies of which had been previously circulated) which detailed the End of Year performance against the metrics in the Better Care fund Plan for 2022 – 2023.

She highlighted that they had not been able to disaggregate the data between North and West Northants Council but they were hoping to be able to do so for the following year.

The Health and Wellbeing Board wished to pass on its thanks to the teams and colleagues in the Trusts for all their hard work and noted that to be achieving on all the indicators was a sign of the good work of social care and acute hospitals.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- The planning document would be brought to the next Board meeting.
- It was important the Board reviewed the documents to ensure they received the scrutiny they deserved.
- It was also noted members of the Board would like to have the papers in time to be sent out prior to the next meeting if they were to be adequately scrutinised.
- How to use the Better Care Fund moving forward was something they wished to review.
- There would not be a quick fix. They committed to review how they had invested in some of the iCAN items
- There was a challenging forum that would bring everything together but this was emerging. Key priorities that required delivery were identified and they would need to robustly review the manner of that delivery.

**RESOLVED that:** the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Noted the information on the 2022/23 Better Care fund End of Year performance including performance against the metrics in the Better Care Fund plan for 2022 – 2023; and
- 2) The Health and Wellbeing Board signed off the Better Care Fund (BCF) 2022/2023 performance template submitted to NHSE.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.40pm.