

West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

28 April 2022 – At a meeting of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board held at 10.30 am at Council Chamber, County Hall, Chichester PO19 1RQ and via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Cllr Bob Lanzer (Chairman)

Cllr Amanda Jupp, Cllr Jacquie Russell, Keith Hinkley, Alison Challenger, Chris Clark, Emily King, Pennie Ford, Natalie Brahma-Pearl, Catherine Howe, Helen Rice, Annie Callanan, Cllr Garry Wall and Jess Sumner

Apologies were received from Cllr Duncan Crow, Lucy Butler, Dr Laura Hill, Jane Padmore and Katrina Broadhill

Also in attendance: Dan Charlton, Emma Cross and Paul Wagstaff

1. Chairman's Welcome

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke of 'Living with Covid-19' saying that health and systems' leaders continued to work together to make the most effective use of combined resources to help keep West Sussex safe and he emphasised the importance of the vaccination programme.
- 1.2 The Chairman also spoke of work done to raise awareness of 'No Smoking Day' and the health/financial benefits of quitting smoking.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 There were no declarations.

3. Minutes

- 3.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022 are approved as a correct record and are signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Forum

- 4.1 A question was received, shortly before the start of the meeting, about wait times for autism assessments including from initial contact with the Children & Adolescent Mental Health Service and the exclusion criteria for not being offered an assessment - a response would be provided.

5. Children First Board (a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board)

- 5.1 The Board considered a report by the Children First Board (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following points were covered in discussions: -

- Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) was developing an early intervention service for young people with the voluntary sector and other partners
- There had been a pan-Sussex meeting to scope pathways concerning child mental health to improve provision
- The Council was looking at ways to engage with young people so they can get access when needed and was working with SPFT for ways to support young people beyond the universal offer
- Mental health first aiders were available in schools to identify children who needed support
- The Council was looking at improving outcomes for disadvantaged children and was aware that early years children were also suffering due to the cost of living increase - consultation on the Children and Young People's Plan will pick up these issues with workstreams to address them
- Joint work needed to be done between the Council, Health and Public Health including sharing the consultation outcomes
- Analysis of the consultation would determine how to develop services
- Work was taking place on a young person's version of the consultation and letting them know how to take part
- Analysis of the consultation would feed into the annual Safeguarding Children's report that is considered by the Board

5.2 That the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the update from the Children First Board.

6. West Sussex COVID19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board

6.1 The Board received its formal quarterly update from the West Sussex COVID-19 Local Outbreak Engagement Board (copy appended to the signed minutes). In presenting this report, the Director of Public Health (DPH) sought feedback on the progress of the work of the LOEB since its previous update and asked the Board to consider how the LOEB could maximise its collaborative strength as we progress through the 'Living with COVID-19' stage of the pandemic. The following points were covered in discussion:-

- COVID-19 Vaccination rates were generally good in the county although there were a few areas with low uptake – data was being regularly reviewed to see how this could be addressed
- Data on vaccination rates is available on the Council's website
- The Council's residents' newsletter had become a very useful communication tool, through which information from various organisations could be streamlined through to increase engagement with residents and communities.

6.2 Resolved – that the Board: -

- i. Thanked those involved in delivering and supporting the NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Programme
- ii. Agreed to reinstate the West Sussex Health & Wellbeing Board newsletter

7. Public Health Update

7.1 The Board received a verbal update from the Director of Public Health covering the following: -

- Testing for some vulnerable groups is still in place.
- Although difficult to ascertain the true picture due to revised testing availability, data appears to show a reduction in the number of cases testing positive for COVID-19. This is in line with the reductions seen across the Southeast and England.
- The government's 'Living with covid' plan was being implemented locally in West Sussex.
- The NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Programme was going well with healthy 5 – 11 year olds now also being offered a vaccination.
- The West Sussex Wellbeing Programme, which is delivered by district and borough councils, is going well and is celebrating more than 10 years of supporting people across the county. A dedicated website [West Sussex Wellbeing] also supports the programme.
- The NHS Influenza Vaccination Programme will start in Autumn - approaches to inequalities to increase access and uptake across the local population, will build on that developed for delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination
- A new report had recently been added to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) website on reducing drug use through a place-based approach.

7.1 The following issues were discussed: -

- The JSNA looks at policy drivers and gaps and is a tool for commissioning
- Priority setting sessions would take place to include key stakeholders and members of the board, these will include homelessness and workforce issues
- The Board would lead on tackling health inequalities across the county highlighted by the COVID-19 pandemic

7.2 Resolved – that the Health & Wellbeing Board notes the update

8. Public Health Priorities 2022/23

8.1 The Board considered a report and presentation by the Director of Public Health regarding the Government's recently published and emerging national public health policy documents and the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) for England's key messages regarding current public health priorities, including the impacts of the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic (copies appended to the signed minutes). The following points were covered in discussions: -

- Older people's mental health and wellbeing, including depression and isolation is an important issue and would be addressed separately and in addition to that of Dementia
- West Sussex has a tobacco control strategy. Vaping is included in this as one of the means to support smoking cessation

- The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is not a single document and includes a wide range of information [evidence base] of the health and wellbeing needs of the local population. This is regularly reviewed with additional information added when available.
- Seminars and workshops for board members would be used to discuss health and wellbeing priorities for the county.

8.2 Resolved – that the Board would like to discuss proposals for the next stage of implementing public health priorities across the county at its July meeting, taking into account learning from stakeholder sessions and benchmarking that has been progressed ahead of the meeting.

9. Better Care Fund

9.1 The Board considered a report by the Assistant Director (Health Integration) (copy appended to the signed minutes). The following points were covered in discussions: -

- A multi-agency hospital discharge model was needed to help reduce length of hospital stay
- Capacity in the social care market was a real problem with recruitment being difficult in the sector and impacted by Covid-19 with nursing home capacity down by 10%
- The Council will work with West Sussex Partners in Care on a plan to address workforce issues

9.2 Resolved – that the Board notes the update, including both the Quarter 3 Metrics Report and the update on the 2022-23 national planning progress.

10. Work Programme

10.1 The Board considered its work programme and the following suggestions were made: -

- Social care reforms
- Cost of living implications

10.2 Resolved – that: -

- i. Social care reforms would be covered by the Adult Social Care Strategy
- ii. Cost of living implications would be covered in the preparation work for the July meeting

11. Date of next Meeting

11.1 The date of the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board was confirmed as 7 July 2022.

The meeting ended at 12.47 pm

Chairman