



To be submitted to Council at its meeting on 17th March 2022

MEETING OF THE PLACE BOARD

PART A - OPERATING AS THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

22nd November 2021 at 2.00pm

Present:

Councillor Cracknell (in the Chair)
Councillors Jackson and Lindley

In attendance:

- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire)
- Geoff Barnes (Acting Director of Public Health)
- Helen Kenyon (Deputy Chief Executive, North East Lincolnshire Council Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Julie Walmsley (Voluntary and Community Sector)

Also in attendance:

- Murray MacDonald (Lincolnshire Housing Partnership)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Chris Blacksell (Humberside Fire and Rescue Service)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Mel Castle (Queen Mary Avenue Infant and Nursery School)
- Gill Alton (Grimsby Institute)
- Pippa Robson (Sector Support)
- Jonathon Evison (Police and Crime Commissioner)
- Lauren King (North East Lincolnshire Council Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Michelle Thompson (North East Lincolnshire Council Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Liz Wade (North East Lincolnshire Council)

HWBB.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for part A of this meeting were received from Julie Walmsley, Bev Compton (Director of Adult Services) and Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive/Executive Director for People, Health and Care)

HWBB.20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from anyone at this meeting.

HWBB.21 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the minutes from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 6th September 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

HWBB.22 NEURODIVERSITY IN CHILDREN

The board received a briefing paper and presentation providing an overview of the current work programme with regards to a Children and Young People's Neurodiversity Pathway.

Councillor Lindley was delighted with the new pathway and felt that the collaborative approach was the way forward and welcomed the positive response from parents.

Ms Castle, whose school was part of the pilot scheme, was supportive of the development of the new pathway and she thought the presentation given at the meeting would be useful to share with all head teachers.

Mr Blacksell, Chief Fire Officer, suggested there was an opportunity for the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service to work with the autism services by offering to carry out fire safety awareness in homes of autistic children, which was welcomed by the board.

The Chair highlighted the importance of co-production with parents and carers to give support where necessary and she recognised that school involvement was critically important.

RESOLVED – That the briefing paper and presentation be noted.

HWBB.23 BETTER CARE FUND

The board considered a report seeking approval for the Better Care Fund Plan prior to national submission.

The board welcomed the report and approved the recommendations.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Better Care Fund Plan, submitted nationally on 16th November 2021, be approved.
2. That the quarter four/ end of year reporting submission (2020/21) (submitted via the delegated authority of the portfolio holder, Councillor Cracknell) be noted.

HWBB.24 COVID-19 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The board considered a report which provided a narrative summary of the key points of the impact of COVID-19 in North East Lincolnshire and formed a significant part of our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2021 (JSNA).

Mr MacDonald thought it was a shame that government intervention to help with housing costs during the pandemic had been withdrawn to help those people who were continuing to struggle financially because of the continuing economic effects of the pandemic.

The widening health inequalities gap should be a focus of the board explained Mr Walsh and suggested that the board monitored through the JSNA and gain reassurance that the communities had equitable access to health and social care services. The Chair agreed that through the JSNA there was a focus as to how the board could make a difference and it was critical that the Humber Coast and Vale resources were used where most needed.

Ms Alton was concerned about the number of lost learning hours due to children being out of school and she confirmed that the starting points that young people who were going into further education were very different. Getting the transition right was critical and it needed to be improved between schools and Further Education. Ms Castle referred to the emerging issues in the education section and highlighted that children were behind where they should be in literacy and maths and the impact was massive on their development

The board agreed that they would like to see an update on the actions plans from the seven areas, all of which were key to the wellbeing of the North East Lincolnshire population.

RESOLVED – That an update on the actions plans from the seven areas identified within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2021 (JSNA) be brought to a future meeting of this board.

HWBB.25 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM

The Board received an update on the progress of Integrated Care Systems. Mr Walsh explained it was a key opportunity to work closely with the NHS and partners to tackle the wider health determinants

across North East Lincolnshire and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the local population.

The Chair felt it was a real opportunity to bring partners together to work to improve the lives of the population that would have long term benefits and influence other factors on a wider scale.

Councillor Lindley highlighted the importance of showcasing the opportunities that were out there across the borough. This would attract more people to come to live and work in North East Lincolnshire and that needed to be achieved with the help of partners.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

HWBB.26 ADULT SOCIAL CARE WINTER PLANNING

The Board received a report on the plans being made to prepare for the winter pressures across adult social care within North East Lincolnshire.

The board welcomed the vast amount of work that went into planning to support the system whilst recognising the staff shortage across the sector and mitigating it. Ms Kenyon explained the voluntary and community sector were helping to support residents who came out of hospital over the winter period with non-statutory services over the short term to help them get back on the wellness track.

The recruitment and retention of staff in the care sector was a concern for members of the board and they queried what was being done to improve the situation. Ms Kenyon reassured the board that some of options that were being looked at were retention bonuses, putting up the wages before the minimum wage increase came into effect and more work to look at career opportunities and development within the care sector, trying to unlock the skills and experience that were transferrable into the care sector. She explained that there was work ongoing with domiciliary care to see how staff could be supported with travel and more flexible working patterns were being reviewed.

Members were concerned about unemployment and for some young people this could lead to a life of crime. The use of the kick start programme was suggested, where young people, people with disabilities and retired people who wanted to go back into work could fill vacancies and develop skills in the care sector.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

HWBB.27 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

HWBB.28 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM

The Board considered matters arising from the Integrated Care System verbal update from item HWBB.25.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.20 p.m.