



To be submitted to Council at its meeting on 20th March 2025

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

18th November 2024 at 2.00pm

Present:

Councillor Shreeve (in the Chair)
Councillor Cracknell

Board Members in attendance:

- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Social Services)
- Tony Gaskins (Citizens Advice)
- Tracey Good (Chief Executive Centre4)
- Diane Lee (Director of Public Health)
- Anne-Marie Matson (Director of Children's Services)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch)
- Julie Walmsley (Doorstep)

Also in attendance:

- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jan Haxby (Strategic Programme Director Children and Young People NEL Health and Care)
- Diane Halton (Associate Director of Public Health)
- Lindsay Hudson (Public Health Registrar)
- Mike Waites (Centre 4)
- Councillor Wheatley (Leader of the Principal Opposition Group)

HWBB.22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Jackson, Rob Walsh, Dr Melton, Helen Kenyon and Carolina Borgstrom.

HWBB.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made with regard to any items on the agenda for this meeting.

HWBB.24 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 9th September 2024 be agreed as an accurate record.

HWBB.25 WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

The board received a presentation around the theme of money and resources which included the household support fund, warm spaces, community cooking classes, continuing support and initiatives/plans.

Mr Gaskin from the Citizens Advice Bureau gave a presentation on how the service was tackling problems with debt or housing, or helping with benefits and employment advice. The Citizens Advice Bureau took practical action to address the social and economic determinants of health that could reduce both the health inequality gap and demand on health and social care services

The board discussed fuel poverty and were surprised that the number of people unable to afford to top up their prepayment meter had decreased. Mr Gaskin explained that being able to change energy supplier had made a difference, although fuel debt was the third highest debt enquiry received by the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Ms Lee welcomed the presentation and noted that it demonstrated the health inequality across the borough.

A board member asked Mr Gaskin if the total amount of unclaimed benefits was known. Mr Gaskins explained that nationally the figures were shocking with over £20 billion unclaimed benefits

Referring to the poverty indicator, a board member enquired what measure was used to quantify poverty. Mr Gaskin confirmed that they looked at whether or not people had got money to pay bills and live comfortably.

The Chair felt there were many things that we could do to help, for example, promoting the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG), Council tax discount and pension credits.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

HWBB.26 DOMESTIC ABUSE STRATEGY UPDATE

The board received a report providing an update on the progress relating to the domestic abuse strategy and the public health approach.

The Chair welcomed the new domestic abuse provision and felt it was important for the area, together with the introduction of the perpetrator programme.

A board member queried how the probation service was being used in these cases. Ms Halton explained that it was unclear and that there was work to do around developing a road map of pathways into the perpetrator programme. She highlighted the public health approach for people to be empowered to report domestic abuse and work with schools.

Ms Matson felt a needs assessment would be helpful to define what was needed in North East Lincolnshire and to upskill the workforce and partners around spotting and reporting concerns around domestic abuse. She added that it was important to work with children so trigger incidents didn't develop when they became adults.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

HWBB.27 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24 BRIEFING

The Board received an update on the Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2023/24.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

HWBB.28 CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

The Board received an update on the work programmes, sub boards and terms of reference of the Children, Young People and Families Strategic Partnership Board.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

HWBB.29 FOR INFORMATION ITEMS

The board received a verbal update on the Local Government Association support that would be provided for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The board received a presentation updating them on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Chair requested that the presentation slides be circulated so that members could provide feedback.

RESOLVED –

1. That the updates be noted.
2. That the Health and Wellbeing Strategy update presentation be circulated to the board for feedback.

HWBB.30 URGENT BUSINESS – BETTER CARE FUND

The Chair confirmed that due the timing of this meeting and the deadline to NHS England he had approved the Better Care Fund latest submission as the Chair of the Board and Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care. The board approved this decision and it was noted that future submissions would continue to come through the board.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 3.25 p.m.