

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19 March 2024 in a conference room at the Council House, Walsall at 4.30pm

Present in person

Councillor G. Flint (Chair)
Dr N. Inglis, Consultant in Public Health
Councillor S. Elson, portfolio holder for Children's Services
Ms C. Male, Executive Director, Children's Services
Ms P. Mayo, NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board
Ms. S. Cartwright, Group Director, Place, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
Ms V. Hines, One Walsall

Present – Remote

Mr R. Nicklin, Healthwatch Walsall
Ms M. Foster, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

In Attendance- in Person

Mrs H. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

040 Welcome

Councillor Flint opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explained that there were some members of the Board who were attending remotely however, whilst he would consult all Board members on their views if a vote was required, only those Board members present in the room were able to vote and that this would be by way of a show of hands.

He directed members of the public viewing the meeting to the papers which could be found on the Council's Committee Management Information system (CMIS) webpage.

Introductions took place and a quorum of members present in-person was established.

041 Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence and notice of substitutions were received as follows:

042 Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023, a copy having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

043 **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Flint and Ms. V. Hines declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda relating to the membership of the Board. They withdrew from the room for this item and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

In the absence of a vice-chair, Ms P. Mayo agreed to take the chair for that item.

044 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

045 **Safeguarding Reports**

Children's Safeguarding Report

In attendance: Ms S. Hodges Chair, Children's Safeguarding Partnership

Ms Hodges presented the Annual report on the work of the Partnership Board.

(See annexed)

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

046 **Adults Safeguarding Report**

In attendance: Mr D. Benson, Chair, Adults Safeguarding Partnership

Mr Benson presented the Annual report on the work of the Partnership Board.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mr Benson asked to be placed on record his appreciation for the work of Ms D. Gyde, Group Manager Adult Social Care, for her work to support the priorities of the Board.

Resolved:

That the report be noted

046 **Better Care Fund**

In attendance: Ms N. Chauhan-Lall, Better Care Fund Manager

Ms Chauhan-Lall presented a report which provided retrospective reporting on Q3.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Chauhan-Lall highlighted that all five metrics within the Q3 reporting template were on track to meet targets. She said that in some of the schemes, the outcome and measures did not correlate with the outputs from

the providers so she was working to ensure that there was better transparency in reporting on this in future.

The Director of Public Health, Dr Inglis, thanked Ms Chauhan-Lall for her work. It was noted that falls and frailty was a topic of discussion with Integrated Care and NHS colleagues and that a paper was being prepared on prevention to reintegrate into the Better Care Fund.

Resolved

That the Health and Wellbeing Board retrospectively receives and agrees the BCF Quarter 3 Reporting template following national submission in February 2024 as per national assurance

047 Council Clinical Commissioning Intentions

In attendance: Mr A. Osborn, Director of Commissioning.

Mr Osborn, Ms C. Male and Dr Inglis presented a report which provided assurance that the Council's Social care and Public Health Directorates had a strategic approach to services to address need, demand and local challenges.

(see annexed)

In presenting the overall report, Mr Osborn commented that this was a challenging time for everyone at the moment and that work was ongoing with partners to provide quality services to residents.

In response to a concern from Ms. C. Male regarding the level of detail in the children's services area of the report, particularly in the key area of Children in Care with complex needs, Mr Osborn said that the Council was going through a transition period in its commissioning, with many more conversations needed to get better alignment with adults and children's commissioning. He added that work was also planned to include more alignment with Walsall Together and other health partner commissioning.

Health partners were supportive of the commissioning intentions as set out however, they concurred with Mr Osborn regarding the need for more joint commissioning from a partnership perspective and considered that there was more work to be done to assess the implications for NHS and health budgets.

Resolved:

That the Board endorses Walsall Council Social Care and Public Health Commissioning Intentions.

048 Health and Wellbeing Board – end of year report

The Director of Public Health, Dr Inglis, presented the report which provided an end of year review of members achievements and confirmed the priorities for the ensuing year.

(see annexed)

The Chair proposed an additional priority for the Board for 2024-25, focusing on older people and the prevention agenda. He said that this linked with the CQC

inspection preparations and partnership discussions. Members indicated their agreement.

Resolved

- 1) That the Annual report on the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities be noted.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board partner organisations provide a 6-month update for discussion at an informal workshop, arranged for that purpose, to provide assurance that the priorities of the Board are being delivered.
- 3) Formal reports on specific issues identified in this annual report to be subsequently submitted to the Board, should this be required.
- 4) That members agree to a further priority for the Board regarding older people focusing on the prevention agenda.

049 Integrated Care Board (ICB) Annual Report

Ms Pip Mayo, Chief Executive, BC integrated Care Board, presented a report which provided information about the production of the ICBs Annual Report and Accounts.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Mayo said that the report contained a draft section suggesting comments regarding HWBB priorities including Children Mental Health and Health inequalities which would in due course be submitted to NHS England.

At this point, the Chair reminded members that NHS England annually requires the Chair of the Board to complete an annual assessment form to confirm that the Health and Wellbeing Board was assured that the ICB was delivering the priorities in the Joint local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and therefore he proposed an additional recommendation to obtain the Boards support to do this

“That the Health and Wellbeing Board is assured that the ICB is delivering the priorities in the Joint local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and accordingly is content for the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to complete the NHSE Annual Assessment form to that effect”.

Members agreed and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the work being undertaken by the ICB to prepare the 2023/24 Annual Report and Accounts.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board is content for the section on Walsall Place to be included in the ICB Annual Report and Accounts.
- 3) That the Health and Wellbeing Board is assured that the ICB is delivering the priorities in the Joint local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and accordingly is content for the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to complete the NHSE Annual Assessment form to that effect.

050 **Integrated Care Board – Review of Forward Plan**

The BC Integrated Care Board Chief Executive, Ms P. Mayo presented a report which provided the Health and Wellbeing Board with information about the refresh of the Black Country Integrated Care Boards Joint Forward Plan and sought to provide assurance that the refreshed plan supported the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Boards strategic priorities.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Ms Mayo advised that Plan was developed for the period 2022-28 however, they had been requested to undertake a refresh each year. She said that she had received some feedback from Health and Wellbeing Board members and also members of the Place Integrated Commissioning Committee and as a consequence there would be two additions to the Plan which are not in the draft report at this meeting. The two sections would be “Best start in life” as the plan is currently not strong enough from the children’s perspective; and also a section on “Living Well”, incorporating much of the Public Health and its wellbeing priorities. She said that the amendments would be made and the final version recirculated to members.

In addition, Ms Mayo advised that should the Board support the refreshed document, as amended, the board would need to give consent for the Chair to make a formal statement to the ICB to that effect.

Members were content with the above recommendations and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the process of refreshing the ICBs Joint Forward Plan
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board confirms its support for the refreshed document as presented in Draft at Appendix A, noting that there will be two additional sections “Best start in life” and “Living Well” and that the final version will be circulated to members of the Board in due course.
- 3) That the Board is content for the Chair to make the required statement to the ICB accordingly.

051 **Teenage Pregnancy Strategy**

In attendance David Neale, Public Health Development Officer

Mr Neale presented a report which sought approval to the draft Walsall Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2024-2029 and the proposed governance arrangements.

(see annexed)

Mr Neale and the Director of Public Health, Dr Inglis, responded to questions and points of clarification, during which time it was noted that with regard to the time lag for data, this was supplied nationally and worked retrospectively and was subsequently subject to a Walsall Together verification process however, access to more up to date data would be explored with Walsall Together for future reporting. With regard to the detail in the action plan, it was noted that this was a

high level plan and that there was a multiagency strategy group which was tasked with the detail and measuring outcomes.

Resolved:

- 1) That members approve the draft Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Reduction Strategy and support the work undertaken by the multi-agency strategy delivery group, to secure better outcomes for young people in Walsall.
- 2) That the Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) provides overall governance for the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Reduction Strategy, with Walsall Together's Clinical Professional Leadership Group overseeing the new partnership Strategy on a quarterly basis. Reports on activity to also be submitted to the Childrens Alliance.
- 3) That the HWBB oversight role will include the expectation that the Chair of the multi-agency strategy delivery group feeds back the progress, impact and achievements of the Teenage Pregnancy Prevention and Reduction Strategy to HWBB annually.

052 Healthwatch Walsall – progress report

The Chair of Healthwatch Walsall presented a progress report on the work of Healthwatch Walsall's work programme for 2023/24:

(see annexed)

Resolved:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress in delivering the Healthwatch Walsall Work Plan for 2023/24

053 Mental Health Strategy – progress update

The Director of Public Health, Dr Inglis, presented a report which updated on progress made by the Walsall Multi-agency Mental Wellbeing Stakeholder Partnership in delivering the Walsall Mental Wellbeing Strategy 2022-32 "Together We Can"

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Dr Inglis was pleased to announce that the dual diagnosis pathway (substance misuse and mental health issues) was to be trialled imminently. She also mentioned that the additional support available to the members of the armed forces from a mental health perspective had been discussed at the health inequalities workshop with many primary care practices signing up to being "Armed Forces Friendly". The Chief Executive of the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Ms M. Foster, thanked Dr Inglis for the good partnership work undertaken on this and stressed that the concept of mental health and mental wellbeing was all partners responsibility and the measure of success would be to reduce demand for these services.

Resolved:

That the content of the report be noted.

054 Public Health Outcomes Framework

In attendance: Mr L. Harley, Senior Business Insights Analyst

Mr Harley presented a report which updated the Board on the public health outcomes framework (PHOF) "3x3 Matrix Tool", developed by the Walsall Business Insights team.

(see annexed)

In response to questions from members, Mr Harley explained that the information was "real-time" and was subsumed as soon as national data changed. He undertook to meet with Healthwatch Walsall to discuss how this data could inform the themes in their work programme. Mr Harley also confirmed that systems were being compared with statistical neighbours, i.e with broadly the same demographics; and that the small numbers were taken into account statistically.

Resolved

That:

- 1) Members note the detail of this report.
- 2) Members utilise the 3x3 matrix outside of this Board, to open up discussions, further explore trends, and take any appropriate action both within and outside the Council, on how to improve public health outcomes.
- 3) Members commit to incorporating health and wellbeing considerations into decision making across sectors and policy areas, as this can make a significant contribution to improving wellbeing for the people of Walsall.
- 4) Members note, that the 3x3 matrix has been showcased throughout the organisation and continues to evolve over time with amendments to further enhance its capability, which will include regional and national comparisons, and looking at longer term trends in data.

At this point Cllr Flint and Vicky left the room having declared an interest in the next item on the agenda

Ms P. Mayo in the Chair

055 **Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Democratic Services Officer, Mrs H. Owen, presented a report which provided an opportunity for the Board to update its stated membership to reflect legislative and other organisational changes

(see annexed)

Mrs Owen responded to questions from members regarding the proposed change in the Voluntary and Community (VCS) Sector representation and advised that the seat currently held by One Walsall would be replaced by one representative of the four new locality leads as set out in the report and that should members agree, it would be with immediate effect. She advised that the recommendations related to representation on the Health and Wellbeing Board only and that VCS representation on other partner Boards would be a matter for those individual boards.

It was noted that the Walsall Healthcare Trust was the host organisation for Walsall Together rather than the lead as described in paragraph 3.5.2.

Resolved:

- 1) That, having considered the information set out in paragraph 3.4 and 3.5 of the report, the membership of Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board be confirmed as follows:
 - Chairman – to be a nominee of the controlling administration
 - 1 elected member not from the controlling administration
 - Cabinet portfolio holder for Adult Social Care
 - Cabinet portfolio holder for Children’s Services
 - Cabinet portfolio holder for Public Health
 - Executive Director Adult Social Care
 - Executive Director Children’s Services
 - Director of Public Health
 - 3 representatives of the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board*
 - 1 representative of the Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 - 1 representative of the Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
 - 1 representative of Healthwatch Walsall
 - 1 representative of the Housing sector/Housing Board
 - 1 representative of WM Fire Service
 - 1 representative of WM Police
 - 1 representative of Walsall College
 - 1 representative of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector nominated through the Councils associated infrastructure arrangements
 - 1 representative of NHS England to be invited to join the Board for the purpose of participating in the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy at the appropriate time.

*Vice-Chairman to be the Clinical Commissioning Lead for the NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board

- 2) That the revised membership be reported to the Council at its Annual meeting on 20 May 2024 as part of the revisions to the Councils constitution.

Members were keen to express their thanks to Ms Hines and One Walsall for their support to the Boar during their membership.

Cllr Flint and Ms Hines returned to the room.

Councillor Flint in the Chair

056 Work programme

It was noted that this would be reviewed and updated for the new municipal year with the new dates when they are approved at the Annual Council meeting at the end of May

057 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the dates of meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year and the start times were to be confirmed.

At this point, the Chair said that this would be his last meeting as Chair for this Municipal Year and thanked everyone for their support in what he considered to be a productive year for partnership working.

The meeting terminated 6:18p.m.

Chair:

Date: