

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes: Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 5.00 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room 2, Council House, Lichfield Street, Walsall.

Present
(in person) Councillor S. Craddock (Chair)
Councillor M. Bird
Councillor K. Pedley
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
Mrs C. Thompson, Better Care Fund Manager
Ms S. Samuels, Group Commander, West Midlands Fire Service

Present
(remote) Mr. G. Griffiths-Dale, Managing Director, Clinical Commissioning Group
Ms S. Taylor, Health and Wellbeing Manager, One Walsall
Prof. D. Loughton, Chief Executive, Walsall Healthcare NHS Walsall.
Ms F. Shanahan, Housing Sector representative.

In Attendance: Mr C. Goodall, Principal Democratic Services Officer
(In Person)

764 **Welcome**

Councillor Craddock opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and explaining the rules of procedure and legal context in which the meeting was being held. He also 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 was confirmed.

765 **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of:
Councillor Wilson, Councillor Robertson, Marsha Foster Dr. Rischie, Ch Supt Dolby, Sally Rowe

Substitutions: Councillor Bird for Councillor Wilson and Charlene Thompson for Kerrie Allward

766 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

767 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**

There were no items for discussion in the private session of the agenda.

768 Walsall Better Care Fund 2021-2022 Planning Template and Narrative Plan

The Better Care Fund Manager, Mrs C. Thompson presented a report which updated on the completion of the Plan, completed in accordance with National Better Care fund reporting requirements.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mrs Thompson confirmed that the Plan had been submitted to the West Midlands Regional Team and recommended to the National BCF funding team. She added that the Regional Director NHS England had also agreed the plan.

The Chairman asked if there were areas where there would need to be a funding increase to which Mrs Thompson advised that there was likely to be a need to review the funding around the Intermediate Care Service to support capacity and demand in that area however, a contingency fund had been agreed to ensure that any overspend in that area could be funded with the agreement of partners and avoid overspend across the programme. She said that as programme manager, she was confident that the funding was being used appropriately with good schemes in place to contribute to the system in a positive way.

With regard to the impact of the latest wave of Covid-19, the Managing Director of Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, Mr G. Griffiths-Dale advised that whilst this had been challenging, the CCG had been aligning additional funding coming into the system to the BCF on a non-recurrent basis to support service delivery and enable flexibility within the partnership to switch capacity to manage those challenges.

Before putting the recommendations to the vote, the Chairman sought and received consensus from all members joining the meeting, including those attending remotely. Consensus was received.

It was Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Bird and upon being put to the vote:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives and agrees the 2021-2022 Walsall Better Care Fund Planning Template for approval to be sought at national level.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board receives and agrees the Better Care Fund 2021-2022 Narrative Plan for approval to be sought at national level.

The meeting terminated at 5.15 p.m.

Chair:

Date: