

Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26 April 2022 in the Town Hall, Lichfield Street, Walsall at 4.25pm.

Present
(in person) Councillor S. Craddock (Chair)
Councillor I. Robertson
Councillor K. Pedley
Mr. S. Gunther, Director of Public Health
Ms C. Jennings, Housing Sector (Substitute)
Ms R. Davies, Walsall College

Present
(Remote) Dr. A. Rischie, Walsall CCG (Vice-Chair)
Mrs K. Allward, Executive Director, Adult Social Care
Mrs S. Rowe, Executive Director, Children's Services
Ch. Supt. Dolby, West Midlands Police
Ms D. Hipkins, Walsall CCG (substitute)
Mr D. Benge, One Walsall (substitute)
Ms. M. Poonia, Chair, Healthwatch Walsall
Ms M. Foster, Black Country Healthcare Foundation Trust
Prof D. Loughton, Interim Chief Executive, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

In Attendance: Mrs H. Owen, Democratic Services Officer
(In Person)

777 **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 said that he would consult all Board members on their views if a vote was required however, only those Board members present in the Council House were able to vote and that this would be done by a show of hands which would be recorded.

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.

At this point, Councillor Craddock said that as he would be standing down at the next election in May, this would be his last meeting as Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. He took the opportunity to thank all Board members for their help and contributions throughout the year.

778 **Apologies and substitutions**

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillor Wilson; Ms F. Shanahan (Housing Sector), Mr G. Griffiths-Dale
(CCG); Ms. S. Taylor (One Walsall)

Substitute members for this meeting only:

Ms C Jennings for Ms F. Shanahan; Ms D. Hipkins for Mr G. Griffiths-Dale; Mr D. Benge for Ms. S. Taylor.

779 **Minutes – 21 January 2022**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2022, a copy having been sent to each member of the Board be approved and signed as a correct record.

780 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest

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

There were no items to be considered in private session.

Discussion/decision items

782 **Better Care Fund (BCF) – Q4 report**

Mrs K. Allward, Executive Director, Adult Social Care, Public Health and Hub presented a report of the Better Care Manager which provided an update on the 2021/22 Better Care Fund year-end reporting responsibilities.

(see annexed)

In presenting the report, Mrs Allward advised that the National Better Care Fund reporting requirements and timetable had been received however the requirements did not align with reporting to the Health and Wellbeing Board, therefore, approval was sought to delegate authority to approve the year-end report for the financial year 2021/22 and future BCF reports during financial year 2022/23 . She said that the end of year reports would be submitted retrospectively to the Board.

Mrs Allward addressed concerns regarding accountability for the spend and reiterated the governance arrangements in place as set out in the report. She added that she would expect that risks of overspend or delivery would be escalated and registered through the normal monitoring arrangements in the governance model.

(Note: change to recommendations to read, italics, – authority is delegated to the Executive Director Adult Social Care, Public Health and Hub *in consultation with* the Managing Director of Black Country and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group, Walsall.....)

When asked by the Chair, it was established that no member joining remotely had an objection to the recommendations being approved

A vote was taken amongst those members present in the room and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That Health and Wellbeing Board members receive the update regarding BCF year-end reporting
- 2) That Health and Wellbeing Board members agree to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Public Health and the Hub, in consultation with the Managing Director of Black Country and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group Walsall place to approve the BCF year-end report for financial year 2021/22 and future BCF reports during financial year 2022/23

783 **Walsall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2022-25**

In attendance: Ms E. Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager

Mrs Thomas presented a report which provided the final key findings on the Walsall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

(see annexed)

Ms Thomas responded to questions and points of clarification from members and a discussion ensued during which time comments included:

- The crossover of access to healthcare services with other neighbouring areas was a key focus of the Health Protection Forum.
- The M6 motorway was impacting on air quality however, the motorway was controlled by the Highways agency. The West Midlands Combined Authority Wellbeing Board was picking this up as a focus of attention.
- Air Quality was a significant focus for the Walsall Healthcare Trust and the Trust had invested in solar farms and other installations on the hospital site. The fleet of over 170 GP practice vans was also moving to electric. The availability of charging points was of concern. The Council was piloting a rollout of charging points.
- Digital poverty was a driver for inequalities generally.

The Chair thanked Ms Thomas and her colleagues for their work.

It was established that no member joining remotely had an objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) The Board to note the findings of the JSNA for the purpose to identify priorities for the Walsall Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy (HWBS).

- 2) The JSNA is presented at the Walsall Together Board as an enabler to both encourage utilisation of the insight, as well as awareness of / reassurance of the priorities identified.
- 3) A commitment to further contributing to; and utilising Walsall's JSNA, to help monitor organisational priorities and action.

784 **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-25**

In attendance: Ms E. Thomas, Public Health Intelligence Manager
Ms. H. Patel; Public Health Community Pharmacy lead
Ms J. Nichols, Local Pharmacy Committee
Ms A. Farrer, Healthwatch Walsall.

Ms Thomas and colleagues presented a report which provided the outcome of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

(see annexed)

A discussion took place, during which time, Ms Thomas confirmed that the close links with pharmacies to support the healthcare system in general would continue and also that mapping of postcode areas could be mapped to understand the demographics of respondents better. Of concern for members was the waste of medicines through unnecessary repeat prescriptions and also the need to speed up the provision of blister packs to patients.

Following the discussion, it was established that no member joining remotely had an objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) to note the progress to date including the resident survey results undertaken by Healthwatch Walsall..
- 2) to ensure input/comments/feedback is provided in line with the timeline set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

Assurance Items

785 **Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)**

In attendance: Dean Howells and Sarah Hogan, Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

Ms. M. Foster, Acting Chief Executive, Birmingham and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, and colleagues presented a report which provided an update and information around the transformation of Walsall Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

(see annexed)

Ms Foster and colleagues responded to a number of points of clarification during which time members were advised of waiting times for the various services which Ms Foster said had improved. A discussion took place during which time comments included:

- Work was in place to help 18-25 year olds transition to adult services, offering emotional wellbeing and mental health services. The proposals were currently out to consultation with young adults. Walsall College supported this work as the largest sixth form in the Borough and having seen an increase in mental health needs of this age group..

- There was a local, regional and national services for those struggling with gender identity and therefore not mentioned in this update.
- There were changes to the way in which young people and been housed in centres away from home which would mean that the service locally would have a greater influence.
- Waiting times may have improved but there was concern about increased numbers of people in acute crisis needing help with mental health needs at too late a stage. Building resilience across the age ranges was key but there was a gross under-provision nationally of services other than child mental health services.

Following the discussion, it was established that no member joining remotely had and objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board receive the information within the report which supports their identification of the wider teams who have had an impact on community wellbeing and mental health; and that the Board supports the transmutation work of Walsall CAMHS
- 2) That Board members have a greater understanding of CAMHS transformation and improves their understanding of how Walsall CAMHS contributes and puts measures in place that will promote the wellbeing and mental health of children and young people within Walsall and ensuring that children and young people are part of our planning process; and that the Board notes the progress of the transformation of Walsall CAMHS

786 Healthwatch Walsall – progress on projects and public engagement

In attendance: Ms. A. Farrer, Healthwatch Walsall.

Ms M. Poonia introduced Ms Farrer who presented a report updating on the progress of Healthwatch Walsall's work delivery plan 2021/22

(see annexed)

The report was seen as generally positive and it was noted that Walsall Together Board continued to engaged. With regard to enter and view services, Ms Farrer confirmed that some visits were being undertaken virtually but that it had been recently agreed to now continue to make in-person visits so these will resume shortly.

It was established that no member joining remotely had and objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved:

- 1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the progress in delivering the Healthwatch Walsall work plan for 2021/2022.
- 2) That the Health and Wellbeing Board supports the work plan of Healthwatch Walsall

Information items

787 Director of Public Health Annual Report

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented a report which provided an overview of the DPH Annual report (Improving Mental Wellbeing in Walsall – “Together We Can”).

(see annexed)

It was established that no member joining remotely had an objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved

- 1) Health and Wellbeing Board note the key messages, recommendations and progress on implementation from the DPH Annual report launched in January 2022.
- 2) Health and Wellbeing Board support the implementation of the recommendations through their respective organisation and help disseminate and promote with partners and residents

788 Public Health Outcomes Framework (PHOF)

The Director of Public Health, Mr S. Gunther, presented a report which informed the Board of public health outcomes and to provide context and focus for future opportunities to improve.

(see annexed)

It was established that no member joining remotely had an objection to the recommendations being approved and it was:

Resolved

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That the 3x3 matrix be used outside of this Board to open up discussions and subsequent action both within and outside the Council on how to improve public health outcomes.
- 3) Members note, that incorporating health and wellbeing considerations into decision making across sectors and policy areas, it 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 will continue to evolve over time with amendments to further enhance its capability.

789 **Work programme**

The work programme was submitted and noted.

At this point, Councillor Craddock thanked Councillor Robertson who was also standing down at the election , for his valuable contributions to the Board. He thanked Stephen Gunther who had mentored him through the pandemic, for the support of the Public Health team. and the Council communications team delivery of messages. He thanked all Board members and wished them well.. Board members reciprocated and wished Cllr Craddock well.

Date of next meeting – 12 July 2022.

The meeting terminated at 6.12pm

Chair:

Date: