



Health and Wellbeing Board
8 June 2022

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Cllr Tracey Dixon (Chair – Leader of South Tyneside Council), Cllr Adam Ellison (Lead Member Children, Young People and Families), Cllr Anne Hetherington (Lead Member Independence and Wellbeing), Jonathan Tew (Chief Executive – South Tyneside Council), Tom Hall (Director of Public Health), Cllr Ruth Berkley (Healthnet Chair), Vicki Pattinson (Director Adult Social Services & Commissioning), Shona Gallagher (Director Children's Services), Liz Davies (Director of Communications NHS Foundation Trust), Kate Hudson (Chief Finance Officer, South Tyneside CCG), Charlotte Harrison (Chief Officer Inspire South Tyneside), Victoria Malone (CNTW), Dr Shelina Visram (Newcastle University), Dr Duane Cordner (PCN West), Karen Fitzpatrick (PHP), Sarah Pitt (Northumbria Police) Jonathan Lunness (Strategy and Democracy Support Officer)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair welcomed all partners to the meeting.

The Chair thanked Peter Bower, whose term as Chair of Healthwatch South Tyneside had ended, for his service to the Board.

Apologies for absence were received from Dr Matthew Walmsley, Andy Airey and Healthwatch South Tyneside.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 19 January 2022

Agreed: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4. Health and Wellbeing Strategy Progress and Insights Report

Submitted: Report of the Director of Public Health

Dr Shelina Visram, Senior Lecturer in Public Health at Newcastle University, delivered a presentation which detailed the community insights research which informed the refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The presentation covered the following topics:

- Research aims;
- Groups involved in the research;
- Research methods;
- Factors influencing health and wellbeing;
- Suggested areas for improvement;
- Key findings;
- Next steps.

The research aimed to understand what makes people in South Tyneside healthy and happy, including those who have not been previously involved in similar research. This included minority ethnic women, domestic abuse survivors, adults with learning difficulties and people with lived experience of homelessness amongst others.

Research was conducted via both talking group sessions and insight sheets left in public spaces such as libraries.

Suggested areas for improvement included affordable leisure activities, improved retail spaces and access to health and social care services.

Key findings of the research included:

- People need to feel safe and welcome in their communities;
- People of all ages need opportunities to stay active and mix with others;
- Access to health and social care services could be improved for some groups;
- Voluntary groups with caring staff have an important role;
- Local people want to be involved in finding solutions together.

Engagement with the Local Authority will continue, including contributions to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The findings and

actions of the research will also be fed back to the community groups involved.

Members welcomed the in-depth and comprehensive study and community engagement. The support from the Voluntary Community Sector in the research was noted. A Member highlighted the recent Health in Coastal Communities report which may also inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Tom Hall, Director of Public Health, updated Members on the progress of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, including the Leads and Sponsors for outcome areas and delivery plans of the strategy. A workshop on the strategy is scheduled for April 2022 and it is expected that a more in-depth report on the strategy and outcomes will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

Members highlighted the importance of a joined-up approach across the Council tackling the root issues.

Agreed: That the presentation and report be noted.

5. Third Sector Strategy

Submitted: Report of Inspire South Tyneside

Charlotte Harrison, Chief Officer of Inspire South Tyneside, delivered a presentation which updated Members on the VCSE sector in South Tyneside.

The presentation contained information on the following:

- Scale and impact;
- Strengths, challenges and risks;
- Nurturing the eco-system;
- Investment and Impact;
- Project updates;
- VCSE Strategy update.

The scale of the sector was outlined, from hyper local to larger organisations, in addition to the range of service provision including reactive, proactive and preventative.

Strengths of the sector, including its agility, connectivity with communities and an asset-based approach were highlighted. Risks of the sector were also explained, including its fragility, particularly in regards funding and the scale of challenges. The 'honey bee' effect was also identified as a risk, noting that if some service provision closes not only will there be an immediate impact on

users but also an increased pressure or impact elsewhere in the system at a later date.

The VCSE Strategy had a launch event in late 2021, with a consultation intended for later in the year.

A Member highlighted that the large nature and complexity of the sector can be an issue, with difficulty engaging in the smaller groups. The precarious nature of long-term funding was also noted, which was compounded by the impact of the pandemic on fundraising activities. The importance of creating an infrastructure that works for all of the VCSE, including the smaller groups, was noted.

The Board discussed the richness in having a variety of groups in the VCSE Sector in South Tyneside and the need to focus on an enabling relationship with these organisations.

The ability of the VCSE Sector to reach beyond that of what statutory bodies are able was recognised and the essential role of the sector, as demonstrated during Covid-19, was noted.

Closer working between the VCSE Sector and Police, in terms of information sharing and support, was raised as an area for discussion.

Agreed: That the presentation and report be noted.

6. Improving SEND Services in the Local Area

Submitted: Report of the Director of Children's Services

Shona Gallagher, Director of Children's Services, presented the report which updated the Board on SEND provision in the Local Area, the progress pending a SEND revisit.

In June 2019 the Local Area experienced an Inspection of SEND services and was required to submit a Written Statement of Action outlining plans to improve key service areas.

Currently, 1 in 5 children and young people in South Tyneside has SEN Support or an Education Health and Care Plan, which is higher than regional and national indicators. This is an area which will continue to be monitored.

Members were informed of progress on the SEND Local Offer which has improved since the inspection in June 2019. Future priorities in developing the Local Offer were outlined in the report.

The Local Authority is waiting for a SEND Revisit, likely to take place before Summer 2022. The SEND Review Green Paper is also expected in the future.

Agreed: That the report be noted.

7. Health and Care Integration White Paper

Submitted: Report of the Director of Adult Social Services and Commissioning

Vicki Pattinson, Director of Adult Social Services and Commissioning, delivered an update presentation on the Health and Care Integration: Joining up Care for People, Places and Populations White Paper.

The presentation covered:

- Key headlines;
- Proposed Governance Model;
- Implications for South Tyneside.

The White Paper, published 9 February 2022, sets out a vision for the role of 'place' within the wider work of Integrated Care Systems. South Tyneside has already made good progress in establishing formal place-based arrangements

During discussion, using digital and data to integrate care, a key section within the paper, was noted as an area requiring attention.

A Member noted that many areas remain vague which makes planning for the future difficult. The importance of ensuring the primacy of place was highlighted.

The time taken to formally respond to a White Paper was raised, and it was questioned if the input would have any real impact.

Members discussed the possibility of considering South Tyneside as a fore-runner to trial the outcomes, accountability, regulatory and financial reforms, expected to take place in Spring 2023. The impact this would have on South Tyneside was raised and a further discussion was suggested on this area.

Agreed: That (a) the Board endorse the work locally within South Tyneside in respect of the implementation of the key requirements of the White Paper and the next steps in supporting the integration work and (b) further discussions be held on the possibility of South Tyneside being a 'fore-runner'.

8. Towards an Operating Model for NHS NE and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Submitted: Report of the Chief Finance Officer of the CCG

Kate Hudson, Chief Finance Officer of South Tyneside CCG, provided an update on the Integrated Care Board.

The operating model will include an Integrated Care Partnership, which will set the strategy and an Integrated Care Board which will deliver the strategy.

The model was being shared across the Integrated Care System area for consideration.

It was queried where the connection to communities, for example patient groups, would be in the structure as it is not currently reflected.

A Member noted that the document is difficult to engage with as it is aimed at people already with an understanding of the proposals, including the use of unfamiliar acronyms. It was noted that there is little reference to the VCSE Sector in the model. Information on financial optimisation in terms of what the Local Authority can influence for children, families and social was requested.

It was noted that feedback will be collated by 28 March 2022, after which the model will be refined and there will be further opportunities for engagement.

Members noted the importance of place-based leadership and governance. The need to allow and protect place-based working to continue was discussed.

It was proposed that the Director of Public Health submit a response on the proposed operating model on behalf of the Board.

Agreed: That (a) the report be noted and (b) a response to the proposed operating model be submitted by the Director of Public Health on behalf of the Board.

9. Living with COVID

Submitted: Report of the Director of Public Health

Tom Hall, Director of Public Health, presented the report which provided the Board with an overview of the national Living with COVID framework and South Tyneside's local response.

Whilst Covid-19 impacted a range of areas including economic recovery and education, the Living with Covid-19 Response Plan focuses specifically on the pandemic response.

The 9 key priorities were outlined:

- Vaccination Programmes;
- Infection, Prevention and Control;
- Testing, Trace, Treat and Isolate;
- Outbreak Management;
- Communications and Engagement;
- Welfare;
- Monitoring and Surveillance;
- Health Inequalities;
- Governance.

Members noted that during the first wave of the pandemic the Covid-19 Leadership Board and Health Protection Board were established. It was proposed that the Covid-19 Leadership Board be stood down, and the Health Protection Board to meet monthly to oversee the Living with Covid plan. A future Governance Report is expected to be considered by the Board in Autumn which will provide information on Winter preparedness.

A Member noted that the national messaging from Government requires updating and some websites are no longer operational or accurate.

It was requested that the Covid inbox for schools remain active to assist with outbreak management.

Agreed: That the report be noted.

10. PNA Update and Request for Delegated Decision

Submitted: Report of the Director of Public Health

Tom Hall, Director of Public Health, presented the report which provided the Board with an update of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Surveys were circulated to pharmacies with 98 responses received by the public and 31 out of 33 responses received from pharmacies.

In order to ensure the timely completion of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, a delegated decision was requested to allow the steering group to review the consultation and start the 60-day

period as required by Regulation 8 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

Agreed: That the Board agree to a delegated decision to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment steering group to commence the 60-day consultation.

11. Partner Updates

Councillor Ruth Berkley (Healthnet)

Healthnet received a presentation on the Path to Excellence. Inspire South Tyneside spoke to Healthnet to identify any potential peers who could be utilised in the sector. We Are Blue Cabin delivered a presentation which is an organisation supporting children with experience of care using art to address mental health issues.

Liz Davies (South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust)

Patient numbers relating to Covid-19 are slowly increasing and a cautious approach is being taken. Restricted visiting has been reintroduced on a booking basis. The staffing position has improved in relation to absence through isolation compared to the beginning of the year, although numbers are rising again. A temporary adjustment to South Tyneside Urgent Care for Children has been made due to staffing issues, with the unit now operating on reduced hours of 9am-9pm until the staffing issues are safely resolved.

Victoria Malone (CNTW)

Staffing capacity struggled significantly after Christmas in relation to isolation absences, however the situation is improving. Projects and work with the VCSE Sector have increased.

Dr Duane Cordner (PCN West)

Pressure on primary care remains extremely high, with Covid-19 pressures and a difficulty to recruit to positions across the sector. Some initiatives, such as the Winter Pressures, are having a positive impact.

Vicki Pattison (Adult Services)

World Social Work was celebrated on 15 March 2022 and the Social Care Day of Reflection and Remembrance was held on 17 March 2022.

Shona Gallagher (Children's Services)

A student from St. Wilfrid's RC College had been elected as the Youth Member of Parliament, with the theme of this year's Young People's Parliament being Health and Wellbeing.

12. Healthier Times e-Newsletter

The newsletter was noted.

13. Any Other Business

There was no other business considered.

14. Chairman's Urgent Items

There were no Chairman's Urgent Items.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting was to take place on 8 June 2022 at 10.00am.