

Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting held 25 March 2021

**PRESENT:** Councillor George Lindars-Hammond (SCC) (Chair)  
Terry Hudson (GP Governing Body Chair, Sheffield CCG) (Co-Chair)  
Simon Verrall (South Yorkshire Police)  
Councillor Jackie Drayton (SCC)  
Kate Josephs (Chief Executive, SCC)  
Eleanor Rutter (Consultant in Public Health, SCC and Representative of  
Greg Fell [Director of Public Health, SCC])  
John Macilwraith (SCC)  
Brian Hughes (CCG)  
Judy Robinson (Chair of Healthwatch)  
Mike Potts (Health and Social Care Trust)  
Alexis Chappell (SCC)  
Rosie May (Development Officer, SCC)  
Dan Spicer (Strategy and Partnerships Manager, SCC)  
David Warwicker (SCC)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Alison Knowles (NHS England), Mick Crofts (SCC), Greg Fell (Director of Public Health, SCC), Helen Steers (VAS), Dr David Hughes (Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Zac McMurray (Sheffield CCG), Councillor Paul Wood (SCC), Dr Mike Hunter (Sheffield Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust), John Doyle (Director of Strategy and Commissioning, SCC) and Lesley Smith (Sheffield CCG).

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

2.1 There were no declarations of interest made.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

3.1 There were no questions from members of the public.

**4. BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE**

4.1 Jennie Milner provided a verbal update on the Better Care Fund and stated she would share a brief document to the public domain following this meeting. She shared information around the budget for 2020-2021.

4.2 Jennie confirmed the budget had been allocated and stated she believed the money received would be used. The actual Better Care Fund required a minimum contribution from the CCG to the Local Authority to support their schemes. Jennie

confirmed that the CCG's contribution was in excess of the minimum required. She presented the final values for this year as follows:

- Disabled Facilities Grant - £5,108,320 (Income and expenditure is identical)
- Minimum CCG Contribution - £42,820,993 (Income and expenditure is identical)
- Integrated Better Care Fund - £28,428,597 (Income and expenditure is identical)
- Additional Local Authority Contribution - £97,451,154 (Income and expenditure is identical)

Additional CCG Contribution - £223,624,476 (Income and expenditure is identical).

4.3 Jennie stated that there would be a June summary of the proposed expenditure and actual expenditure for this financial year. She said that the excess contribution demonstrated the commitment to health in Sheffield. She added that the Bettercare Fund was on track to stay within budget.

4.4 The Chair thanked Jennie for the update.

## **5. HEALTHWATCH UPDATE**

5.1 Judy Robinson gave a verbal update on the work of Healthwatch. Judy stated these updates tended to focus on problematic areas; however, there had been a lot of good feedback received – particularly around the Covid-19 vaccination programme.

5.2 Judy said there were a number of issues with communication. The first was that people were struggling to contact GPs and were getting stuck in referral loops.

5.3 The second example was dentistry, which Judy said was an ongoing issue. She stated people were struggling because of the guidelines which stated that people did not need to be registered with dentists, which can lead people to not have urgent dental care. She said that there was a lack of clear information and clarity around what urgent dental care is which needed to be improved.

5.4 Finally, Judy said there were issues with access to services for deaf people. There were growing numbers of individuals who were deaf and communication needed to be improved to this group of people.

5.5 Judy said that there was a report from Healthwatch to the March meeting of the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee which focused on the disproportionate effect of COVID-19 on people with disabilities, particularly those with learning disabilities. She stated that communication was a key issue within the report, alongside the poor experience of disabled people in hospitals. She referred to a couple who were profoundly deaf, and one of them passed away in hospital recently. She said there had been poor communication around this.

- 5.6 Judy added there was a significant amount of fear for disabled people for life after COVID-19. There was a need to understand people's concerns and to take these into account. She talked through the report further, mentioning a change in health care visits, a reduction in service choices and communication which is often poorest to those who need it most. Judy said that considerations of health inequality did not include disabilities enough. Judy said she would share these reports with attendees, The Chair offered to share these on her behalf and encouraged attendees to sign up to Healthwatch updates.
- 5.7 Councillor Jackie Drayton thanked Judy Robinson for the report. Councillor Drayton stated that the report and its recommendations would be going to the Outbreak Control Board (the COVID-19 Prevention and Management Board) in two weeks. Councillor Drayton added that the report had been discussed in the Council's regular meeting and that the Council was considering what more they could do in response to the recommendations. Councillor Drayton said she attended the Learning Disability Partnership Board, during which she heard about the lived experience of those with disabilities alongside the charities and organisations that work with those who have disabilities.
- 5.8 Councillor Drayton said that there were a number of people with disabilities concerned around Do Not Resuscitate letters being sent by GPs, although not necessarily in Sheffield. Councillor Drayton said that the Council were reassuring the public that this would not happen.
- 5.9 Brian Hughes (CCG) thanked Judy for the reports and for sharing the lived experiences of those with disabilities. He stated he would use those reports to inform the work of the CCG.
- 5.10 Brian Hughes stated that Sheffield participated in a review of Do Not Resuscitate letters. He said that this needed to be followed up on locally, but that Sheffield is exemplar.
- 5.11 Brian Hughes spoke about the profoundly deaf couple mentioned by Ms Robinson. He said that their experience was relayed to the CCG's governing body in public session last month. The appropriateness of communication was being taken out into the CCG's providers to pause, reflect and act appropriately.
- 5.12 Mike Potts (Health and Social Care Trust) said that Rebecca Walls, a Clinical Nurse Specialist had been commissioned by four of the CCG boards across South Yorkshire to highlight the issues of deaf people and had attended the Health and Social Care January board meeting. Mike Potts said this was an important learning opportunity which informed attendees of ways to improve the experiences of deaf people.
- 5.13 Judy Robinson stated that Healthwatch had been sharing the experiences of those who suffer from poor services for a number of years and that she was glad to hear Councillor Drayton talk about embedding the report's recommendations.
- 5.14 The Chair hoped by the next Healthwatch update the Council would be further down the road in terms of embedding processes.

## **6. STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6.1 Terry Hudson (Co-Chair) stated the Health and Wellbeing Board had brought back the item as they recognised the importance of the voluntary and community sectors play in the city.

6.2 Terry said that Board had spent a good deal of time reflecting on the demands COVID-19 had placed on Sheffield. He said that the Rapid Health Impact Assessments received in late 2020 demonstrate that the voluntary and community sectors are essential to tackling health inequality. Conversations around this paper began in October 2020 and were focused on Ambition 8 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which stated that everybody had a level of meaningful social contact that they want. Terry said it became clear that organisations from the voluntary and community sector were one of the most important partners across all 9 of the ambitions within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The issue of how the Board worked with the voluntary and community sector was raised at last month's strategy meeting and that the Health and Wellbeing Board along with Sheffield as a city was working to enhance their relationship with these groups.

6.3 Terry provided an overview of the key questions and issues raised as follows:

- The Board was asked to recognise and honour the centrality of leadership that the voluntary and community sector plays in Sheffield;
- The Board was asked to recognise that the voluntary and community sector did not just exist as a provider of something but as a vital source of lived experience;
- The Board was asked to recognise the current threats and challenges that voluntary and community organisations were facing to their short-term stability and longer-term viability;
- The Board was asked to examine the barriers which existed in Local Authority and health commissioning which needed to be removed in order to enable the voluntary and community sector to better connect with other parts of the system;
- The Board was asked to ensure that any plan to support the voluntary and community sector was based on mutual trust, openness and an enhanced two-way sharing of information.

Terry said that at the end of this meeting the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed a Statement of Intent to renew their relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

6.4 Terry referred attendees to the appendix of the report of the Statement of Intent, to be shared with partners within the city. Terry said the paper's recommendations were as follows:

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board endorses this Statement of Intent and publish this on the website;
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board agree and review this statement annually;

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board work to produce a short-term action plan owned by the board, reporting back on the process of these actions annually.

6.5 Judy Robinson stated that some of the existing voluntary and community groups might be struggling within the next 12 months due to COVID-19. She mentioned emergency funding for these organisations in the short-term. Terry responded to this and said there were a set of actions within the paper to address the issues and that these would be brought to a future Health and Wellbeing Board for approval. Brian Hughes echoed these comments.

6.6 John Macilwraith (SCC) stated that the City Council had resurrected its strategic partnership with the voluntary and community sector and Councillor Paul Wood had been in attendance at the inaugural meeting.

6.7 Terry Hudson thanked everybody who contributed to the Statement of Intent. Terry asked that Board Members endorse the statement. Terry said that this statement will be confirmed in a letter sent to partners.

6.8 **AGREED** that the Statement of Intent had be endorsed.

## **7. UPDATE ON ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP**

7.1 The Chair stated that work was ongoing and it was intended that an update on the Engagement Working Group be given in June 2021.

## **8. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

8.1 **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to be approved as a correct record.

## **9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 The next meeting of Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board would be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 3pm.

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