

Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting held 28 September 2023

PRESENT: Councillor Angela Argenzio (Co-Chair), Alexis Chappell, Councillor Dawn Dale, Greg Fell, Councillor Douglas Johnson, Yvonne Millard, Judy Robinson, Rachel Siviter, Dr Leigh Sorsbie, Helen Steers (Substitute Member) and Meredith Dixon-Teasdale

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Dr David Black, Sandie Buchan, James Henderson, Kate Josephs, Benn Kemp, Megan Ohri, Kate Martin, Dr Zak McMurray, Joe Rennie, Dr Toni Schwarz, Helen Sims, and Rob Sykes.

1.2 Helen Steers attended as a substitute for Helen Sims.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

3.1 No questions had been submitted by members of the public.

4. BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

4.1 The report which updated the Board on the 2023/25 Better Care Fund Plan, was introduced by Martin Smith Deputy Director of Planning and Joint Commissioning.

4.2 Board Members felt that the following issues arising from the report were important:

- “Team around the person” offered important lessons.
- It would be important to summarise what impact there would be on Housing and what would be done differently as a result of the plan.
- Services such as Homelessness, and Disabled Facilities Grants are part of the Better Care Fund. This work should be described better and added into the work programme where appropriate.
- It should be considered whether the aim of shifting funding upstream had been achieved.
- Whilst the efficiencies described in the report were welcomed it was felt to be important to consider investment too, particularly in housing.
- Resilience should be a focus, going forward, to enable people to live more independently. It would be useful to have a dedicated session of the Health and Well Being Board focussing on promoting independent living.

4.3 The Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

- (a) notes the 23/25 Better Care Fund Plan update and
- (b) delegates sign off to the Chair and Better Care Fund organisational leads.

5. HEALTH PROTECTION

5.1 The report which gave one of the twice-yearly updates on the health protection system, was delivered by Ruth Granger, Consultant in Public Health. The report included a review of the Public Health Outcomes Framework measures of health protection for Sheffield, an update on increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections, reporting progress on reviewing the Sheffield Mass Treatment and Vaccination Plan and work to increase capacity for Infection Prevention and Control in the city.

5.2 A discussion took place regarding whether the community channels which had been set up during the Covid pandemic were still being used. Ruth Granger advised that this was being encouraged but there were funding constraints. Greg Fell stated that NHS England was about to publish its vaccine delivery strategy and this was likely to encourage community facilities to assist with vaccine take up.

5.3 A question was raised regarding latent TB screening through primary care. Ruth Granger advised that she could come back to a subsequent meeting of the Board with further information on this, but progress was good against NHS targets. Screening was currently being focussed on new university students.

5.4 The Chair (Councillor Angela Argenzio) stated that she should declare an interest as she worked for City of Sanctuary, however she wanted to raise that regarding accommodation for asylum seekers, the government were pushing for two people per hotel room. She asked whether there was funding in place for the resulting spread of infectious diseases.

Ruth Granger advised that this was a known risk and accommodation providers had to have Outbreak Plans. They were also given advice by the UJ Health Security Agency regarding supporting and managing any cases. Funding had been extended to housing settings where vulnerable people lived, and this included asylum seekers.

5.5 Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (a) Agrees to consider what role partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board can play in addressing issues highlighted in the Public Health Outcome Framework indicators;
- (b) Agrees to consider the link to its representative on the Sheffield Mass Vaccination and Treatment Plan to ensure that there is a good fit between Council organisational plans and the city-wide MTV Plan as its updated;

- (c) Notes the increase in levels of Gonorrhoea and Syphilis and where appropriate will take action to increase testing; and
- (d) Endorses work to increase capacity around Infection Prevention and Control in the city.

6. COLLABORATING FOR HEALTH- CONFERENCE UPDATE

- 6.1 The report, which provided a short summary of the outputs from the “Collaborating for Health”, conference, which had been supported by the Board, was presented by Helen Steers of Voluntary Action Sheffield.
- 6.2 The conference had brought together a number of organisations to promote collaborative working with people at its centre. Greg Fell advised that this was likely to form a core feature of the next Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Also he felt there should be greater communication promoting existing physical assets.

Judy Robinson of Healthwatch stated that conference speakers had emphasised that it was political commitment which enabled change to happen.

Alexis Chappell advised of the importance of tying this work in with the new Physical Health Strategy.

The Chair (Councillor Angela Argenzio) added that it was important that the Council be an enabler rather than gatekeepers, in particularly regarding financial resources, in order to tackle health inequalities in the city.

- 6.3 Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board
 - (a) Notes the update on the conference event; and
 - (b) Agrees to receive a fully developed proposition at a future meeting.

7. CO-OPTING A NEW BOARD MEMBER

- 7.1 The report which proposed to co-opt the Chief Executive of Sheffield Health and Social Care Trust as a member, was presented by Greg Fell, Director of Public Health.
- 7.2 Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board agrees to co-opt the Chief Executive of Sheffield Health & Social Care Trust as a Board member, pending a full review of the Board’s Terms of Reference as part of broader review of strategic partnerships.

8. FORWARD PLAN

- 8.1 The Forward Plan was presented by Greg Fell, Director of Public Health.
- 8.2 Greg Fell asked for suggestions as to what work should be added to the forward plan and it was suggested that an expanded discussion about housing could take place in March, including the Better Care Fund.

9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 9.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Board held on the 29th June 2023 were approved as a correct record subject to the following corrections:
- Dr Andrew McGinty had been in attendance deputising for Dr Zak McMurray, Tim Gollins had deputised for Alexis Chappell and Sarah Batty had deputised for Rachel Siviter.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The Board noted that its next meeting was scheduled to take place on 7th December 2023 at 10.00am.

11. THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHEFFIELD

- 11.1 The webcast ceased at 14.54 and was followed by a Board workshop.