

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Meeting: 5 March 2025

At: 2.00 pm

PRESENT

Keith Holloway (Chair) in the chair; (Vice Chair); Councillor Helen Foster-Grime, Councillor Wendy Meikle, Chris McLoughlin ((Director of Children's Services)), Sarah Dillon, Philippa Johnson, Dr Simon Woodworth ((Stockport CCG)), Phillip Winrow (NHS), Grenville Page (Viaduct Care CIC) and Dr Paul Jarvis (VCFSE Representative).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 29 January 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair noted that David Wakefield had been appointed the new Joint Chair of Stepping Hill Foundation Trust and Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust and would be taking up post on April 1st. The Chair wished to note the Board's thanks to Dr Marisa Logan-Ward and her valuable contributions to the Board's work as the Interim Chair of the Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.

4. BETTER CARE FUND Q3 UPDATE

A representative of the Director for Finance (S151 Officer) (SMBC) and Stockport Place Finance Lead (NHS GM) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) regarding the Better Care Fund Q3 template and the overall financial performance of the Better Care Fund up to 31 December 2024.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was noted that the report was very detailed and it was good to see the funds being used to meet the overall objectives for Adult Social Care and the demands on services covered.
- It was highlighted that there were more Pathway 1 discharges than expected which was welcomed as this would avoid Pathway 2 and 3 discharges as part of a 'home first approach' for care which would be positive for residents.
- It was asked whether the pace of progress being made was sustainable and what were the next steps to continue to drive improvement with system partners. It was noted that the Better Care Fund Plan for 2025/26 would outline this plan for improvement

alongside the long-term approach for care at home first. Whilst the Fund had seen an uplift in the amount, this was less than previous years and the earmarked discharge provision had now been merged into the fund.

- It was outlined that the Live Well Approach assists in coordinating the systems to avoid those approaching emergency departments unnecessarily.

RESOLVED – (1) That the BCF 2024-25 Q3 Reporting Template submitted to the National BCF Team by 14 February 2025 be approved.

(2) That the finance performance of the BCF as at 31st December 2024 (Quarter 3) be noted.

5. STATE OF THE BOROUGH

The Director for Corporate and Support Services submitted a presentation (copies of which had been circulated), regarding the key findings of the State of the Borough Report for 2025.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was highlighted that the information from the report would be used by many partners to help support residents.
- Clarification was sought on what the timeframe for the references to the increases in blood pressure and diabetes for residents. It was noted that these increases were seen over a 10-year period but there appeared to be a worsening trend regarding those who are less active and eating less healthy. It was further highlighted that the picture was mixed with more primary care programmes detecting those who have diabetes or high blood pressure playing a role in this trend.
- It was highlighted that whilst the report was very open about the challenges in health and other areas, this would be used to help tackle these challenges directly.
- The Board enquired on how housing associations could potentially support health creation and prevention. It was noted that this was a useful point and that this could be looked at to improve. It was also commented that the social enterprise sector was important and needed to be utilised.
- It was highlighted that it was important for voluntary and social enterprise sector organisations to be supported by the Council who play a role in the prevention agenda. It was highlighted that Sector 3 would be commissioning an independent survey to pick up those organisations not picked up through other lists. It was commented that it would be good for the Council to have the data for its own locality lists.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

6. NEIGHBOURHOODS & PREVENTION UPDATE: STOCKPORT LIVE WELL

The Executive Director for People and Integration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) to provide an update on Stockport Live Well programme to support prevention within the Borough.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- It was noted that it was important for elected members to be aware of the schemes in their own neighbourhoods to help guide their residents to the most appropriate support such as the use of Family Hubs.
- It was highlighted that prevention work was important to promote and required joined up working with partners in different sectors and the use of social prescribers. It was asked what was being done to work more effectively with partners like GPs. It was noted in reply that the joined-up working was required and area leadership teams were crucial to provide a more proactive approach to physical and mental health needs.
- It was noted that the Neighbourhood Directories were important for residents but these needed to be proactively updated in order to remain useful.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

7. ACTIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY

A representative of the Director for Public Health submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which provided an update on the work to date and challenges on the ONE Stockport Active Communities Strategy.

The Chair noted that the report discussed a variety of initiatives to support active lifestyles, and was being picked up through various forums in the Borough. It was also noted that there were significant challenges for those residents who were currently highly inactive and how to help make them more active.

It was noted that on the governance area, it was important to involve all fields of work but particularly in the Neighbourhoods and Prevention work and the locality board.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted.

8. FUTURE MEETINGS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted the following dates to be considered for future meetings:-

- Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 14:00
- Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 14:00
- Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 14:00
- Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 14:00

RESOLVED - That the following dates be approved for future meetings of the Board and circulated to members of the Board:-

- Wednesday 11 June 2025 at 14:00
- Wednesday 1 October 2025 at 14:00
- Wednesday 21 January 2026 at 14:00
- Wednesday 4 March 2026 at 14:00

9. FORWARD PLAN FOR HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARDS

A representative of the Assistant Director for Governance submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) on the planned agenda items for the future meetings of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

It was noted that the current document circulated did not include future meeting items.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That the Chair in consultation with the Director of Adult Social Care and the Director of Public Health discuss the Forward Plan for the Health & Wellbeing Board for 2025/26 and submit a draft version to the next meeting for approval.

The meeting closed at 3.11pm.