

Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting held 28 March 2024

PRESENT: Councillor Angela Argenzio (Co-Chair), Greg Fell, Paul Ferguson (Substitute Member), Councillor Douglas Johnson, Kate Josephs, Janet Kerr (Substitute Member), Dr Zak McMurray (Co-Chair), Megan Ohri, Judy Robinson, Helen Sims and Leigh Sorsbie.

James Sutherland attended and acted as a substitute for Rachel Siviter.
Mark Storf attended and acted as a substitute for Meredith Teasdale.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence had been received from Dr David Black, Lindsey Butterfield, Alexis Chappell, Dr Mike Hunter, Emma Latimer, Yvonne Millard, Kathryn Robertshaw, Dr Toni Schwarz, Rachel Siviter, Mark Storf, James Sutherland, Rob Sykes, Meredith Teasdale, and Salma Yasmeen.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 There were no declarations of interest.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

3.1 There were no public questions.

4. HEALTHWATCH UPDATE

4.1 A verbal update was given by Judy Robinson who highlighted the following:

- Stand out themes from recent feedback to Healthwatch from health and care service users had been: difficulty using online systems to access GP services, barriers to accessing mental health services often caused by lack of flexibility and concern over what alternative support would be offered following the end of the “Changing Futures” Programme.
- Saalik Youth Project- #SpeakUp project report “Understanding how young Pakistani Muslim People experience health services in Sheffield”. A particular issue raised was young people often having to interpret for older relatives in circumstances which were not appropriate, due to the lack of an arranged interpreter.
- What Matters to Me? Children and young people’s art project.
- Report on People’s Experiences of Palliative and End of Life Care

4.2 In response, Greg Fell, Director of Public Health, advised that the “Changing Futures” programme had delivered as expected. “Cliff edge” issues were in the process of being resolved and this needed to be communicated with end users. James Sutherland stated that a community mental health transformation was underway with the aim of making treatment more local and flexible. Work was also being done on communications with Laura Crookes from Healthwatch.

4.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board notes the Healthwatch update.

5. BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

5.1 The report, which outlined the 2023/24 Better Care Fund Quarter 3 performance, was presented by Catherine Bunten (Assistant Director of Commissioning and Partnerships, Sheffield City Council).

5.2 Board members discussed a report which was being prepared on avoidable admissions to hospital, which was due to be presented to the next meeting. Data had been requested to establish which areas people affected were from, and whether they were being unnecessarily admitted to hospital for medical or wellbeing reasons.

5.3 The Chair, Councillor Angela Argenzio, asked for clarification as to how people were referred to City Wide Care Alarms and whether Board Members could do more to promote the service. Janet Kerr advised that it was always mentioned when social work assessments were carried out.

5.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board notes the 2023/24 Better Care Fund Quarter 3 Performance report.

6. HEALTH PROTECTION

6.1 The report which updated the Board on the health protection system, highlighted the key issues facing the system in Sheffield, made recommendations to address those challenges, and focussed on Measles, was presented by Ruth Granger (Consultant in Public Health, Sheffield City Council).

6.2 Members discussed a recent outbreak of Measles which had been successfully contained. Vaccinations being carried out in the affected school had contributed to the containment. Members agreed that the response had been a good example of the system pulling together. The Board discussed the importance of trusted environments and heard how schools had been involved in MMR vaccinations work in other areas. The Board agreed that the Co-Chairs would write to NHS England and the School Aged Immunisation Provider (Sheffield Children’s Hospital) to see if this could be explored in Sheffield. It

was also agreed that the Board's Co-Chairs should write to NHS England reiterating the concerns previously raised in a letter sent in 2022 regarding the funding for vaccinations in GP practices, and how the current system meant more deprived areas were underfunded.

- 6.3 Greg Fell advised that he would circulate the relevant Health Protection Outcomes to Board Members. He added that Sexually Transmitted Infection rates were particularly under pressure and the strategy relating to this was being revisited.
- 6.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:
- (a) Will write to NHS England regarding vaccination funding and involvement of schools in vaccination programmes.
 - (b) Notes learning from the Measles outbreak for individual organisations and the system as a whole including the value of engagement with communities through trusted community partners; and
 - (c) Thanks partners and individuals within the Sheffield system who responded with promptness and great expertise to the Measles outbreak. This includes all who contributed to the vaccination provision in the school and those who continue to be involved in delivering vaccination in primary and secondary care and in community settings.

7. EMPLOYMENT AND HEALTH

- 7.1 The report, which set out the links between employment and health, was presented by Laura Hayfield (Head of Employment and Skills, Sheffield City Council) and Ruth Granger (Consultant in Public Health, Sheffield City Council). A presentation was given, which will be published on the Council's website.
- 7.2 Greg Fell thanked the presenters for a comprehensive overview and advised that the subject raised a difficult question, i.e. should the NHS prioritise treating the working age population, to prevent people losing their job while they are on a waiting list. In his view this was a question that nobody was prepared to answer. He also observed that the slide in the presentation relating to governance showed that the situation was complicated, and that the Council may need to do more to knit the various strands together and the "Working Well Partnership" could consider this further.
- 7.3 Board Members discussed how to improve links between the various organisations involved in health and employment and it was suggested that there may be a need to commission a piece of work with the aim of building local programmes and getting organisations working together. Laura Hayfield advised that this was the intention, if the Council was successful in an application to the WorkWell fund. It was also noted that Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council was leading a Pathways to Work Commission on barriers to work, which the Board should have regard to. The topic was also relevant to the Pride of Place Board of employers.

- 7.4 The Board discussed what help was available for people who did not expect to be able to work. Laura Hayfield referred Board Members to the list in the presentation and advised that some of the organisations were funded through the Shared Prosperity Fund. It was hoped that a successful bid for WorkWell funding would enable the Council to promote relevant organisations more. It was acknowledged that a large part of GP's workload related to patients' employment.
- 7.5 A question was raised as to the importance of volunteering and how this could assist people in entering the Labour market. Ruth Granger advised that the desirability of a "Fulfilling Occupation" in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy recognised that the occupation did not have to be paid, and that volunteering not being included in the presentation was an omission.
- 7.6 Board members agreed on the importance of taking the questions raised in the report back to their respective organisations for reflection and requested that feedback on the outcome of this exercise be added to the work programme, to be reported back on before the end of the year. The questions were as follows:
1. How can the Health and Wellbeing Board support employers to have positive working practices including providing reasonable adjustments and workplaces which support good work?
 2. What can the Health and Wellbeing Board contribute to 'stitching together' of services to support people with health conditions to get and keep a job?
 3. As organisations linked to health and social care - how can we provide good work and support people to get and keep a job with us? How can major employers work together on this?
 4. How can our service provision support people to get or keep a job? Including supporting people on waiting lists by linking with employment support?
- 7.7 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:
- (a) Notes the importance of employment for health and wellbeing;
 - (b) Will take opportunities to advocate for good work as an important determinant of health including:
 - The role of employers providing good work and supportive environments
 - Supporting the work of the Sheffield Skills and Employment Advisory Board to develop the Employment and Skill Strategy
 - Supporting the work of the Local Integration Board stitching together support for people with health conditions to get and keep a job; and
 - (c) Acknowledges the importance of providing good work for employees in their organisations.

8. UNPAID CARERS

- 8.1 The report, which provided an update on the progress of Sheffield's multi-agency Carers Delivery Plan (2022-2025), was presented by Janet Kerr (Operations Director, Adult Care, Sheffield City Council).
- 8.2 It was noted that there was a discrepancy in the recommendations on pages 1 and 10 of the report, so the Chair advised that the question of whether to sign the Young Carers Covenant, should be considered on another occasion.
- 8.3 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:
- (a) Recognises the positive progress made on the Carers Delivery Plan (2022-2025).
 - (b) States its commitment to reducing health inequalities for people who are unpaid carers across the city, so they feel recognised, valued, and supported; and
 - (c) Requests updates on the Carers Delivery Plan and subsequent carer policies every 12 months to provide assurance and leadership on reducing health inequalities for people who are unpaid carers.

9. ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATE ON JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

9a HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

- 9a.1 This item was presented in conjunction with Item 9b. Two reports were presented. The first summarised the key points in the Health and Wellbeing Board's Annual report for 2023/24 and was presented by Dan Spicer (Policy and Improvement Officer, Sheffield City Council). The second report described progress on the development of the Sheffield Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2034 and was presented by Susan Hird (Consultant in Public Health, Sheffield City Council).
- 9a.2 Members discussed the shift to greater and more equitable investment in the social determinants of health and prevention, and how this would necessitate difficult conversations regarding what the system should stop funding.
- 9a.3 Members also discussed the potential benefits of meeting outside formal committee settings, for Board development and to provide opportunities to engage in deep dives into health and wellbeing issues in a less formal and restrictive environment.
- 9a.4 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:
- (a) Endorses the Annual Report for 2023/24; and
 - (b) Agrees to incorporate the issues raised in the Annual Report into a development session focused on delivery of the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

9b DEVELOPING THE NEW JOINT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

9b.1 This item was considered in conjunction with the previous item.

9b.2 **RESOLVED:** That the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (a) Notes the strategy development journey outlined in the report for Item 9b on the agenda, and the timescales for finalising and publishing the new strategy.
- (b) Supports the revised implementation period for the strategy of 10 years and will participate in a Spring private workshop to agree priorities and develop commitments for the strategy; and
- (c) Will provide any additional steer and guidance including the role of the public and partner organisations in development and endorsement of the Strategy.

10. FORWARD PLAN

10.1 The forward plan was presented by Greg Fell (Director of Public Health, Sheffield City Council).

10.2 It was requested that an update on health and housing, which had been requested at the previous meeting of the Board, be added to the work programme.

10.3 **RESOLVED:** that the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board agrees the work programme, including the additions and amendments identified.

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

11.1 The minutes of the previous meeting of the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board held on 7th December 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 It was noted that the next meeting of the Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board will be on Thursday 26th September 2024 at 2pm.