

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held

Tuesday, 29th September, 2020, 11.30 am

Dr Bryn Bird (Chair)	Clinical Commissioning Group
Councillor Rob Appleyard	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Cara Charles Barks	Royal United Hospital
Councillor Kevin Guy	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Will Godfrey	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Julia Griffith (in place of Andrew Smith)	BEMS+ Primary Care
Paul Harris	Curo
Nicola Hazle	Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust
Lesley Hutchinson	Safeguarding and Quality Assurance (B&NES Council)
Steve Kendall	Avon and Somerset Police
Bruce Laurence	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Kate Morton	Bath Mind
Joanna Scammell (in place of Kirsty Matthews)	Virgin Care
Richard Smale	CCG
Co-opted Non-Voting Member:	Cllr Robin Moss (B&NES Council)

14 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apologies for absence were received:

Corinne Edwards – CCG
Mary Kearney Knowles – B&NES Council
Kirsty Matthews – Virgin Care – Substitute Joanna Scammell
Bernie Morley – Bath University
Vanessa Scott – Healthwatch
Andrew Smith – Primary Care – Substitute Julia Griffith

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

17 TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

There was no urgent business.

18 PUBLIC QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no public questions or statements.

19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING - 23 JUNE 2020

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.

20 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT

The Board considered a report which highlighted the progress and approach being taken regarding the development of the new Children and Young People Plan and sought views on areas of particular concern for children and young people that partner agencies were seeing emerge.

Lesley Hutchinson, Director of Adult Social Care, presented the report. She stated that, although the current strategy is in place until 2021, Officers are aiming to either refresh it for 2021 – 2024, removing completed priorities, retaining continued ones and adding in some new or to carry out a larger review and rework the Strategy. The Children and Young People Sub-Committee's proposal is to refresh, and this has arisen as a result of two recent development sessions. The current outcomes are still considered to be fit for purpose. It is important to consider inequality issues, to tackle and narrow the achievement gap and to consider matters such as food poverty and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Sub-Committee recommend that the number of priorities also need to be reduced. The training programme has also been reviewed. There has been a change in the complexity of needs and there has been an increase in mental health needs; the aim is to specifically incorporate mental health into the plan going forward. It is also important to provide more support for practitioners working with children and young people with complex needs.

The following issues were discussed:

- Jo Scammell stated that the priorities are all-encompassing. It is important to focus on outcomes and key areas.
- Paul Harris applauded the effort to reduce the number of priorities and to focus more narrowly in order to more deeply address these issues. He also welcomed the proposal to incorporate inequalities and mental health issues into the existing priorities.
- Richard Smale supported a refresh of the Plan rather than a wholesale review and queried how the measures are captured from the perspective of young people. It was confirmed that the Youth Forum and in-Care Councils are involved in shaping the Plan and that there is direct feedback from service users.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To note the overview of the Children and Young People Plan 2021-2024 development session.
- (2) To note and approve the proposed areas of initial focus for the Plan and to confirm that these fit with the forthcoming Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy.
- (3) To note the evaluation of the Children’s Workforce Training Programme.
- (4) To agree that the Children and Young People Plan should be refreshed rather than completely reviewed.
- (5) To extend the existing Plan to 2022, in line with the new time frame for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

21 B&NES COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020

The Board considered the Annual Report of the Bath and North East Somerset Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership (BCSSP) for 2019/20.

Sian Walker-McAllister presented the report and explained that it covers the transitional period as the BCSSP became operational in September 2019. New arrangements have been established and groups and sub-groups have been set up. The B&NES arrangements are very innovative.

The report contains a great deal of data and it is hoped, in future, to produce a “punchier” report which will be easier to understand and therefore more accessible.

It was noted that County Lines do have an impact on both Children’s Services and vulnerable adults. There will be a single strategic approach to tackle this issue at all levels. There is an Exploitation Group which monitors County Lines activity both at an operational and strategic level.

RESOLVED: To note the Annual Report of the Bath and North East Somerset Community Safety and Safeguarding Partnership for 2019/20.

22 **REVIEW OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY AND WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK**

The Board considered a report regarding the review of the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and proposals from the Strategy Working Group.

David Trethewey, Director of Partnership and Corporate Services, informed the Board that the Working Group has concluded that the Health and Wellbeing Board should move away from solely focusing on acute services and health based solutions, and that there should be more emphasis on inequalities and mental health.

The following issues were discussed:

- Bruce Laurence pointed out that inequalities and mental health issues are often related and that it is important to think of mental health in the broadest sense.
- Cllr Rob Appleyard stated that this is an ideal time to refresh the overall direction of the Health and Wellbeing Board. He welcomed the proposal to pay particular attention to inequalities and hoped that this would lead to positive changes.
- Kate Morton welcomed the wider co-ordinated response to the equalities debate and stated that the Working Group has reflected the relevance and influence that equalities issues should have.
- The Board thanked the members of the Strategy Working Group for the work they had carried out.

RESOLVED:

- (1) To extend the Health and Wellbeing Strategy until January 2022.
- (2) To conduct a refresh of the Strategy focusing on inequality and mental health.
- (3) To approve the recommendations of the Strategy Working Group (attached as Appendix 1 to the report).

23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting will take place on Tuesday 24 November 2020.

The meeting ended at 12.15 pm

Chair

Date Confirmed and Signed

Prepared by Democratic Services