

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health and Wellbeing Board held virtually on Wednesday, 3 February 2021 at 10.00 am

Present

Dr Linda Collie, PCCG (Joint Chair) in the Chair

Councillor Matthew Winnington (Joint Chair)
Councillor Suzy Horton
Councillor Jeanette Smith

Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health, PCC
Roger Batterbury, Healthwatch Portsmouth
Gordon Blunn, University of Portsmouth
Penny Emerit, Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust
Councillor Lee Hunt
Alison Jeffery, Director, Children, Families & Education, PCC
Jacqueline Markie, Community Rehabilitation Company
Clare Jenkins, Portsmouth Police
Frances Mullen, Portsmouth College
Jackie Powell, PCCG
Suzannah Rosenberg, Solent NHS
Andy Weeks, Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service

Non-voting members

Officers present

Julia Katherine, Dominique Le Touze, Kelly Nash,
David Williams, Lisa Wills

1. Chair's introduction and apologies for absence (AI 1)

Dr Linda Collie, Chief Clinical Officer, Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group, as Chair, opened the meeting. All present introduced themselves.

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Matthew Atkins, Councillor Judith Smyth, Sarah Beattie, Mark Cubbon (represented by Penny Emerit, Deputy Chief Executive, PHUT), Dr Nick Moore and Dianne Sherlock.

Dianne Sherlock (Age UK) passed on her thanks to PCC and the CCG for their acknowledgement and understanding of the voluntary sector, who are currently being contacted by Adult Social Care to book Covid vaccinations for charity staff workers; this is an outstanding offer they are gratefully taking up. She also gave thanks for enabling the voluntary sector to access quality training opportunities such as Making Every Contact Count and Connect 5, as well as Safeguarding training. The sector is grateful for these opportunities.

2. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of previous meeting - 25 November 2020 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 25 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

Matters arising - minute 44 - Physical Activity Refresh

Dominique Le Touze, Public Health Consultant, gave a verbal update on the Physical Activity Strategy (Energise Me). Energise Me, the council's partner, who are conducting the strategy in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, are carrying out a consultation. Workshops start on 8 February with a launch date planned for early April. Despite delays caused to the consultation and workshops by Covid, staff illness and being unable to meet people in person, the intention is to proceed. A written report will be brought to the next meeting of the Board when the launch is underway.

The Board considered agenda item 7 - Community Safety Plan 2021 / 2022 - first due to the speakers' other commitments but the minutes will be kept in the original order for ease of reference.

4. Local Outbreak Engagement Board (information item) (AI 4)

Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager, introduced the report and summarised the Local Outbreak Engagement Board's (LOEB) activity since the previous HWB meeting.

Councillor Winnington, Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing & Social Care, thanked Kelly Nash for the report and everyone involved in the LOEB for making a difference in Portsmouth. LOEB members' questions had usually already been answered at its meetings thanks to the thorough and professional reports. The LOEB shows the success of partnership working across Portsmouth, without which the city would be nowhere near as good as it is at providing for residents.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

5. Integrated Care System - New Models (information item) (AI 5)

David Williams, Chief Executive, introduced the report, which described Health Care & Portsmouth's response to the NHS' "Integrated Care - Next Steps" consultation. The response was submitted just after Christmas and he apologised that it was not brought before the Board ahead of the NHS's deadline for responses. The response had been compiled in difficult circumstances.

Councillor Winnington said the response did not follow leading questions but reflected the situation in Portsmouth and had made its case clearly. The onus is on all organisations to work together as the more they are intertwined the more difficult they will be to unpick. However, working with the wider Hampshire & Isle of Wight area is important as there are many commonalities.

It needs to be ensured that Portsmouth's voice is heard in the wider area. He thanked David Williams and Kelly Nash for co-ordinating the response and all those involved in the submission. Jackie Powell agreed from an NHS point of view with the response. Other CCG lay members noted the importance of a wider footprint but also of wider flexibility.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

6. SEND update (AI 6)

Julia Katherine, Head of Inclusion, introduced the annual report. In response to Councillor Smith's queries on the red (not yet achieved) areas in the Post-Inspection Action Plan, she explained that

- Annual Health Checks (no.5) - there are data issues as recording is captured on different systems and it is proving challenging to monitor progress. Dr Collie said children are still being encouraged to have annual health checks despite Covid.
- Health pathway for looked after children (no.6) - this is being redesigned to ensure a more integrated approach and to capture data; it is more a case of data issues rather than work not being done.
- Re-referrals to CAMHS (no.13) - a new score card has been developed to look at performance indicators for SEMH (social, emotional, mental health) needs; it is not overall waiting times but when a problem re-occurs.
- Information about the proportion of young people with SEND in independent or supported living (no.17) - there is currently no way of capturing the information for this age group up to 25 years old; discussions on how to resolve this issue had started but were delayed by Covid.
- Transition between paediatric and adult health services (no.18) - the protocol needs to ensure it covers transition to the full range of Adult services.

As well as data issues, Covid has caused delays in some areas with staff deployed to other roles. Alison Jeffery said the data issues related particularly to Adult Social Care and Solent and that after Covid officers need to resolve them.

Councillor Horton thanked those involved for the SEND accommodation review. Despite a declining population it is unlikely there would be spare SEND accommodation in schools as the number of children with SEND is increasing. One of the silver linings of Covid is the even better relationship between schools and families. There has been constant positive feedback from schools and families on close working relationships, including the work of the Link Co-ordinators, posts which have now been made permanent. These relationships need to be maintained as the city recovers from Covid.

Julia Katherine explained that the Local Offer website is the main way of providing guidance and information to young people with additional needs during Covid. It is a 'one-stop-shop' of information and guidance for young people, families and professionals and covers the support and services available for children and young people with SEND and additional needs

across education, health, social care, the voluntary and community sector and leisure. The site has been developed in co-production with young people with additional needs and their families and includes content such as news, events, videos and blogs, so it is not just a directory of services; it is also a tool for commissioners. Officers would welcome ideas on how to further raise awareness of the website. Feedback via the annual SEND parent/carer survey confirms that when people access the website, they usually find what they are looking for, however there are still some people who are not aware of this resource. Alongside the 2021 survey, which is open until 19 March, there is also a campaign to further raise awareness of the local offer. Information has previously, for example, been sent to GP surgeries etc but word of mouth is always the best way to share this type of information.

The Chair thanked officers for the report.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.

7. Community Safety Plan 2021 / 2022 (AI 7)

Lisa Wills, Strategy & Partnership Manager, introduced the report, noting that it was the first time the Community Safety Plan has been brought to the Board since the Safer Portsmouth Partnership's incorporation into the Board in June 2019. The Plan draws on existing resources rather than duplicating existing work. There is a major focus on young people with work such as the Trusted Adult programme to try and prevent them going into crime. The police are rolling out a training programme on the impact of early trauma and jointly developing a youth strategy across Portsmouth. Crime overall decreased by 11% during the first lockdown though violence against the person offences peaked in July.

Covid has caused operational problems but changes to priorities are not anticipated; however, the Plan is an interim document. Further analysis will be fed into the Health & Wellbeing Strategy later in the year. One positive outcome of the lockdown was moving homeless people into hotels whilst managing related anti-social behaviour. Many were then helped into self-contained support tenancies. The Public Health team successfully bid for nearly £800,000 central government funding to support homeless people with multiple problems. An expression of interest in the MHCLG's Changing Futures programme could result in £1.5m over the next two years to further co-ordinate services for the homeless. Community safety issues are complex and inter-related as shown by the Venn diagram. As an example, reducing demand for drugs by providing treatment reduces the number of young people at risk of being drawn into County Lines. There is no separate priority on re-offending but work on other priorities such as drug and alcohol misuse together with work with young people will prevent it.

Councillor Lee Hunt, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, thanked Lisa Wills and all involved for the report. The Plan shows the extent to which community safety runs through services. Councillor Hunt recently wrote to all concerned to remind them of their statutory duty to reduce crime and re-offending. Responsible authorities are required to produce detailed work to identify priorities against crime despite reduced funding. One of the most

welcome opportunities was for the homeless who are now in mainstream living because of partnership working, which will help free them from drug abuse and other problems. Visits to community groups show that the public support the approach of wanting more and better activities for young people such as sports facilities.

With regard to policing domestic abuse is the most common driver of assault and he is pleased to work with the Police & Crime Commissioner to address these issues. It is well-known that many of those who witness or suffer domestic abuse go on to commit it so the cycle of crime needs to be broken early on. It is very sad that the number of children at risk of exploitation has doubled in the last few years. The council supported the Chief Constable's bid for extra funding to tackle County Lines and career criminals. An issue everyone needs to do more about is alcohol and how it is used in Portsmouth, especially when the night-time economy returns. Alcohol found at crime scenes alcohol was ABV 6.5% or higher and the homeless drink more from plastic containers than bottles or cans. Another serious problem is knife crime; during a recent weekend the police were stretched to the limit because of knife crime. It is important to note that the number of incidents of knife crime recorded by police in the city is still relatively low, but being closely monitored.

Clare Jenkins supported the report and thanked those involved in it, noting that the recommendations and actions are what the police will work on in the next 12 to 24 months. She agreed with everything that has been said on hidden crime, particularly with crime that may become apparent after Covid. Police records show that children who witness domestic abuse often go missing, commit anti-social behaviour and then more serious crime. Trauma informed approaches are used more often now when engaging with offenders. Officers are being trained to look at what has happened to an individual to inform effective early intervention. The ability for young people to engage with trusted adults is essential. Domestic abuse initiatives include Ask for ANI at pharmacies and Safe At Home at supermarkets as these are the few places when people can escape controlling environments.

Councillor Suzy Horton noted that youth provision stretches across several portfolios and there is also funding from the Hampshire Violence Reduction Unit. Portfolios are mapping efficiency in the current cash-strapped times to ensure the child is at the centre. The whole start with trauma is so significant. Young people need to be given other choices in life so it is important to emphasise youth provision.

Councillor Jeanette Smith was concerned the fall-out from Covid will be massive with regard to early intervention, alcohol intake, children not attending school and increased crime. Lisa Wills agreed responses had to be co-ordinated around Covid and new roles have been created in Children's Services to support children in the short-term. In the long-term life is likely to return to normal which is why the Plan is for 12 months for the time being; the strategic priorities are unlikely to change. Councillor Hunt said the only way to survive is to work together. Organisations have their own strategies which they can report back on to the Board to help address local priorities.

Alison Jeffery said that with regard to missing children Children's Services work closely with the police. There are very few who repeatedly go missing. County Lines is a very real threat and a few looked after children are caught up in it; it is essential to disrupt County Lines activity. There is good partnership working in Portsmouth. In addition, targeted services provide early help and work with families in their homes on behaviour change. However, it is difficult working out how to increase support while there is increased pressure on social care as spending has to go on statutory and reactive social care. Funding was increased in 2016 but has since remained static. Officers cannot be complacent about the extent of early intervention. They also have to be mindful of the pressures and economic impact of Covid and families' increased needs. All organisations can do is work closely together but it is an ongoing challenge; for example, young offenders often have communication difficulties and this is something the SEND Strategy addresses.

Councillor Hunt noted many services such as Community Wardens are not statutory as they are funded by bids or local taxation. However, officers are constantly having to bid for funding and it is uncertain if staff will be in post after one or two years. Alison Jeffery said Children's Services benefit from the Housing Revenue Account.

Roger Batterbury said the report was helpful and informative. Comments were interesting, especially those on short-termism of contracts and staffing. He hoped the public would be involved in the re-tendering opportunities mentioned in Priorities A and B.

David Williams thought the Board needed to track where Covid had a disproportionate impact. Children and young people have been strongly impacted by lockdown. Appendix 1 notes there is a more than 20% increase in first-time entrants to the youth justice system but Appendix 2 notes a reduction of 28% of crimes with a substantive outcome. A future meeting could examine first-time entrants to youth justice as it is a multi-agency issue. Meetings could also examine how to avoid the double blight of Covid and entry to youth justice. Alison Jeffery noted there is much discussion around first-time entrants to youth justice, which is a key priority across Hampshire. It is important to have consistent sanctions and not push people into the youth justice system which can be a criminogenic environment in itself. In addition, she noted the fragmented and short-term funding for addressing domestic violence; support for reducing it needs to be secure when allocating resources.

RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board

- **That the Health and Wellbeing Board approve the plan (appendix 1)**
- **That responsible authorities take the plan forward for endorsement to their organisational senior management groups in order to encourage a collaborative leadership approach.**

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am.

Councillor Matthew Winnington and Dr Linda Collie
Chair

Dates of future meetings for reference:

16 June, 22 September, 24 November - all Wednesdays at 10 am