

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Health and Wellbeing Board held  
virtually on Wednesday, 22 September 2021 at 10.00 am

**Present**

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

Councillor Jason Fazackarley (Joint Chair)  
Councillor Lewis Gosling  
Councillor Suzy Horton  
Councillor Kirsty Mellor  
Councillor Jeanette Smith  
Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson

Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health, PCC  
Roger Batterbury, Healthwatch Portsmouth  
Andy Biddle, Director of Adult Care, PCC  
Hayden Ginns, Children's Services, PCC  
David Goosey, Portsmouth Adult Safeguarding Board  
Andrea Havey, Solent NHS Trust  
Rob Marsh, Probation Service  
Robert Mitchell, Portsmouth Police  
Frances Mullen, City of Portsmouth College  
Jackie Powell, Portsmouth CCG  
Graham Terry, Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust  
David Williams, Chief Executive, PCC  
Jo York, Health and Care Portsmouth

**Non-voting members**

**Officers present**

Matthew Gummerson, Kelly Nash

**19. 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 were received from Sarah Beattie (Probation Service, represented by Rob Marsh), Gordon Blunn (University of Portsmouth), Penny Emerit (PHUT, represented by Graham Terry, Director of Strategy & Performance), Sue Harriman and Suzannah Rosenberg (Solent NHS Trust, represented by Andrea Havey, Director of Operations), Justina Jeffs (Portsmouth CCG), Supt Clare Jenkins (Portsmouth Police, represented by Chief Inspector Robert Mitchell), Dr Nick Moore (Portsmouth CCG), Paul Riddell and Andy Weeks (Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service).

**20. Declarations of Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of interest.

**21. Minutes of previous meeting - 7 July 2021 (AI 3)**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 7 July 2021 be approved as a correct record.**

**22. Matters arising**

Guildhall Walk surgery - minute 16

Jo York, Managing Director of Health and Care Portsmouth, reported that Safe Space has a new home in the Civic Offices which could be long-term if it is successful. There are no concerns so far. Health and Care are working closely with the Civic Offices to ensure there are no problems. The new location is on social media and Ms York will ask Corporate Communications to share it. Rob Mitchell had seen positive comments on social media.

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

Kelly Nash, Corporate Performance Manager, introduced the report, noting that the Local Outbreak Engagement Board (LOEB) had met only once since the previous Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) meeting. It next meets on 27 September when it is due to approve the updated Local Outbreak Management Plan, which will take account of the recently published contain framework of the autumn / winter plan. As well as reviewing the Plan it will review its terms of reference. HWB members are welcome to comment.

**RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.**

**24. Public Health Annual Report**

Helen Atkinson, Director of Public Health, introduced the report, noting that publication is a statutory requirement. Ms Atkinson gave a presentation and highlighted the main points. The report covers the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, though some data is included beyond that where appropriate for specific topics.

The report's focus is on the response to Covid, which has had a huge impact on everyone and is still not over after a tough 19 months; however, there is a clear plan for moving forward. Ms Atkinson thanked her colleagues in Public Health, PCC and those in sectors such as the CCG, NHS, the University, voluntary sector, businesses and education who have stepped up admirably. She has worked in inner-city and rural/urban areas but has not seen such a fantastic sense of community and place as in Portsmouth. She thanked residents for complying with guidance which has resulted in Portsmouth having lower than average infection levels than expected, considering it is a compact city. The focus on inequalities enabled Portsmouth to support the homeless population and those having to self-isolate. Partnership working enabled testing and vaccination to be offered to the homeless as well offering them screening for TB and other blood born viruses. This focus can feed into the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and place-based partnership working.

The data led approach of routinely sharing intelligence across partner organisations has really helped to underpin decision making in Portsmouth and across the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum. All parts of the local system have played a crucial role, for example, the Hive has worked with the voluntary and community sector, and the PCC/CCG

communications team has worked to understand communities and give consistent messaging to the public. Thanks to members of the Health Protection Board, which now meets fortnightly, all members/partners are clear on what the Local Outbreak Control Plan delivery is.

Councillor Fazackarley said the report was a credit to all individuals and organisations. Councillor Smith requested that it be put on record that Ms Atkinson started her role in difficult circumstances and without her leadership the city would be in a worse place than it is. Councillor Vernon-Jackson and other members of the HWB thanked Ms Atkinson and all involved for everything they have done. Covid is particularly difficult to tackle as about 30% of people who have it are asymptomatic and it causes about three times more deaths than flu which puts the scale of the challenge into perspective. Andy Biddle thanked Ms Atkinson and her team. He noted that despite still having a strong relationship with Southampton, the transition to Portsmouth having its own Director of Public Health (rather than a joint Director) had been successful. The team was fundamental to the Covid response and a reliable source of support. Councillor Horton thanked Ms Atkinson and formally thanked schools who have worked brilliantly together with public health. The Link Co-ordinator scheme, which will continue, is a good example of this relationship. The inequalities highlighted and exacerbated by Covid will be around for a long time so organisations still need to commit to providing services. Jo York thanked Ms Atkinson for her support for care homes and primary care. It has felt like a single team effort which will set foundations for future work.

Slides of the presentation are available by contacting [jsna@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:jsna@portsmouthcc.gov.uk)

**RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.**

**25. Health & Wellbeing Strategy update**

Matt Gummerson, Strategic Lead for Intelligence, introduced the report, explaining that despite delays to the proposed workshops due to summer leave work is continuing. The first workshop, looking at the priority on poverty, is being held on 27 September and an updated draft strategy will be brought to the next meeting. David Williams said there were national changes in how health services are organised so the city needs a well-informed voice and to contribute to the wider Hampshire and Isle of Wight agenda. The Strategy needs to maintain a wide approach focussing on the wider determinants of health. Finally, the Board had done an excellent job in appointing Ms Atkinson as Director of Public Health.

**RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.**

**26. Health and Care Portsmouth update**

Jo York, Managing Director of Health and Care Portsmouth, introduced the report and gave an update on commissioning arrangements. The Joint Commissioning Board (a sub-committee of the HWB) was set up in 2018/2019 with the aim of supporting the commitment to bring the council's and the CCG's commissioning functions together. Legal advice was taken

from the firm Bevan Brittan on how the Board can operate effectively. The current arrangements will remain in place until April 2022 or until the Health & Care Bill is passed. Bevan Brittan recommended the Board should remain as a sub-committee of the CCG with council membership with provision for council members to take decisions using delegated authority.

The Board aims to meet in October when it will consider the funds available to Portsmouth and the integrated commissioning arrangements (both the current pooled funds of nearly £100 million and how these could be extended in the coming months). Other partners such as Solent NHS Trust, the NHS, the Hive, the PHUT and the Primary Care Alliance will be represented. The Board will work with P3 (Portsmouth Provider Partnership) to see how the membership works without becoming too cumbersome. All partners will be involved with decisions on commissioning, which Bevan Brittan have advised is reflective of the new direction of travel for the NHS and the Integrated Care System (ICS). The Board will enable a place-based partnership with delegated decision making from the Integrated Care Board and the ICS, where the NHS joins with all four local authorities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Graham Terry said it was a positive step to invite providers. Once the Health & Care Bill is passed the Board's terms of reference could be refreshed so it is a joint decision-making partnership. Ms York confirmed the terms of reference could be changed to reflect developments.

Ms York said the HWB and Portsmouth Provider Partnership (P3) met in June to look at refreshing the Blueprint for Health and Care. They considered their understanding of the footprints of place, city, and how they need to work with the local acute trust and in the wider ICS area. It hoped to meet at the beginning of the summer but because of work pressure did a desktop exercise around the Blueprint refresh, commitments, priorities and working across the footprints. Work will be collated and partners will meet in early to mid-October with a clear set of priorities which will give a clearer view of what delegation might look like. The engagement and commitment of partners will be welcome.

**RESOLVED that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report.**

**27. Dates of future meetings**

The Board agreed the dates of meetings for 2022 as 9 February, 22 June, 21 September and 23 November (all Wednesdays at 10 am). There is a large gap between February and June to allow for purdah and making new appointments at the Annual General Meeting in mid-May. The next meeting this year is Wednesday 24 November at 10 am.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 am.

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Councillor Jason Fazackarley and Dr Linda Collie  
Chair