

Meeting      **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Date            **Wednesday, 4 November 2020 (commencing at 2:00 pm)**

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Kevin Rostance (Chair)  
Joyce Bosnjak  
Glynn Gilfoyle  
Tony Harper  
John Longdon

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

David Walters	-	Ashfield District Council
Susan Shaw	-	Bassetlaw District Council
Colin Tideswell	-	Broxtowe Borough Council
Henry Wheeler	-	Gedling Borough Council
Abby Brennan	-	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Neill Mison	-	Newark and Sherwood District Council
Amanda Fisher	-	Mansfield District Council

**OFFICERS**

Melanie Brooks	-	Corporate Director, Adult Social Care and Health
Colin Pettigrew	-	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
Jonathan Gribbin	-	Director of Public Health

**CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS**

A	David Ainsworth	NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group
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| Idris Griffiths       | - | NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group                                   |
| Dr Thilan Bartolemeuz | - | NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group              |
| Fiona Callaghan       | - | NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group                |
| Dr Jeremy Griffiths   | - | NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (Vice-Chair) |

## **LOCAL HEALTHWATCH**

Sarah Collis - Healthwatch Nottingham & Nottinghamshire

## **OFFICE OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Kevin Dennis - Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

## **OTHER ATTENDEES**

Luke Barrett – Group Manager, Marketing and Communications, NCC  
 Amanda Fletcher – Consultant in Public Health, NCC  
 Lucy Hawkin – Public Health and Commissioning Manager, NCC

## **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Nicola Lane	-	Public Health and Commissioning Manager
Martin Gately	-	Democratic Services Officer

## **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the appointment by Full Council on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 of Councillor Kevin Rostance for the 2020-21 municipal year.

## **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Lucy Dadge (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

David Ainsworth (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Councillor John Longdon substituted for Councillor Purdue-Horan for this meeting.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chairman introduced Jonathan Gribbin, who provided a short presentation on the impact of COVID-19 on the NHS, and hospitals in particular, as well as rates of COVID-19 across Nottinghamshire Districts and Boroughs. The rates across Nottinghamshire were characterised as high, with the proportion of people tested and found to be positive for COVID-19 increasing, and rates amongst the over 60s also remaining high. The virus is therefore still in wide circulation within the community.

Hospital deaths are currently lower than in the first wave peak, but are increasing. Likewise, hospital intensive care bed use is currently lower than the first peak but is increasing; with bed occupancy for COVID-19 across Nottingham University Hospital and Sherwood Forest Hospital 40% higher. There is a 'built-in' lag between community infection rates and people ending up in hospital.

Melanie Brooks explained that increasing outbreaks were being seen in places of accommodation i.e. care homes. In the spring, outbreaks mainly related to new admissions to care homes, and over the summer outbreaks were in relation to one or two asymptomatic members of staff. Now there are five additional outbreaks per day at care homes. This higher rate is due to community transmission – via either staff or visitors. This has meant an impact on assisting hospitals with discharge, as well as a business continuity risk for care homes themselves.

In response to a question from Dr Jeremy Griffiths on the wider impact of COVID on mental health, exercise and crime, Jonathan Gribbin responded that there are of whole range of impacts, on both livelihood and wellbeing in the broadest sense, and some rapid work took place over the summer on those impacts. NHS colleagues have also focused more narrowly on the impact on care pathways e.g. cancer. Melanie Brooks confirmed that there were concerns about the mental of young people – with requests for crisis support up 30%. The ability to produce data quantifying the impact is limited at the moment since most resources are being deployed towards the response to the pandemic. However, Amanda Fletcher confirmed that a funding bid was being prepared for additional analytical support to allow the development of metrics to monitor impact going forward.

In response to a question regarding COVID impact on Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals, Idris Griffiths stated that there 200 COVID positive patients across DBH Hospital sites – specifically in Bassetlaw there were 28 patients, with nearly half of these on oxygen or mechanical ventilation.

Dr Thilan Bartolomeuz suggested that Board members would benefit from seeing a report recently produced by the ICS on how services have been accessed and public perception thereof.

In response to further questions Jonathan Gribbin explained that the COVID testing centre had moved to the County Hall car park because of flooding issues at the previous location. The test centre is getting good usage.

Councillor Susan Shaw requested that further information on domestic abuse be presented to a future Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

In response to questions from Councillor David Walters, Dr Bartolomeuz indicated that the NHS App complements the contents of general practice websites.

#### **RESOLVED: 2020/025**

That the following actions were identified:

- 1) Circulation to the Board of the ICS report on access to services.
- 2) Inclusion of further information on domestic abuse on a future Health and Wellbeing Board agenda.

#### **COVID-19 COMMUNICATIONS**

Luke Barrett, Group Manager, Communications and Marketing, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report and presented information on communications in relation to COVID-19 including social media. At the start of the pandemic, outreach was to all communities by a full range of media, including e-mail, with examples of the work of the community relief hub showcased via social media. It was primarily human interest which generated discussion and interaction on social media. Mr Barrett emphasised that interaction with the public on social media required instant responses – the moment the dialogue stops it becomes challenging to maintain the audience. There had been 1.3 million page views of the NCC Facebook page.

Dr Jeremy Griffiths raised the issue of vaccine preparation and roll-out with vulnerable members of the community and frontline staff anticipated to be the first to be vaccinated, and asked how communications would be maximised for delivering information about the vaccine. Mr Barrett indicated that focus, so far, had been on

delivering the key messages from government, as well as telling people how to access services.

Jonathan Gribbin added that NHS national resources would be deployed to deliver COVID-19 vaccine messaging, but we will play our part in amplifying the messages.

Sarah Collis, Healthwatch, identified the deaf community as a priority group to receive the vaccine, particularly since BSL users are not able to wear facemasks readily. The deaf community should be involved in how we communicate. Mr Barrett responded that there was an ongoing project to make the NCC website more accessible to all users and that he could bring back information on this to a future meeting of the Board.

## **RESOLVED: 2020/026**

That:

- 1) representatives of the deaf community be involved in the development of communication channels.
- 2) Information on the development of the accessibility of the NCC website in relation to health messaging be presented to a future Board meeting.

## **NOTTINGHAMSHIRE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21**

Lucy Hawkin, Public Health and Commissioning Manager, NCC introduced the report and stated that an annual prioritisation of the work programme took place, overseen by the JSNA steering group in order to get a timely steer from partners on issues of joint interest and strategic importance. Eight submissions for topics were examined using the prioritisation matrix. The proposed full JSNA chapters are Children and young people who are looked after, and care leavers – and Carers; with insight theme pages on Speech, language and communication needs in Children and Young People and Air quality. However, completion of JSNA chapters is dependent on the COVID-19 situation.

Councillor Susan Shaw registered concern about the possible delays to the production of JSNA chapters caused by COVID, and referenced the workshop on giving children the best start – back in February. Jonathan Gribbin responded by stating that colleagues in public health shared the frustration regarding delays to other essential areas of work caused by the response to the COVID pandemic. The production of JSNAs is a statutory requirement, and by 2022 the Health and Wellbeing Board will need to refresh its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle queried what other additional resources could be brought to bear to supplement the position, while also recognising the difficulties in recruiting staff. Mr Gribbin stated that he had already been in discussion with the Corporate Director for Adult Social Care to identify other resources within the department which could be used to assist public health colleagues.

Councillor Susan Shaw suggested including the voluntary sector in the development of JSNA chapters, or similar work.

#### **RESOLVED 2020/027**

That:

- 1) the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme 2020-21 and proposed products, which have been developed through the JSNA prioritisation process be approved.

#### **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman mentioned that the Board would next meet for a workshop on the Better Care Fund (integrated approaches to health, care and housing) on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, with the next full meeting of the Board on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Dr Jeremy Griffiths requested a future workshop on health inequalities; adding that while health inequalities are seen as a key part of all programmes, they are seldom focused on as a topic themselves. Jonathan Gribbin suggested that this would be at least partially addressed by the access to services across Nottinghamshire report which was being prepared by NHS colleagues. Mr Gribbin undertook to check when this report would be available.

Colin Pettigrew confirmed that further to the February 2020 workshop on 'Giving Children the Best Start' something substantive would be brought to the January 2021 Board meeting.

#### **RESOLVED: 2020/028**

That:

- 1) The work programme be noted and consideration be given to any changes.

The meeting closed at 15:43

**CHAIR**