

Meeting **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

Date **Wednesday, 7 October 2020 (commencing at 2:00 pm)**

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Tony Harper (Chair)
Joyce Bosnjak
Glynn Gilfoyle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Kevin Rostance

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
A	Colin Pettigrew	-	Corporate Director, Children and Families Services
A	Jonathan Gribbin	-	Director of Public Health

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS

David Ainsworth	NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group
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| A | Idris Griffiths | - | NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group |
| A | 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
 Clare Gilbert – Group Manager, Strategic Commissioning NCC

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Edward Shaw	-	Public Health and Commissioning Manager
Martin Gately	-	Democratic Services Officer

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2nd September 2020 having been previously circulated were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr Thilan Bartolomeuz (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Lucy Dadge (NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group)

Idris Griffiths (NHS Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group)

Jonathan Gribbin (Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council)

Colin Pettigrew (Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Schools, Nottinghamshire County Council)

Councillor Abby Brennan replaced Councillor Debbie Mason as the Health and Wellbeing Board Member for Rushcliffe Borough Council.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chairman introduced the report and highlighted the following issues: the importance of adherence to stricter coronavirus guidelines due to increased rates in Nottinghamshire (400 cases per 100,000 population), the 2020 Flu Campaign – Health and Wellbeing Board Members were reassured that supplies of the vaccine are being prioritised for people who are clinically at risk; the themes of the Adult Social Care Coronavirus Winter Plan – which includes collaboration across health and care services; and the Government's Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme – part of the focus for which is on the food environment in the early years sector for children under the age of five.

Councillor Amanda Fisher raised the issue of the impact of charges for prescription delivery and suggested that a piece of work on this matter be included in the work programme.

Councillor Bosnjak mentioned payments to people who are self-isolating and queried whose responsibility it was to promote such payments. In response, Melanie Brooks, Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health indicated that Borough and District Councils were responsible for administering and promoting the scheme and confirmed that the County Council's only responsibility in relation to the grant funding was for the infection control grant for the social care market.

Dr Jeremy Griffiths emphasised the importance of the Connected Notts technology and the Health and Social Care portal, which will allow providers to better access information on each other's systems, and that an update be placed on the work programme.

RESOLVED: 2020/021

That the following actions were identified:

- 1) Adding to the work programme items on charging for prescription delivery and Connected Notts.

COVID 19 ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

Luke Barrett, Group Manager, Communications and Marketing, Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report and explained that the strategy provided an overview of the local authority's approach to communications but did not catalogue all of the challenges that had been encountered. Mr Barrett requested that he return to a future meeting of the Board with relevant examples of what had been delivered, and also emphasised that working closely with District partners was the only way to succeed.

In response to questions from Board Members, Mr Barrett indicated that the fast changing nature of Government regulations had been a challenge. A considerable amount of engagement had taken place via social media and the NCC website.

Sarah Collis, Healthwatch, requested that Healthwatch be included in the plan and listed as a stakeholder.

Councillor Fisher thanked all local authority staff across Nottinghamshire for the work they do in relation to the pandemic.

Councillor Tideswell raised concerns about University students not socially distancing or wearing masks, and similar concerns at school drop off and pick up times. Mr Barrett responded that NCC had been working closely with the University communications team to make sure social distancing messaging is relayed to the people who need it. But he was mindful not to be seen to be targeting students as the cause of outbreaks. With regard to the school gates issue, newsletters providing COVID information are sent out to families (with small children) who have subscribed, and these promote social distancing.

Dr Griffiths highlighted research he had been involved with regarding different attitudes to the COVID-19 virus across different age ranges e.g. young people being less fearful of the virus, as well as being less aware of its wider impact. Mr Barrett indicated that he would be very interested in following up on this research, with a view to producing communications which were more granular and targeted.

From his personal experience, Councillor Henry Wheeler highlighted the difficulties of social distancing in a school setting, including how staff members have to work across year group bubbles, and children congregating in large numbers after school. Councillor Wheeler queried how a wider, coherent message could be communicated. Mr Barrett emphasised the closeness of his working with Colin Pettigrew, Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Schools in terms of messaging for schools. However, there was a need to move into a more interactive phase of communications.

Councillor Bosnjak emphasised that District and County Councillors were a communications asset that needed to be utilised more fully.

RESOLVED: 2020/022

That:

- 1) Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire be included as a stakeholder within the COVID-19 Engagement and Communication Strategy.
- 2) The research referenced by Dr Griffiths be examined by the Group Manager, Communications and Marketing.

BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE AND RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL OF THE 2019-20 BETTER CARE FUND PLANNING TEMPLATE SUBMISSION

Melanie Brooks, Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health, NCC, and Clare Gilbert NCC's Group Manager for Strategic Commissioning introduced the update, which included Better Care Fund reporting for quarter 4, progress on the recommendations agreed by the Health and Wellbeing on 24 July and the Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement.

Ms Gilbert highlighted that a workshop on the Better Care Fund for Health and Wellbeing would take place in December.

RESOLVED 2020/023

That:

- 1) the Better Care Fund (2019-20, quarter 4) reporting template that was submitted to NHS England & Improvement on 4 September 2020 be approved.
- 2) the actions underway to progress the recommendations approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 24 July 2020 and progress to finalise the Section 75 Better Care Fund agreement be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

Melanie Brooks explained that due to the priority taken by the ongoing response to COVID-19, a number of items were likely to have to be stood down from the work programme, and this would have to be subject to negotiation with the Chairman outside the meeting.

Ed Shaw confirmed that he had noted the requests made earlier in the meeting: Nottinghamshire Connect from Dr Griffiths, prescription charging and Luke Barrett's offer to come back to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: 2020/024

That:

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

The meeting closed at 15:05

CHAIR