

Meeting: Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday 13 December 2023 (commencing at 2:00pm)

Membership:

Persons absent are marked with an 'Ap' (apologies given) or 'Ab' (where apologies had not been sent). Substitute members are marked with a 'S.'

Nottinghamshire County Councillors

John Doddy (Chair)
Penny Gowland
Tom Smith

District and Borough Councillors

	David Walters	-	Ashfield District Council
	Lynne Schuller	-	Bassetlaw District Council
Ap	Colin Tideswell	-	Broxtowe Borough Council
S	Richard Falvey	-	Broxtowe Borough Council
	Henry Wheeler	-	Gedling Borough Council
	Angie Jackson	-	Mansfield District Council
	Jonathan Wheeler	-	Rushcliffe Borough Council

Nottinghamshire County Council Officers

	Jonathan Gribbin	-	Director for Public Health
	Elizabeth Winter	-	Public Health & Commissioning Manager

NHS Partners

	Dr Thilan Bartholomeuz (Vice Chair)	-	Mid-Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership
S	Dr Janine Elson	-	NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board
	Helen Smith	-	South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership

Other Partners**Substitute Members**

Richard Falvey for Colin Tideswell

Officers and colleagues in attendance:

Rhys Attwell	-	Nottinghamshire County Council Democratic Services Officer
Vivienne Robbins	-	Nottinghamshire County Council Deputy Director for Public Health
Sarah Collis	-	Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 November 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

Dave Briggs
Colin Tideswell
Susan Crosby
Victoria Mcgregor Riley
Stephen Shortt
Oliver Newbould
Melanie Williams

3. Declarations of Interests

None.

4. Water Fluoridation in Nottinghamshire

Vivienne Robbins, the Deputy Director for Public Health, presented a report on water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire. The report wished to inform members on water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire and seek comment on work to advocate for its expansion for the benefit of all local population.

Vivienne Robbins, presented to Board Members a presentation detailing the benefits of water fluoridation for the population of Nottinghamshire.

The following was discussed:

- a) It was noted by the Chair that 30% of Nottinghamshire have access to fluoridated water, with there being emphasis on increasing the populations access to water fluoridation.
- b) The Board noted that water fluoridation is a safe and effective population intervention that can reduce scale and likelihood of tooth decay. It was further noted that water fluoridation is a natural mineral which commonly occurs in water supplies, with there being a plan to mimic the naturally occurring fluoride levels.
- c) It was noted that 1 in 5 children under the age of 5 have experienced tooth decay, with it being explained that data had shown in some areas where there

is fluoridated water a decrease in tooth decay. As evidenced by Mansfield (fluoridated area) only having 16.9% visible decay compared to a neighbouring area with the same demographic being Boston in Lincolnshire (un-fluoridated area) having a visible decay of 32%.

- d) It was noted that the intended impact of water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire could lead to 35% reduction in children under 5 having missing or fillings in their teeth. It was also highlighted that an expected 115 fewer extraction a year would take place, and across the board oral health would improve for 130,000 people in Nottinghamshire aged over 65 who would be at risk of oral health issues.
- e) It was noted that Nottinghamshire County Council are going through a two phased progress. Stage one would take 6-12 months, which would involve a motion being passed at full council, Secretary of State for Health draft letter development, stakeholder engagement and finally a request letter being submitted to the secretary of state for Health.
- f) It was noted that Stage two would take place over a longer 3–10-year period and would involve a variety of different tasks undertaken including feasibility studies, which would involve liaising with water companies, a public consultation to understand the public perspective and the decision on whether to proceed with development by the Secretary of State for Health. If the Secretary of State for Health does decide to go ahead with the intended project, there would be a huge project around building infrastructure in Nottinghamshire.
- g) It was noted that the next step process and recommendations would collaborate with partners including the Health and Wellbeing Board to keep them updated with any outcomes which may have arisen.
- h) There were concerns by Board Members about the length of Stage Two, with some Board Members feeling that 3-10 years was a long waiting time.
- i) There was a discussion about the need for recruiting local dentists, with it being noted that East Midlands did not currently have a dentistry school. Board Members wished to see a discussion take place between partnership groups and East Midland based universities about establishing a dentistry school.
- j) It was noted by Board Members that a lot of families in Nottinghamshire do not have access to a dentistry practise, and for issues relating to teeth in young children, a lot of families use General Practitioner surgeries and Hospitals as a substitute.
- k) There was a discussion around the side effects about Water Fluoridation, with the Chair and Officers in attendance reassuring Board Members that potential challenges had been extremely researched and do not pose a risk to the public.
- l) There was a discussion around how to best engage concerned members of the public about Water Fluoridation and making them aware of facts rather than any potential conspiracy theories which is in the public domain.

RESOLVED (2023/030)

- 1) To comment on and support the work programme to champion better oral health outcomes for children and young people and advocate for the expansion of water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire.

5. The Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter Two National Return

Naomi Robinson, Deputy Head of Joint Commissioning, NHS Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board, presented via a Microsoft teams link the Better Care Fund (BCF) Quarter Two National Return Report.

The following was discussed:

- a) It was noted that this was the first quarterly report since the Covid-19 pandemic, brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was further noted that this was the first quarter template which had also been completed, focusing on metrics and performances to system demand and capacity planning around intermediate care, and did not include financial updates within the report.
- b) It was noted that the metrics for measuring performances was base upon avoidable admissions, which are conditions classed as avoidable if there is initiative-taking care available.
- c) It was noted that there is an Urgent Community Response Service, which is a service offered to the residents of Nottinghamshire who are at risk of acute admission. The Service was noted as taking referrals from healthcare professionals, providing a same day response within a two-hour period.
- d) It was noted that there is a new metric for measuring the emergency hospital admission for those over 65 who have experienced a fall.
- e) It was noted that there is ongoing targeted support for those who are frail and may need additional support, with more being done through primary care networks.
- f) It was noted that the use of a multi-disciplinary team through the BCF, funds various roles and coordinated role around care hubs, which are used to support residents who have been discharged and have various care packages in place, with additional assessments being carried out around any other support which may be required and how effective the care package had been.
- g) It was noted that the modelling for capacity planning and system demand modelling had been updated for intermediate care which have included seasonal Winter pressures with 10% increase added for December and January.
- h) In response to the question about digital aided virtual care, it was noted that there is an increase in virtual beds across the county, with digital monitors being used by those discharged from hospital early as a way of monitoring people from the comfort of their homes.
- i) There was a discussion around Rushcliffe District council having to use its own capital reserve to fund programmes, with there being concerns that they have an older population which may require extra help.
- j) There was a discussion around ensuring that the service offered is a personalised service aimed at keeping residents in their homes for as long as feasibly possible.
- k) It was noted that there is no current freeze on the recruitment drive in the ICB, but there was emphasis on waiting for the new financial year in some situations before advertising roles.

RESOLVED (2023/031)

- 1) To ratify the Nottinghamshire Better Care Fund quarter two reporting template that was submitted to NHS England on 31 October 2023.

6. Chairs Report

Councillor John Doddy, Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health, and Wellbeing Board presented a report on the current local and national health and wellbeing issues and their implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The following points were discussed:

- a) It was noted that the Chair wishing to see less than 5% of the population in Nottinghamshire smoking to try and reduce common illnesses such as heart attacks, lung disease and strokes.
- b) It was noted by that smoking inequality exists within Nottinghamshire, with Rushcliffe living longer by 8 years than those in Mansfield.
- c) Chair informed Board members that the response to a smoke free generation had been submitted to the government.

RESOLVED (2023/032)

- 1) To consider the Chair's Report and its implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022 – 2026.
- 2) To establish any actions required by the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the various issues outlined in the Chair's Report.

7. Work Programme

Councillor John Doddy, Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health, and Wellbeing Board presented and went through the work programme report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

RESOLVED (2023/033)

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board's work programme be noted.
- 2) That Board members make any further suggestions for items for inclusion on the work programme for consideration by the Chair and Vice-Chair, in consultation with the relevant officers and partners.

Chair: