

Meeting: Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday 07 February 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)  
Sinead Anderson  
Penny Gowland  
Tom Smith  
John Wilmott

**District and Borough Councillors**

S David Walters - Ashfield District Council  
Lynne Schuller - Bassetlaw District Council  
Colin Tideswell - Broxtowe Borough Council  
Henry Wheeler - Gedling Borough Council  
Angie Jackson - Mansfield District Council  
Susan Crosby - Newark and Sherwood District Council  
Jonathan Wheeler - Rushcliffe Borough Council

**Nottinghamshire County Council Officers**

S Lucy Peel - Service Director, Transformation and Improvement  
Vivienne Robbins - Acting Director of Public Health

**NHS Partners**

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

## **Other Partners**

- Sarah Collis - Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
- Prof. Daniel King - Chair, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance

## **Substitute Members**

Lucy Peel  
David Walters

## **Officers and colleagues in attendance:**

- Safia Ahmed - Public Health Registrar
- Joanna Cooper - Assistant Director of Strategy, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board
- James Lavender - Democratic Services Officer
- Catherine Pritchard - Consultant in Public Health
- Elizabeth Winter - Public Health & Commissioning Manager

## **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 13 December 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **2. TO NOTE THE REPLACEMENT OF COUNCILLOR SCOTT CARLTON WITH COUNCILLOR TOM SMITH**

### **RESOLVED (2024/001)**

That the replacement of Councillor Scott Carlton with Councillor Tom Smith as a Member of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, be noted.

## **3. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

The Chair thanked the previous Director of Public Health, Jonathan Gribbin, for his many years of service and work with the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Board was also asked to note the appointment of the Chair of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance, Professor Daniel King, to the Board.

### **RESOLVED (2024/002)**

That the appointment of Vivienne Robbins, Acting Director of Public Health, and Professor Daniel King, Chair of the Chair of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Alliance, to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, be noted.

#### **4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Colin Pettigrew  
Victoria McGregor Riley  
Melanie Williams

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **6. INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2023 – 2027 MARCH 2024 REVIEW**

Dave Briggs, Medical Director, and Joanna Cooper, Assistant Director of Strategy, of the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), delivered the report and a presentation which updated the Board on the progress of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy. The Board were also requested to agree an approach to reviewing the strategy and refreshing the NHS Forward Plan by March 2024. The following points were discussed:

- The Intent Programme supported young people in preventing them from taking up smoking and vaping. It was a whole school approach, with twelve schools in Nottinghamshire currently taking part. The programme was delivered by the County Council’s Tackling Emergency Threats Team as part of their wider healthy schools’ agenda. Actions like this build on the Government’s plans to ban the sale of cigarettes to 14-year-olds from the 1 April 2024 and ban the sale of single-use disposal vapes, which according to recent statistics, 20% of 11–17-year-olds had used, with 11% becoming habitual users. The long-term health effects of vaping were still being studied, but due to nicotine being highly-addictive, any efforts to curtail the use of vapes amongst children was welcome.
- Since the COVID-19 Pandemic, one of the main priorities for healthcare nationally and locally was to reduce premature mortality caused by heart and liver disease amongst people aged under 75. This would be where one of the 14 priorities of the Integrated Care Strategy, “Make Every Contact Count” would involve highlighting the dangers of alcohol and smoking, as well as communicating actions to prevent cardio-vascular disease. Other high priorities within the 14 listed in the presentation included supporting children and young people with the best start in life and supporting frail older people with underlying health conditions to maintain their independence and health.
- A series of outcome measures and targets underpin the 14 priorities of the Integrated Care Strategy. The priorities outlined would maintain the current opportunities around improving the health of the population of Nottinghamshire and build on the strengths of the Integrated Care Strategy. The priorities were designed to recognise the difficult financial circumstances across organisations within the healthcare system. The use of “Make Every Contact Count” aimed to

embed prevention and healthcare equity within the population and there was a strong evidence base for having children's start in life as a priority. The Joint NHS Forward Plan workshop in March would tease out more focused objectives within the 14 priorities.

- The Integrated Care Strategy and the NHS Joint Forward Plan were two separate documents with different requirements. The Integrated Care Strategy was owned by the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Partnership, which featured members of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, and this report highlighted the review approval process for the Strategy. The NHS Joint Forward Plan required the Board to support the plan and confirm that it articulated the objectives of the ICS for the City and the County. This was to be done at the NHS Joint Forward Plan workshop in March.
- Board members believed that the "Make Every Contact Count" priority could not be the only strategy for prevention and that the prevention agenda could suffer under the financial constraints. More needed to be done to address geographical health inequalities within the UK.
- A lot of work was undertaken in the Council's Public Health team on the 'building blocks' for good health, which included access to good housing, good work, good education, and good communities. Access to healthcare services contributes to 20% of a person's overall health, so these 'building blocks' were very important. The Public Health team were creating a narrative around the 'building blocks', linking it to the "Make Every Contact Count" priority, and communicating it across healthcare organisations, districts, and boroughs, so the message would have the greatest impact on the population. The work was still in its early stages.
- £4.5 million Health Inequalities Innovation and Investment Fund (HIIF) was approved by the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB for 2022/23 financial year. However due to the challenging financial position of the ICB, projects that had not yet committed funding were paused and would start again next year (2024/25).
- The ICB were committed to moving investment into preventative measures, however there were challenges due to healthcare services exceeding budgets. This was due to inflation, increased technological innovation, and the needs of the population outstripping growth. Prevention would require working together to manage the pressures of demographic changes. People with complex needs in the social care system required personalised, carefully planned care, and they needed to be more supported within the community. A balanced financial budget had not currently been delivered in the health sector, so a different control total was agreed with NHS England. The aim was to recover the position within the next two years and reduce the deficit.
- Officers will provide information to members of the Board about the types of schools which were involved with the healthy schools' agenda.

- Further integration of health services within Nottinghamshire would be welcomed to tackle the biggest issues within public health.

### **RESOLVED (2024/003)**

- 1) That comments be provided regarding strategic priorities for consideration within the Integrated Care Strategy 2024 review.
- 2) That the review of the Integrated Care Strategy and refresh of the NHS Joint Forward Plan be delegated to the Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Acting Director of Public Health.
- 3) That a workshop to consider draft revisions to the NHS Joint Forward Plan and to discuss and agree an indicative statement of support for the Plan be scheduled for Wednesday 13 March 2024.
- 4) That an item to approve the formal statement of support for the draft revised NHS Joint Forward Plan be scheduled for the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on Wednesday 17 April 2024.

### **7. APPROVAL OF THE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA)** **CHAPTER: SUICIDE PREVENTION**

Safia Ahmed, Public Health Registrar, delivered the report into Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) chapter on suicide prevention. The following points were discussed:

- The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board will be attending a workshop on suicide prevention on Wednesday 17 April.
- In the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide Deaths from 2011 to 2020, there was a general increase year-on-year on suicide-related deaths. The new National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023-2028 highlighted online safety has a key priority. The Online Safety Act received Royal Assent in the autumn of last year and provided a legal basis for what could be uploaded and accessed from the internet. OFCOM was the key regulator for this act.
- Members of the Board needed to consider what actions they could take collectively to prevent suicide-related deaths from devastating families and communities.
- Members were attending the NottAlone Workshop on 8 February at the YMCA Newark and Sherwood Community Village, which focused on mental health and wellbeing.
- Council colleagues will work closely with the Children and Looked After Children Team within the ICB to address a gap in the accessing of crisis care for looked after children.

- The suicide risk factor was high in children with SEND, children who self-harm, children in LGBT+ groups, and neurodiverse children. A whole school approach would allow support to be tailored to specific groups of children. In the spring, listening events commissioned by the Harmless Group would help the partnership tailor their support towards at-risk children and their families/carers. The Joint Local Transformation Plan on Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health overlapped with the work of the JSNA. By working together, the specific needs of those vulnerable children's groups can be identified and supported.
- There were challenges in obtaining an integrated approach towards suicide prevention. The Education Team had previously managed to establish integrated approaches for previous agendas, so further work would take place with them to see how they achieved this. The Children and Families Department had direct links with schools and academies to work on a whole range of issues, so they could be used as part of the suicide prevention strategy.
- Board members highlighted factors in suicide-related deaths such as eating disorders, unemployment, and gambling.

#### **RESOLVED (2024/004)**

- 1) That the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) chapter on Suicide Prevention, provided in Appendix 1, be approved.
- 2) That the implementation of the JSNA recommendations within the context of a new Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Suicide Prevention Strategy be supported.

#### **8. CHAIRS REPORT**

Councillor John Doddy and Dr Thilian Bartholomeuz, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, delivered the 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:

- Over recent years, there was an increase in the number of diagnosed oral cancers due to the impact of alcohol and smoking. Thus, there has been a need for local health partnerships to improve access to dentists.
- Recent surveys around the Government's plans to ban single use vapes had support from 70% of people who participated.
- Nottinghamshire County Council worked jointly with Nottingham City Council and Derby City Council to submit a successful bid and were awarded £5.3 million to develop the local programme 'Working Well East Midlands', which was expected to support more than 2,600 residents with disabilities and long-term health problems into work and retain employment.

- The NHS Lung Health Checks for cancer taking place in Mansfield and Ashfield was welcome. Currently, the UK only screened for cervical, breast and colon cancers. The screening for lung cancers started as a pilot scheme in the north of the country, where people aged 55 to 75 who smoked or had previously smoked were offered free screenings. The Lung Cancer Screening Programme will be the fourth cancer screening programme to be rolled out nationwide by 2030. Three areas in Nottinghamshire benefited from lung cancer screenings; Ashfield, Mansfield, and Bassetlaw (although Bassetlaw's lung cancer screenings were run through the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Cancer Alliance). From when the lung cancer screenings were launched in April 2021 and to November 2023, 150 cancers were diagnosed in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. 110 were diagnosed in Ashfield and Mansfield including 94 lung cancers. The early-stage diagnosis rate was 62% and 68% were curative. Ashfield and Mansfield had the highest uptake nationally. The screenings will be extended to Hucknall, Sherwood and Calverton by April, with further extensions to Newark and Rushcliffe in the future. Residents in Nottingham City also had access to the NHS Lung Health Checks provision.
- Members of the Board praised the efficiency lung health screenings, particularly in identifying lung conditions such as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in post-industrial areas of Nottinghamshire.
- Members of the Board welcomed the Government's £40 million package to fund six programmes of new employment support for adults who have a physical or mental health disability.

#### **RESOLVED (2024/005)**

- 1) That the Chair's Report and its implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026 be noted.
- 2) That any actions required by the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the various issues outlined in the Chair's Report be established.

#### **9. 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 (2024/006)**

- 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.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3:27pm.

**Chair:**