

Meeting: Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday 13 September (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)  
Ap Sinead Anderson  
S Chris Barnfather  
Scott Carlton  
Ap Sheila Place  
S Kate Foale  
John Wilmott

**District and Borough Councillors**

Ap David Walters - Ashfield District Council  
Lynne Schuller - Bassetlaw District Council  
Colin Tideswell - Broxtowe Borough Council  
Ap 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**

Ap Colin Pettigrew - Corporate Director for Children and Families Services  
S Lucy Peel - Service Director for Transformation and Improvement  
Ap Melanie Williams - Corporate Director for Adult Social Care And Public Health  
Jonathan Gribbin - Director for Public Health

**NHS Partners**

Dr Janine Elson - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board  
Ap Dr Eric Kelly - Bassetlaw Place Based-Partnership  
Ap Victoria McGregor-Riley - Bassetlaw and Mid-Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnerships

	Dr Thilan Bartholomeuz (Vice Chair)	-	Mid-Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership
Ab	Fiona Callaghan	-	South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership
Ap	Helen Smith	-	South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership
S	Dr Jill Langridge	-	South Nottinghamshire Place-Based Partnership

### **Other Partners**

Ab	Sharon Caddell	-	Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
	Sarah Collis	-	Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

### **Substitute Members**

Councillor Chris Barnfather for Councillor Sinead Anderson  
 Councillor Kate Foale for Councillor Sheila Place  
 Lucy Peel for Colin Pettigrew  
 Dr Jill Langridge for Helen Smith

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

Bridget Cameron	-	Service Director for Strategic Commissioning and Integration, Nottinghamshire County Council
Sarah Fleming	-	Programme Director for System Development, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board
Irene Kakoullis	-	Group Manager for Early Childhood Services, Nottinghamshire County Council
William Leather	-	Public Health and Commissioning Manager, Nottinghamshire County Council
Adrian Mann	-	Democratic Services Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council
Rhys Attwell	-	Democratic Services Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council
Vivienne Robbins	-	Deputy Director for Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council
Donna Smith	-	Deputy Integrated System Discharge Lead, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Sinead Anderson  
 Councillor Sheila Place  
 Councillor David Walters  
 Councillor Henry Wheeler  
 Colin Pettigrew  
 Melanie Williams

Dr Eric Kelly  
Victoria McGregor-Riley  
Helen Smith

## **2. Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interests were made.

## **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 July 2023, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## **4. Chair's 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) There has been a rise in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) prescribing in adults over the last few years. The current waiting time for assessment and diagnosis for ADHD by the NHS in adults is a minimum of 30 months. In children the waiting time is 24 months from the date the child is referred for assessment. It is important that as much as possible is done to reduce the waiting time for neurodiversity assessments in both children and adults.
- b) Nottinghamshire County Council passed a motion to champion the oral health agenda and the expansion of water fluoridation in Nottinghamshire. Currently the Water Fluoridation scheme covers 1/3 of the Nottinghamshire population. Around 37.5% of the child-age population have significant dental health issues and a portion of the child-age population had been admitted through casualty departments in the Nottinghamshire area to receive treatment under anaesthetic. This disease burden is preventable, so the Water Fluoridation Scheme, when integrated into the expanding areas, would help reduce issues around tooth decay and health inequality.
- c) Nottinghamshire County Council has secured funding to distribute toothbrushing packs to foodbanks and other organisations, to offer dental care provisions to vulnerable people in the Nottinghamshire area. The intervention being carried out had support from organisations such as the British Dental Association and World Health Organisation. Members wished to see a return to a pre-Covid scheme called 'Brushing buddies', where school aged children would be taught how to properly brush their own teeth and be provided with toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- d) Members expressed a strong desire to see an increase in the employment rate of NHS dentists. Nevertheless, there is the potential for initiatives like Water Fluoridation Scheme and the distribution of toothbrushing packs to help address issues related to inequality in the current context.

- e) Nottinghamshire County Council has secured £9.2 million of investments in schools. The investment would be used for infrastructure improvements such as roof replacements, drainage and other works which may be needed. The delivery of the £9.2 million investments will be a partnership between the Council and SCAPE, with up to 20 primary schools benefitting from the investment.
- f) The government has announced the launch of the £76 million community organisation cost of living fund, which is being delivered by the National Lottery Community Fund, with the objective of supporting charities and community organisations with the impact of the cost of living.
- g) Members highlighted the issue of alcohol abuse and the importance of early intervention schemes, including funding in place to enable outreach to hospital inpatients. The Board was committed to addressing this problem effectively with a focus on fostering a healthier and safer environment, as well as recognising that prevention is key to reducing the negative impact of alcohol on the community.
- h) Members noted that Food Banks may operate inconsistently to one another. This could potentially lead to variabilities in how the needs of individuals or families were supported. There is potential for partners to explore alternatives and consider other options of intervention, such as through the free school meals system, to ensure that the services provided are efficient and equitable, with the maximum impact for the most disadvantaged.
- i) Council staff take part in Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) training. The Domestic Abuse Partnership Board recently reviewed the DAHA, and there is the potential for a report could be brought to the Board in the future. It was brought to the attention of members that there had been direct funding to schools, to assist staff in recognising the signs of Domestic Violence.

**Resolved (2023/023):**

- 1) To note the Chair's Report and its implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2022-26.

**5. Family Hub Developments in Nottinghamshire**

Irene Kakoullis, Group Manager for Early Childhood Services at Nottinghamshire County Council, presented a report on the progress and next steps for the development and implementation of Family Hub Networks across Nottinghamshire. The following points were discussed:

- a) The Family Hubs offer support to families with children aged between 0-19 to achieve a best start for life, with further support for those aged 19-24 with special educational needs or disabilities. The Family Hubs have been based on the model of how children's centres were first developed, employing the same methods such as partnership working and community-based empowerment. Family Hubs aim to improve the access to services for families in deprived communities, offering guidance and support to those who may not be able to

navigate the system without assistance. Service needs can vary widely from place to place, so it is important that the Family Hub's core offer is then developed to meet local requirements in partnership with District and Borough Councils, Place-Based Partnerships, the Department for Work and Pensions and Jobcentre Plus.

- b) It is important that there is accurate targeting of families in specific areas who need intervention support. Prioritising support for families in need, the Family Hubs' focus will be on reaching out to individual families within their communities, conducting outreach efforts to establish trust and relationships with marginalised groups who may not visit the buildings through which services are delivered, and developing virtual services.
- c) An update was provided indicating that Family Hubs initiative is currently in its initial pilot phase, and there is an impending report intended for Cabinet to outline the strategy for its broader rollout. It was emphasized that the forthcoming phase would involve comprehensive consultations aimed at pinpointing the specific priorities and focal points for Family Hubs in different regions or areas. Furthermore, a proactive plan to increase collaboration and engagement with schools, particularly in response to the evolving needs of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). The overarching goal was to ensure that the concerns and input of services users were given the utmost importance throughout this process. It was also mentioned that a commitment to enhancing information sharing mechanisms. This effort was designed to transform Family Hubs into a truly holistic and convenient services centres, acting as one-stop destinations for individuals seeking assistance while also efficiency guiding them towards the most relevant services.
- d) Questions were raised concerning lessons learned from the ongoing pilot phase, and how these insights would effectively improve the broader implementation phase of Family Hubs. In response, there has been the introduction of a concept called "design site", where the underlining intention is to develop these services in close collaboration with the entire community, signifying an approach to the commitment of involving diverse perspectives and ensuring that Family Hubs are personalised to meet the unique needs of the local population they serve.
- e) Members considered that it was vital that the networking model developed would effectively address the diverse needs of the full range of communities, ranging from dispersed rural areas to more concentrated towns and urban areas. Members also sought to understand the distinction between the upcoming Family Hub Network sites and the previous initiatives with similar objectives. These distinctions included a design which will be targeted at networking in specific locations, efforts to engage with schools, parents/carers, public consultations, and external partners across the network to gather their insights regarding specific priorities of the Family Hub Network in each area. Once information about the area's needs is gathered, collaborative activities with families can be further developed.
- f) Members emphasized the importance of ensuring timely access to SEND and Mental Health Services, raising questions about how to guarantee that

commissioned services providers effectively engage in outreach efforts. It was explained to Members that the Council's "design site" approach involved close collaboration with all partners working on frontline services.

**Resolved (2023/024):**

- 1) To note the work progressed to establish the current Family Hub Networks, and to endorse the proposed next steps for the further roll-out of Family Hub Networks across Nottinghamshire.

**6. Nottinghamshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Work Programme 2023-24**

William Leather, Public Health and Commissioning Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council, presented a report on the proposed priorities for the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme for 2023/24. The following points were discussed:

- a) The Board has a legal obligation to produce the JSNA, encompassing its creation, utilisation, availability, and adoption by broader partners. The JSNA is structured to evaluate the existing and forthcoming care requirements of the system, facilitating evidence-based planning, and a proposed work programme providing the reasoning behind the identified priorities has been produced.
- b) A prioritisation process is carried out each year against set criteria, involving the Nottinghamshire local authorities, the Place-Based Partnerships, and the Integrated Care Board. Some refinements have been introduced to ensure flexibility in developing planned priorities and responding to emerging issues and new priorities.
- c) The JSNA aims to centralise data in collaboration with partners such as the NHS, with the primary goal of preventing data duplication. Taking into consideration input from partners and studying national best practises, the JSNA has been enhanced to increase its influence and scope. Targeted prolife packs have been developed to address certain issues in a much timelier way than the production of a full JSNA chapter (of which there are currently 42), and interactive data dashboards have been introduced to compliment the JSNA narrative and improve accessibility.
- d) Violence against women and girls is a major priority for the whole healthcare system and was considered by the Board as part of the Nottinghamshire Covid Impact Assessment process. However, as programmes already exist within the system to seek to address this significant issue, this work does not need to be replicated within the JSNA at this time as part of its current priorities – though this will be kept under review.

**Resolved (2023/025):**

- 1) To approve the 2023/24 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme.

- 2) To approve the proposed refinements to the JSNA prioritisation process being made to enable greater flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of the local system, going forward.
- 3) To note the other work taking place to develop the JSNA to maximise its impact and reach.

## **7. 2023-25 Better Care Fund Planning Requirements**

Sarah Fleming and Donna Smith, Programme Director for System Development and Deputy Integrated System Discharge Lead at the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB), and Bridget Cameron, Service Director for Strategic Commissioning, and Integration at Nottinghamshire County Council, presented a report on the Nottinghamshire 2023-25 Better Care Fund (BCF) planning requirements. The following points were discussed:

- a) The BCF has now been in place for 10 years and represents a pooled budget between the NHS, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council to achieve integration and joint planning to support sustainability in the local healthcare system.
- b) Although reports on the BCF's metrics and performance are brought to the Board on a regular basis, due to the deadlines set out by NHS England (NHSE) for submission of the BCF returns, the planning template has already been approved through the Board's delegation arrangements. However, the ICB is working with partners to develop a more proactive approach to the production of BCF returns in the context of NHSE deadlines, to mitigate the need for decisions on the BCF to be taken under delegated powers.
- c) The Board held a detailed workshop on the development of the BCF going forward, and it is intended that another workshop on the BCF will be held soon. The Board considered that there is a significant opportunity to work closely with the Place-Based Partnerships to identify where effective investment in prevention can be made via the BCF.

### **Resolved (2023/026):**

- 1) To ratify the Nottinghamshire 2023-25 Better Care Fund Planning templates as submitted to NHS England on 28 June 2023.

## **8. Work Programme**

Councillor John Doddy, Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, presented the Board's current Work Programme.

### **Resolved (2023/027):**

- 1) To note the Work Programme.

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 3:12pm.

**Chair:**