

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Wednesday, 31 March 2021

Present:

Councillor Yvonne Nolan
Simon Banks

Councillor Wendy Clements
Dr Paula Cowan
Councillor Phil Gilchrist
Councillor Jeff Green
Louise Healey
Graham Hodgkinson
Janelle Holmes

Karen Howell

Inspector Tom Elch
Karen Prior
Mark Thomas
Julie Webster
Simone White
Councillor Jeanette Williamson

Chair
Chief Officer, NHS Wirral CCG
and Wirral Health & Care
Commissioning
Wirral Council
Chair, Wirral CCG
Wirral Council
Wirral Council
Jobcentre Plus
Director for Health & Care
CEO Wirral University Teaching
Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
CEO Wirral Community NHS
Foundation Trust
Merseyside Police
Chair, Healthwatch Wirral
Mersey Fire and Rescue
Director of Public Health
Director for Children's Services
Wirral Council

In attendance:

Brian Simpson

David Eva
Mark Fraser
Mark Greatrex

Steve Bedser

Apologies:

Nicola Allen
Liz Bishop

Alan Evans

Paul Satoor

Warren Ward

Chair, Strategic Housing
Partnership
Healthy Wirral Partnerships
General Practitioner
Wirral Community NHS
Foundation Trust
Local Government Association

Head of Medical Directorate
CEO, Clatterbridge Cancer
Centre NHS Foundation Trust
Director of Regeneration &
Place
Chief Executive of Wirral
Borough Council
Director, Community Action
Wirral

1 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were asked to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they were.

No declarations were made.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Satoor, Alan Evans, Nicola Allen, Liz Bishop, Warren Ward and Supt Martin Earl.

Apologies for absence were also received from Councillor Moira McLaughlin and Councillor Pat Cleary who attend Board meetings in an ex-officio capacity as group leaders.

3 **MINUTES**

Resolved – That the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2020 be agreed.

At the request of the Chair, the Committee agreed to rearrange the order of business

4 **SETTING THE SCENE**

Graham Hodkinson, Director of Care and Health introduced the item by outlining the forthcoming changes to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It was reported that the requirements for change were two-fold, the first being the need for the Board ensure its vision remained fit for purpose in light of the changes to the Borough over the previous ten years, and the need to ensure the Board was fit for purpose to be able to tackle the health inequalities in Wirral and have strong links to the wider determinants of health such as employment and regeneration. In addition, major changes within the NHS were a further driver for the changing role of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the proposed implementation of the Integrated Care System meaning the Board would take on a key leadership role in driving forward the new cohesive approach as the formal Integrated Care Partnership Board.

The role of the Board as part of an Integrated Care Partnership was detailed, with it continuing to provide oversight, strategic direction and co-ordination of local partnerships, but with additional bodies sitting underneath it. This included the Integrated Commissioning Partnership with a pooled fund and formalised partnership arrangements, alongside a Wirral Provider Collaborative which would align and focus decision making and deliver on population health outcomes.

Members considered the content of any possible alterations to the Terms of Reference of the Board as a result of the changes outlined and were informed that the discussion members of the Board were to have on its focus and purpose would influence whether there was a need to revise the Terms of Reference.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

5 PURPOSE OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Chair informed members that the content of the item had already been covered under minute item 4 'Setting the Scene' and moved to the recommendations.

An amendment to a recommendation was proposed by Councillor Yvonne Nolan and seconded by Councillor Jeff Green, so that it read:

'That should it be required, the Director of Law & Governance, in consultation with the Director of Adult Care and Health and the Director of Public Health, be requested to undertake a review of the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference, and that the revised Terms of Reference be brought back to a future meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to its consideration at Constitution and Standards Committee.

Resolved – That

- 1) the Health and Wellbeing Board focus and purpose be further reviewed.**
- 2) should it be required, the Director of Law & Governance, in consultation with the Director of Adult Care and Health and the Director of Public Health, be requested to undertake a review of the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference, and that the revised Terms of Reference be brought back to a future meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to its consideration at Constitution and Standards Committee.**

6 VISION

The Chair informed the Board that Steve Bedser from the Local Government Association was in attendance to facilitate an exercise on how the Health and Wellbeing Board could be used to tackle health inequalities.

Members were asked to consider how the Health and Wellbeing Board could contribute to the strategic vision of 'Wirral being a place where everyone is able to live happy, safe and healthy lives'. The comments included:

- Collaboration and integration with partner organisations;
- Considering the wider determinants of health such as housing, education and employment;
- Connecting health and social care to support the broader socio-economic development of the borough;
- Working with children and young people at an early stage;
- Working with housing providers to provide good quality housing;
- Equity in access and delivery of health and care services;
- Greater links with regeneration;
- Focus on early intervention and the use of social prescribing;
- Availability of good quality data at a neighbourhood level; and

- Good quality employment opportunities.

Following the exercise, Steve Bedser provided an observation of the discussions had by board members, where he noted how the priority of the Board had developed in the previous 12 months from looking at the operational detail of the interface between health and social care to considering the wider shared factors in health and wellbeing. The ability for partners to be able to fully contribute to the Board meeting was highlighted as a positive from the session. As part of its next steps, the Board was urged to develop a plan that was strategic, prioritised but also deliverable by forward planning the agenda content and working with colleagues across the organisations and partner organisations to ensure that meetings were effective.

Resolved – That the exercise be noted.

7 **WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY AND FAITH SECTOR**

Julie Webster, Director of Public Health introduced the report which outlined a proposed approach to working with the Community, Voluntary and Faith (CVF) sector to improve health and reduce inequalities as part of the broader strategic intent to work with local communities to deliver the Wirral Plan 2020 – 2025.

It was reported that the relationships with the Community, Voluntary and Faith sector had strengthened during the Covid-19 response where the sector had illustrated its reach, impact and flexibility to respond quickly to local communities. The Board was reminded of the work that had been undertaken with the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector in collaboration with Capacity Lab prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, which sought to support CVF organisations in several ways including being able to compete in the Council contract market. In addition to this, a workshop had taken place in January 2020 with a range of organisations across the sector which identified a consensus for a new relationship between the sector, the Council and Health partners.

Therefore, the report outlined the main workstreams to influence the next steps to build on this existing work to improve those working relationships, including establishing a working group to oversee the approach. These workstreams included:

- Looking at the CVF sector leadership with Wirral Council and the wider Wirral Partnership;
- Business support for not-for-profit organisations;
- Co-ordinating funding bids across the sector;
- Commissioning the third sector; and
- Volunteering need and opportunity.

The Board acknowledged the significant amount of money spent by both the Council and Health partners commissioning services from the Community, Voluntary and Faith sector, and felt that greater co-ordination of this spending could improve outcomes for service users.

Resolved – That

- 1) the proposed approach to working with the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector be supported.**
- 2) a working group be established to oversee the approach taken to working with the Community, Voluntary and Faith sector with members wishing to serve to nominate themselves to the Director of Public Health.**