

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 8th September, 2020 at 2.00 pm in Teams Virtual Meeting

Present:

Chair

County Councillor Shaun Turner, Lancashire County Council

Committee Members

Denis Gizzi, Chorley and South Ribble CCG and Greater Preston CCG
County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire County Council
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Lancashire County Council
Louise Taylor, Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council
Sarah Callaghan, Education and Skills, Lancashire County Council
Kirsty Hollis, East Lancashire CCG
Sam Proffitt, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust
Gary Hall, Lancashire Chief Executive Group
Stephen Ashley, LCSAP, LASB
Councillor Bridget Hilton, Central Lancashire, Lancashire Leaders Group
Councillor Jayne Nixon, Fylde Coast, Lancashire Leaders Group
Councillor Jackie Oakes, East Lancashire, Lancashire Leaders Group
Councillor Margaret France, Central Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Greg Mitten, West Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership
Adrian Leather, Third Sector
Stephen Spencer, Housing Providers

Apologies

Dr Sakthi Karunanithi	Public Health, Lancashire County Council
Stephen Young	Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council
Dr Geoff Jolliffe	Morecambe Bay CCG
Dr Peter Gregory	West Lancashire CCG
Karen Partington	Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust
Councillor Viv Willder	Fylde Coast, Lancashire Leaders Group
David Russel	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Clare Platt	Health Equity, Welfare & Partnerships

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies were noted as above.

A New Board Member was welcomed to the meeting:

- Cllr Jackie Oakes replacing Cllr Steve Hughes, East Lancashire, Lancashire Leaders Group

Replacements for the meeting were as follows:

- Denis Gizzi for Dr Lindsey Dickinson, Chorley and South Ribble CCG and Dr Sumantra Mukerji, Greater Preston CCG
- Sarah Callaghan for Edwina Grant, OBE, Lancashire County Council
- Kirsty Hollis for Dr Julie Higgins, East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group
- Stephen Spencer for Tammy Bradley, Housing Providers

Additional apologies were received from Blackburn with Darwen Council

- Dominic Harrison

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosures of interest in relation to items appearing on the agenda.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 21 July 2020

Resolved: That the Board agreed the minutes of the meetings held on 21 July 2020.

4. Action Sheet and Forward Plan

Resolved: That the action sheet and forward plan was noted.

5. Lancashire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Partnership – SEND Inspection Re-visit

Sarah Callaghan, Director of Education and Skills, Lancashire County Council and Hilary Fordham, Chief Operating Officer, Morecambe Bay Clinical Commissioning Group introduced the item.

Lancashire local area Special Educational Needs and Disabilities services were inspected by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in November 2017 to judge how effectively the special educational needs and disability (SEND) reforms had been implemented, as set out in the Children and Families Act 2014. The inspection identified two fundamental failings and twelve areas of significant concern.

Partners in Lancashire were required to produce a Written Statement of Action, setting out the immediate priorities for action. The Written Statement of Action was subsequently updated and progress on the implementation of these actions monitored by the Department for Education (DfE) and NHS England. Progress has been reported regularly to the SEND Partnership Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

An inspection revisit by Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) took place in February and March 2020; the report was published on 5 August 2020 and circulated to members of the Board on the same day which set out that of the 12 areas of significant concern, seven the inspectors believed, had been sufficiently addressed and five still remained with some issues outstanding. The areas where there had been sufficient progress made included the strategic leadership and vision across the partnership, engagement with parents and carers, although it is always acknowledged that there is more to do on that particular agenda and the quality of the Education, Health and Care plans with further details included in the report which was circulated with the agenda.

For the five areas where sufficient progress had not been made, there is an expectation to produce an Accelerated Progress Plan which will be submitted to the Department for Education/NHS England (DfE/NHS(E)) on 28 September 2020. Due to the tight timescales to prepare, the plan is currently in development and a working draft was attached to the report circulated with the agenda. This Plan will be formally monitored by the Department for Education/NHS England (DfE/NHS (E)) and progress reported to the SEND Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Board.

The five areas where sufficient progress had not been made were:

- (i) Leaders understanding of the local area – the inspectors felt that progress had been made, although there were still some issues with sufficiency of data and ensuring that it is utilised to make the correct decisions for the benefit of Lancashire's children and young people.
- (ii) Weak joint commissioning arrangements – again this reflects some of the issues around the data provision and the need to appropriately monitor the Services that are commissioned.
- (iii) The absence of effective diagnostic pathways for young people on the Autistic spectrum disorder – the inspectors felt that it had been addressed at primary level which was the diagnostic pathway itself, however it was found that there were some long waiting lists in some parts of the County and these will now have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (iv) Poor transitions from Children's Services to Adult Services within Health Care. This area was acknowledged as part of the introduction to the inspection that more needed to be done.
- (v) Inaccessibility of the Local Offer – again work has been done to develop a revised Local Offer and work has been undertaken with parents and carers around that, however the feedback to the inspectors was that it still was not sufficiently accessible for parents and carers.

For each of the five areas which require monitoring due to sufficient progress not being made, there needs to be an Accelerated Progress Plan and it is essential going forward, to be able to demonstrate clear key performance indicators (KPIs) which evidence that the actions being taken are having a significant impact on the lived experience of children and young people who are accessing the service. Further details of the targets can be found in the Accelerated Progress Plan for each of the five areas.

As the accountable body for the Accelerated Progress Plan it is proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board establish a formal sub-committee to ensure robust oversight of the Plan on behalf of the Board, so that progress achieved to date is maintained. The formal sub-committee has powers delegated to it by this Board.

Following discussions it was:

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Noted receipts of the report from Ofsted/Care Quality Commission following the joint area SEND inspection re-visit;
- (ii) Considered the draft Accelerated Progress Plan to address the five areas where it has been judged that sufficient progress has not yet been achieved;
- (iii) Established a sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Terms of Reference to scrutinise the progress on the implementation of the Plan and the associated Key Performance Indicators.

6. Lancashire COVID-19 Outbreak Management Update

In the absence of Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Director of Public Health, the Chair of the Lancashire Outbreak Engagement Board provided a brief current situation report on the Lancashire COVID-19 outbreak.

It was reported that the current situation is deteriorating slightly both locally and nationally, particularly with areas in East Lancashire and Preston showing high rates of infections. Discussions are taking place locally on how to ease lockdown fatigue and prevent confusing messages and ensure that the people of Lancashire are supported in understanding the messages to restrict a further rise in cases. When requested, Dr Sakthi Karunanithi provides recommendations for Lancashire, with Central Government having the ultimate decision on what restrictions are put in place for Lancashire.

A brief update from the Lancashire Resilience Forum was that we are currently in a place where behaviour has changed so inevitably the virus will spread and it is about ensuring the basics are maintained – socially distancing, act reasonably, wash hands and continue to protect the vulnerable as their risk increases when the virus increases. We are in a better place with the majority of people following guidance and behaviours have changed since the start of the outbreak. The key area of work now is winter preparation and how are the more vulnerable protected along with the NHS.

Concerns were raised regards people in care homes, particularly those with Dementia and who can visit them and a request has been made to the Director of Public Health to provide some guidance on this which will then be shared with service providers in the care homes.

Resolved: The Board noted the update.

7. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business received.

8. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would take place on 3 November 2020 with the format of the meeting to be confirmed.

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