

## **Lancashire County Council**

## **Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 18 July, 2023 at 2.00 pm in Pavilion Cafe, Avenham Park, Preston, PR1 8JT**

### **Present:**

#### **Chair**

County Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire County Council

#### **Committee Members**

James Fleet, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board  
County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire County Council  
County Councillor Sue Whittam, Lancashire County Council  
Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, Public Health, Lancashire County Council  
Louise Taylor, Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council  
Chris Sinnott, Lancashire Chief Executive Group  
Councillor Barbara Ashworth, East Lancashire, Lancashire Leaders Group  
Councillor Jennifer Mein, Central, Lancashire Leaders Group

#### **Apologies**

David Blacklock, Healthwatch

### **1. Appointment of Chair and Deputy Chair**

The Board noted the appointment by the County Council on 25 May 2023 of County Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and James Fleet, Chief People Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Health and Wellbeing Board, for 2023/24.

### **2. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked the staff at the Pavilion Café, Avenham Park, Preston for hosting the meeting.

Apologies were noted as above.



New members were noted as follows:

County Councillor Graham Gooch, replacing County Councillor Philippa Williamson, Lancashire County Council

Councillor Jennifer Mein, replacing Councillor Matthew Brown, Central Lancashire, Lancashire Leaders Group

Councillor Chris Dixon replacing Cllr Viv Willder, Fylde Coast, Lancashire Leaders Group

**Resolved:** That the Chair requested a letter of thanks be sent to the outgoing members for their time and commitment to the Board. It was noted that Sam Gorton, Democratic Services, Lancashire County Council would arrange this.

### **3. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests**

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

### **4. Minutes of the Last Meeting held on 9 May 2023**

**Resolved:** That the Board agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2023.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### **5. Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee**

**Resolved:** That the Board noted the current membership and Terms of Reference for the 2023/2024 municipal year, as set out in the agenda pack.

### **6. Voice of the Community**

The Chair welcomed Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe who provided the Board with an overview of the work of the Ribble Rivers Trust; and prior to the meeting had led on a health walk around Avenham Park for Board members.

The Board noted that Harvey had been involved with the multiyear, multi-million pounds National Lottery Heritage Funded programme called Ribble Life Together. The project won the coveted UK River Prize in 2022. A copy of HEAL Evaluation 2023 was also shared and is attached for further reference to the minutes.

Harvey spoke to the presentation attached which further detailed the following:

- Key activities
- Health and Environmental Action Lancashire (HEAL)
- [HEAL decision support tool \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)
- Working in partnership
- What have Ribble Rivers Trust achieved?
- Avenham Park Health Walks
- [Ribble Rivers Trust - Working Together to Improve Our Rivers \(ribbletrust.org.uk\)](https://ribbletrust.org.uk)



Following the presentation, it was noted that:

- Social prescribing is progressing, with health walks as a part, as well as
- volunteering and tree planting.
- CC Gooch to contact Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe outside of the meeting in relation to opportunities for those with learning difficulties.
- The work needs to be part of the Health and Wellbeing offer across Lancashire, regardless of how it is funded and is the biggest opportunity to reconnect residents of Lancashire back to nature in their communities.
- For further information, email Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe [harvey@ribbletrust.com](mailto:harvey@ribbletrust.com).

**Resolved:** That the Board noted the updated and thanked Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe for his presentation and for leading on the health walk prior to the meeting.

## 7. Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan 2023 to 2025

Sue Lott, Adult Social Care, Lancashire County Council provided an overview of the Lancashire Better Care Fund (BCF) plan 2023 to 2025. Having received approval by both Lancashire County Council and Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board the final draft plan was signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board deputy Chair and submitted to the national Better Care Fund team for the required assurance. National planning timetables precluded the plan being brought to a formal meeting of the Board earlier. It is anticipated that the plan will receive national approval.

The Board noted that there were two elements required for submission: a planning template (this has been circulated separately to the agenda, to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board) and a narrative plan ([Appendix 'A'](#)). Further details can also be found in the [report](#).

The requirement for a two-year plan allows for stability across service planning and delivery in 2023/24 while enabling the flexibility for the shaping and implementation of the necessary changes that are being identified through the Lancashire Better Care Fund reset process for 2024/25.

There will be a requirement for quarterly reporting on Better Care Fund activity and progress. The Board will be engaged and informed as part of that process.

The Board noted that there was a new metric had been introduced for 2023/24 focusing on emergency hospital admissions due to falls sustained by people aged over 65 and a further metric will be introduced in 2024/25 relating to hospital discharges, measuring the time between people being declared fit to leave hospital and the actual date of discharge.



Following the presentation, the following comments/issues were discussed:

- The Better Care fund monies has to be spent in partnership to drive best value for money.
- The metrics are still hospital focused.
- Create capacity to try out different ways of working, which will come from driving better values.
- Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council and Director of Health and Care Integration, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria and James Fleet, Chief People Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to discuss the timeline for reset and review with the Integrated Care Board.
- It is proposed that the Board considers how much of the Better Care Fund Reset programme invests in community wellbeing initiatives that will help engage people away from some of the statutory services (ie the 1% investment as recommended in national documents), preferably done in partnership with the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector with District Councils at local level. This will be a practical manifestation of commitment from the Board and the Integrated Care Board.
- Identify opportunities for creative utilisation of Disabled Facilities Grant allocations to address housing issues. It was confirmed that these conversations are taking place already with housing and health co-ordinators.
- Pathways between social care/occupational therapy and district councils need to be clear, given pressures in recruiting and retaining occupational therapists.
- District councils have housing standards expertise to enable residents to remain healthy in their homes.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Confirmed the sign off the Lancashire Better Care Fund Plan 2023 to 2025.
- ii) Agreed to receive bi-monthly reports that set out Better Care Fund progress alongside the development of the reset Lancashire Better Care Fund.
- iii) Requested that there is a confirmed commencement date for the reset activity.
- iv) Requested Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council and Director of Health and Care Integration, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria and James Fleet, Chief People Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to engage with Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Executive Board with regards to detailed information that is required from West Lancashire, Fylde and Wyre to begin the work.
- v) Endorsed more integrated commissioning activity as part of the Better Care Fund. Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council and Director of Health and Care Integration, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria and James Fleet, Chief People Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board to progress with Integrated Care Board colleagues.



- vi) Agreed that as part of the future development there is a need to consider how prevention and reducing inequalities are addressed in terms of year-on-year investment.

## 8. Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board Update

James Fleet, Chief People Officer, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board provided an update on the work of the Integrated Care Board and its future plans. The Health and Wellbeing Board had also received the following documents for review prior to the meeting:

Integrated Care Board Annual Report 2022/23 ([Appendix 'A'](#))

Integrated Care System Joint Capital Resource Plan 2022/23 and 2023/24 ([Appendix 'B'](#) and [Appendix 'C'](#))

Integrated Care System Joint Forward Plan 2023 onwards ([Appendix 'D'](#))

Further details can be found in the [report](#).

The Board noted that the Integrated Care Board has four key aims:

- i) Improving outcomes in population health and health care
- ii) Tackling inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
- iii) Enhancing productivity and value for money
- iv) Helping the NHS to support broader social and economic development

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Reviewed and commented on the Integrated Care Board annual report for 2022/23 (Appendix 'A').
- ii) Reviewed and commented on the Integrated Care System Joint Capital Resource Plan for 2023/24 (Appendix 'C') and received the plan for 2022/23 (Appendix 'B').
- iii) Considered and commented on the Joint Forward Plan (Appendix 'D'), offering its reflections on the content and particularly on whether the Board felt that the plan takes proper account of the Lancashire health and wellbeing strategy.

## 9. Place Integration Deal

Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council and Director of Health and Care Integration, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria provided an update on the recent decision of the Integrated Care Board to delegate responsibility for some NHS services to all four Places in the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System including Lancashire Place. The [report](#) provides information on the rationale and content of the arrangements, with some practical examples for additional context provided in [Appendix 'A'](#), [Appendix 'B'](#) and [Appendix 'C'](#). It also explains the impact of the integration deal on the governance options appraisal timeline, alongside an update on the Lancashire Place Partnership workshop; the outputs of which are being used to inform the next phase in development of the Place Partnership.



The integration deal is a significant decision for the Integrated Care Board with implications for the County Council who will also be expected (in due course), in the spirit of supporting deeper integration between health and care, to adopt a similar approach in order to achieve better outcomes and experiences for Lancashire residents as well as value for money.

A report will come back to the Board in September 2023 requesting endorsement of the options appraisal, and preferred option, prior to it being submitted to Lancashire County Council's Cabinet and Integrated Care Board Executives for agreement in October 2023.

After the presentation, the following comments were raised:

- It is imperative that technology works across the District Councils, NHS and County Council and to maximise opportunities.
- Clear communication is imperative.
- A monthly newsletter is circulated to key officers, for wider circulation.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- i) Received a verbal update on the outcome of the decision made at the Integrated Care Board on 5 July 2023.
- ii) Received a verbal update on the recommendations agreed by Lancashire County Council's Cabinet on 6 July 2023.
- iii) Endorsed the ongoing work and timeframes in relation to the development of governance arrangements for the Lancashire Place and how this will connect into the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 10. Urgent Business

The Chair informed that Board that a Notice of Motion had been proposed at Lancashire County Council's Full Council on 13 July and was unanimously agreed with regards to vaping. Two of the recommendations pertinent to the Health and Wellbeing Board was:

- i) To ask the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing to take a report to Lancashire's Health and Wellbeing Board, to include enforcement activity related to the illegal sale of vaping products to children and opportunities for further communicating the potential dangers of vaping to young people.
- ii) To ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider making available funding for a Trading Standards campaign to crack down on unscrupulous vape sales venues.

**Resolved:** That the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to receive a report on vaping at its next meeting in September 2023.



## 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 2.00pm on 5 September 2023 at Adventure Hyndburn.

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