

Meeting of the Full Council - 7 July 2022

Report on the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting held on 10 May 2022

Chair: County Councillor Michael Green

The agenda and minutes of the meeting may be viewed on the county council's website site via the following link: [Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board](#)

Appointment of Deputy Chair

The Board were informed that the current arrangement for Deputy Chair was continuing with Denis Gizzi, whilst confirmation from the NHS was still awaited in light of NHS structural reform locally.

Best Start in Life

The Board received a report which outlined the strategy for achieving the best start in life for children and families across Lancashire and in comparing local indicators with England averages, noted that the health and wellbeing of children in Lancashire is generally worse than the country's average. Therefore, the need to set foundations for health and wellbeing during pregnancy and in the early years is crucial to ensure that every child in Lancashire is given the best start in life possible.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Endorsed the strategic development of the Best Start in Life Programme.
- (ii) Committed to the collaborative approach with the emerging Integrated Care System to support cross organisational leadership and delivery responsibilities.
- (iii) Supported the unifying outcome for best start in life as school readiness.
- (iv) Would receive future updates as the programme of work develops further, in particular data outcomes.
- (v) Requested that Ruksana Sardar-Akram provide further analysis on the 2-year-old take up of nursery placements to enable sharing of good practice as well as communications and opportunities in these settings highlighted.

Family Hubs

The Board were provided with a report on family hubs. They were informed that these are a way of joining up locally, to improve access to services, the connections between families, professionals, services, and providers, and putting relationships at the heart of family help. Family hubs can include both physical locations and virtual offers, with

a range of services for families with children of all ages, with a great Start for Life offer at their core.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Noted the proposals for Family Hubs in Lancashire and the associated Growing Up Well Digital programme.
- (ii) Considered the opportunities for working in partnership, including with local communities, to ensure that the potential benefits of the Family Hubs model are realised.

Lancashire Better Care Fund End of Year Report 2021/22

The Board received a report on the Lancashire Better Care Fund End of Year Report 2021/22. The approval of the Lancashire Better Care Fund 2021/22 was ratified by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 8 March 2022.

The Board noted that the report reflects a period of significant volatility within the Health and Social care system. It shows that the Better Care Fund plan has continued relatively unchanged from the previous year and has supported the Covid pandemic response.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Approved the submission of the Lancashire Better Care Fund End of Year Report for 2021/22.
- (ii) Requested a report on future Better Care Fund planning requirements once these are known.
- (iii) Noted the national intention for the Better Care Fund to continue into 2023 to support implementation of the new approach to integration at place level.
- (iv) That Paul Robinson, Senior Programme Manager, NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit would liaise with Louise Taylor, Executive Director for Adult Services and Health and Wellbeing, Lancashire County Council and arrange a development session on the Better Care Fund for members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and also invite colleagues from Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and South Cumbria, as soon as possible.
- (v) That a report to a future Board on work that is ongoing with Districts in supporting people to help prevent them entering the health/social care systems.

Update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

The Board were provided with an overview of the purpose of the Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 together with an update on the current development of the PNA prior to a formal public consultation taking place later this summer.

The three Health and Wellbeing Boards across pan-Lancashire have a statutory responsibility to push and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area.

Resolved: That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- (i) Endorsed the continued development of the Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022.
- (ii) Noted the proposed public consultation that is due to take place during July/August.
- (iii) Receive the final version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment once completed in early Autumn 2022.
- (iv) That the Consultation Plan be shared with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.