



Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 22nd January, 2024 at 10.00 am via Teams

Present

County Councillor Michael Green

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| Angela Allen | Kevin Lavery |
| Councillor Stephen Atkinson | Sue McGraw |
| Cllr Patricia Bell | Claire Richardson |
| Councillor Alistair Bradley | Jo Rycroft-Malone |
| Councillor Neal Brookes | Karen Smith |
| Victoria Ellarby | Councillor Damian Talbot |
| Tracy Hopkins | Louise Taylor |
| Dr Geoff Jolliffe | |

In Attendance

Polly Patel, Chorley Council
Jane Cass, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB
Craig Harris, NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB
Josh Mynott, Lancashire County Council

1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

All attendees were welcomed to the meeting, which, due to bad weather, was being held as an online meeting.

Apologies were received from Debbie Corcoran, StJohn Crean, Dr David Fearnley, Vicki Gent, Pete Murphy, Jane Scattergood and David Blacklock.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Agreed as a correct record

4. Blackpool place-based partnership update

Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Blackpool Council, and Karen Smith, Director of Health and Care Integration (Blackpool), Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, presented an update on the Blackpool place-based partnership.

The presentation reflected the challenges facing Blackpool, including high levels of deprivation, low life expectancy and high levels of both substance misuse and suicide, particularly in five wards in the borough. It was also noted that Blackpool experienced high levels of inward migration from other parts of the country, and a great deal of population "churn", and this led to disconnection from services and social isolation. Examples of the work being done by and through the place-based partnership were given, including the "Active into Autumn" project and work being done to address respiratory conditions, which is one of the areas of focus.

The presentation was welcomed by the partnership, and it was recognised that many of the issues faced existed elsewhere across the area. It was also recognised that Blackpool had a nationally high profile, which meant that it sometimes attracted unfair negative attention. It was noted that Blackpool was working to regain major conferences (including political party conferences) and was also seeking to bring in major employers including expanding the civil service base in order to create opportunities and aspiration. The work on the "multiversity" was also mentioned.

Resolved: That the presentation be welcomed

5. Population and Public Health update

Julia Westaway, Associate Director Population Health, NHS Lancashire & South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, and Rebecca Ramsay, Programme Manager, Cumbria & Lancashire Public Health Collaborative, attended to present an update on the development of health equity metrics.

It was noted that this was an ongoing piece of work, and that a working group had been established to take it forward. A set of draft indicators were presented, and it was agreed that these would be circulated after the meeting to members of the Partnership.

It was agreed that a pragmatic approach was needed, taking advantage of indicators that already exist and good practice elsewhere. It was also recognised that including comparators, such as national data would be helpful. The importance of engaging with residents and communities in identifying what matters to them was stressed, and that doing so would also help ensure the focus was on actions rather than simply measuring. It was recognised that there was a need to strike a balance between focussing on some key areas of activity, allowing place-based priorities and ensuring that the voice of communities was heard.

Resolved: That the presentation be welcomed and the approach outlined

endorsed

6. Work Well Vanguard programme bid

Andrew Bennett, Director of Population Health, Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, presented a report seeking support and endorsement of a bid for "vanguard" status for the Workwell programme, an early-intervention work and health support and assessment service which aims to provide holistic support to address health related barriers to employment. The aim of the project would be to support 50000 residents across 7 pilot areas.

The partnership welcomed the proposal. It was noted that the outcome of the bid would likely be known in late February or early March and, if successful, would mean a two-year funding package starting in April 2024. It was noted that, if the bid was unsuccessful, alternative options would be explored to build on the work undertaken to date.

Resolved: That the Integrated Care Partnership endorsed the bid for Vanguard status for the WorkWell programme, and that an update on the outcome of the bid and next steps be reported to a future meeting

7. Delivering the Integrated Care Strategy

Criag Harris, Chief Operating Officer, Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, provided an update on actions so far undertaken to deliver the integrated Care Strategy. It was confirmed that further information would come to the Partnership in due course after the planned workshop session.

It was confirmed that significant work was underway to deliver on the priorities agreed, at ICB, place and neighbourhood level. Areas of focus would be developed further, including at the workshop session, and this would contribute towards the refresh of the strategy.

Resolved: That the update be noted

8. Any other business

At the request of the partnership, Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive, Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB, gave an update on the OICB's financial position. He confirmed that the situation was a very challenging one. Demand for services generally was increasing, with a very significant increase in mental health issues being seen. National and local factors were also impacting, including the continuing impact of Covid and industrial action in the NHS.

Discussion were underway with NHS England on a three year recovery

programme to address the financial issues and look for innovation and transformation opportunities to address underlying issues at all levels, including in communities.

It was recognised that local authorities were also facing significant funding difficulties at this time and that this would have an impact on the work of all partners and the ICP.

The update was noted

9. Date of the next meeting

Monday 25 March at 10am at County Hall, Preston