

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: Wednesday, 10 January 2024

Venue: The Atrium - Perceval House

Attendees (in person):

J Blacker (Chair), P Mason, K K Nagpal, J Anand, B Mahfouz, A Steed, K Stevens, N Unadkat, R South and A Bryden and V Tailor

Attendees (virtual):

C Duffy, G Rana and S Crawford

1 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2 Urgent Matters

There were none.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Matters to be considered in Private

There were none.

5 Minutes

Simon Crawford noted that he had been recorded as Dr in the minutes which was incorrect.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on, 22 November 2023, were agreed as a true and accurate record.

6 Healthwatch Update

Carleen Duffy presented an update to the board. Key points were that:

- The enter and view programme was still underway. They had visited 4 care homes that were rated 'good' and 3 that were rated 'requires

improvement’.

- Healthwatch was working on and, would provide an overarching strategy for care homes and how they could improve.
- Healthwatch was considering a future project based on living well at home for longer which would work in conjunction with council adult social care strategies already in place.
- Healthwatch Ealing have been chosen by Healthwatch England to look at a community diagnostic centre that was opening in Ealing. The visit would focus on MRIs.
- Healthwatch was running a project to look at case studies of refugees and asylum seekers during maternity.
- Healthwatch was running a vaccine engagement project to capture views of young people and how covid may have changed that.
- Healthwatch have developed their patient experience programme.

The chair thanked Carleen Duffy for the update and stated that he looked forward to the vaccine update.

Resolved:

That the board noted the report on the Healthwatch update.

7 H&WBB Action Plan Update

Anna Bryden introduced the report and stated that the council was looking to give 5 year updates with interim updates. She stated that the council had been going through the action plan line by line and added that they have taken rich case studies to see the impact of the councils work on residents.

Aalaa Jawad presented the report as could be found on pages 13-98. Key points were that:

- There were three themes that the action plan built on: Community at heart; Leave no-one behind; Connecting building blocks of health and wellbeing.
- The council had been setting up structures over the past 6 months.
- The council had been building capacity in research.
- The council had been building infrastructure, such as the H&WBB.

Anna Bryden informed the board that the council had been encouraging joint work. She stated that the H&WBB Action Plan had been and would continue to embed itself into other strategies from other parts of the council. She gave the board contact details to get in touch to work together further on this.

The chair stated that this was not just a council strategy, it was owned by the H&WBB collectively.

Kerry Stevens noted the work on the suicide prevention action plan. He stated that the H&WBB had helped the plan change from a data driven exercise into an action plan to prevent future harm.

Simon Crawford commended Anna Bryden and her colleagues for the report and stated he had presented the LNW strategy in March 2023 and stated that they were doing the same processes as the Council were in implementing their strategies.

In response to Simon Crawford, Anna Bryden stated that there have been some areas that have progressed slower than hoped but she stated that she recognised the breadth of some of the issues, such as homelessness.

In response to the chair, Anna Bryden stated that across partnerships, 1 to 1 work was crucial.

In response to Cllr Mahfouz, Anna Bryden stated that the solution to the issues that the action plan was trying to tackle was to plan carefully long term and wisely finding and using funds. She stated that it was crucial for the local authority to create networks with communities to aid working together.

Neha Unadkat stated that keeping a shared vision was important for partnership working. She stated that pressures and demands were increasing and that everybody had to have faith that there would be progress.

In response to Jo Marley, Neha Unadkat stated that the proposed funding cuts would result in 30-40% staff cuts in the ICB.

The chair noted that the council recognised that funding was going to be less and that Ealing could better manage funds to target inequalities within Ealing.

Kerry Stevens noted that the proposed cuts disproportionately affected Ealing.

Anna Bryden stated that although money was not everything, it did help and the ICB was using funding carefully.

Resolved:

That the board thanked Anna Bryden and Aalaa Jawad and noted the report.

8 Update on Ealing Council research infrastructure funding outcome

Vaishnavee Madden introduced the report as could be found on pages 99-118 of the public pack to the board and stated that Ealing had been successful in receiving funding from NIHR.

Gurpreet Rana stated that the funds should make VCS groups more active. She stated that this could help to deliver to community needs more accurately.

Anna Bryden stated that the strategy discussed earlier helped Ealing's bid for the funds. She stated that councils have not had good research infrastructure and that this grant should help Ealing skill up their workforce and make Ealing better at joint working in terms of research.

In response to Vijay Tailor, Vaishnavee Madden stated that the grant would mean more research would be done in Ealing. She added that she expected to see more academic research done in Ealing, and that one target of the grant was to get VCS groups to do their own research.

Councillor Mason stated that the council was resetting their relationship between the council and residents. He commended the focus on giving agency to residents to direct research.

Anna Bryden stated that community research would not be starting from scratch as there was already a lot of research happening with and by communities.

The chair noted that the funding application process had been an arduous one and he said that he looked forward to seeing how the substantial sum of £5m would affect research in the borough.

Resolved:

That the Board thanked Vaishnavee Madden and Anna Bryden and noted the report.

9 Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme

Anna Bryden presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme as could be found on pages 119-120 of the public agenda pack.

She stated that there was a lot of work to do around strategy in the work programme.

Resolved:

That the board thanked Anna Bryden for the work programme update and noted the report.

10 Questions from Members of the Public

The chair invited questions from members of the public.

In response to Roy Willis, Kerry Stevens thanked Roy for raising the issue of palliative care within the council. He stated that there was a wide range of care packages within the council and that there was an annual review for these processes. He assured Roy that social services and financial teams work closely together.

In response to Roy Willis, Neha Unadkat stated that she had been looking into what options and services were available for palliative care. She stated that she was looking into setting up a group to tackle the issue of palliative care.

Vijay Tailor stated that the NWL ICS had done a review of the palliative care. He added that they have put together a consistent offer for residents of NWL. He stated that Meadow House offers good support for palliative care, but that it was suffering with issues with workforce.

Resolved:

That the board thanked the questions from Roy Willis.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is to be held on 20 March 2024.

Meeting commenced: 6.00 pm

Meeting finished: 7.07 pm

Signed:

Dated: Wednesday, 20 March 2024

J Blacker (Chair)