

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETING

Friday, 10 September 2021

PRESENT	Councillor Lynne Caffrey	Gateshead Council
	Councillor Leigh Kirton	Gateshead Council
	Councillor Martin Gannon	Gateshead Council
	Councillor Gary Haley	Gateshead Council
	Councillor Michael McNestry	Gateshead Council
	Councillor Jonathan Wallace	Gateshead Council
	Dr Mark Dornan	Newcastle Gateshead CCG
	James Duncan	Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust
	Alice Wiseman	Gateshead Council
	Lisa Goodwin	Connected Voice
Karen Soady	Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue	
IN ATTENDANCE:	John Costello	Gateshead Council
	Joanna Clark	Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
	Vicky Sibson	Gateshead Council
	Catherine Richardson	Newcastle Gateshead CCG
	Lynn Wilson	Gateshead Council
	Steven Kirk	Gateshead GP Federation

HW280 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Oliphant, Caroline O'Neill, Steph Downey, Andrew Beeby, Mark Adams and Steven Thomas.

HW281 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

- (i) The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

The Board also received an update on items contained within the Action List.

HW282 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED:

- (i) There were no declarations of interest.

The Board received a report and presentation providing an update following completion of Phase 1 of the Homelessness Review.

From the report the Board were advised that a full analysis of needs and demands was carried out from information collated in homelessness assessments. It was also noted that the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy had set out a clear vision and action plan for each aim of the strategy.

It was reported that a Homelessness Charter had been developed; the Board were advised that the charter provided a commitment from a range of partners to collaborate and work together in tackling homelessness in Gateshead.

From the report, it was noted that a Homelessness Review had been conducted. It was highlighted that the review meets statutory requirements but also includes a broader review of accommodation and support available to those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within Gateshead.

The Board questioned what support was available to individuals, particularly females, who were fleeing domestic violence. It was noted that mixed-gender supported accommodation is available but that more female-only accommodation was needed.

The Board acknowledged that both males and females can be victims of domestic abuse but that in some cases, female-only spaces would be most appropriate. The Board were advised that an analysis of needs would be conducted on a case-by-case basis and the most appropriate and available support would be put in place.

The Board were advised that a multi-agency approach is to be adopted to tackle homelessness with front end holistic support. The Board discussed the variety of complex needs faced by residents facing homelessness; it was also acknowledged that Council and partner budgets were already stretched due to the pandemic.

The Board noted concern about the Universal Credit reduction due in October; it was noted that this drop would put many families in severe hardship which would have an impact on Council and partner services.

The Board and partners agreed that they would work together to push forward the strategy. A summary of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the strategy was also reported for the Board's information.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Board supported the next steps as reported in seeking approval for the final draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and the launch of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Charter in Gateshead.

HW284 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TRANSFORMATION PLAN 2021/22 - CATHERINE RICHARDSON

HW285 REVIEW OF THE ROLE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD: PART 2 DISCUSSION - ALICE WISEMAN

The Board received a report setting out options to inform follow-up discussions on the role, function and membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

It was noted from the report that the review was needed so that the Board is in the best place to take forward the key aims of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the recommendations of the DPH 2020 Annual Report on inequalities in Gateshead.

A discussion took place on potential representatives that would be appropriate members. It was suggested that an officer from housing services, economic development and Northumbria Police would be appropriate. The Board were also in agreement that any new representatives would need to be in an appropriately senior role and also in a position to take forward actions and make key decisions. A comment was also made that whilst new membership is needed, the number of members should be kept concise to ensure discussions are focused. The Board agreed that too many members would also hinder decision making.

Within the report, the Board were provided with four possible scenarios provided. It was noted that further discussion would be needed on who would provide input from primary care services following the transfer of responsibilities from the CCG to the ICS.

The Board agreed that Scenario 4 was most appropriate to take forward which would provide for the expansion of the Board's membership on the lines suggested and the establishment of a broad reference group of organisations that the Board can liaise with and draw upon in developing its response to key challenges linked to its areas of focus going forward.

It was also agreed that the position currently held for a representative from South Tyneside Council would be removed.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Board noted the report and agreed that Scenario 4 was the best scenario to take forward.

HW286 COVID-19 RESPONSE & VACCINE UPDATE - ALICE WISEMAN/LYNN WILSON

The Board received a presentation providing an update on the Covid-19 response and an update on vaccinations.

The Board were provided with an overview of the following:

Updated control framework and summer response
Gateshead cases
LA 7 cases for comparison

Gateshead vaccination uptake to 6 September 2021
Gateshead deaths and England deaths

A discussion took place on the proposals to vaccinate older children; the Board acknowledged that there was some public anxiety on this issue. It was also noted that local measures had been implemented in some schools nationally such as the reintroduction of face masks.

It was noted that many frontline workers, particularly within the NHS are facing daily challenges with supply chain delays in addition to dealing with abuse from members of the public. The Board noted that the threat of Covid on services was still real and that continued partnership work and open honest communication channels must continue.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Board noted the contents of the presentation.

HW287 GATESHEAD HEALTH & CARE SYSTEM UPDATE - MARK DORNAN/ALL

The Board noted verbal updates on the ICS, it was stated that the ICS will delegate budgets to place-based partnerships. It was also highlighted that service pressures continue on primary care networks and that an assessment of the health needs of asylum seekers would take place as families are resettled.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Board noted the update.

HW288 UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The Board were advised that the Sunnyside unit at the QE hospital is to reopen in October, the Board were advised that members would be invited for a tour.

The Board noted that Gerald Tompkins had retired from his role in Public Health at Gateshead Council. The Board expressed its thanks to Gerald for this service and contributions to Gateshead.

It was stated that the VCS would be providing support to refugees being placed in the region via organisations such as the Salvation Army and the Comfrey Project.

RESOLVED:

- (i) The Board noted the update.

HW289 A.O.B

RESOLVED:

- (i) There was no other business.

