

GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AGENDA

Friday, 26 January 2024 at 10.00 am in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

Item Business

HW70 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2024 were approved as an accurate record with no matters arising.

HW71 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

HW72 Updates from Board Members

Updates were given by members of the Board on changes and news in the sector:

- The Board's session on aligning the culture of organisations across Gateshead, facilitated by Professor Peter Kelly, was successful. A second session has been agreed for 29 February 2024.
- More research was done by Citizen's Advice on prescription charges being a barrier to healthcare access, this research has found that this is not a prevalent issue for citizens.
- Healthwatch Gateshead is working with the regional Healthwatch network and the ICB to bring out a survey on dentistry in February/March.
- Adult Social Care peer review is scheduled to start on 19 March 2024.
- Have rebranded and launched the Gateshead Health Charity.

HW73 Director of Public Health Annual Report

The Board was presented with the Director of Public Health's annual report. The 2023 report focuses on the health affects of the following industries:

- Tobacco
- Gambling
- Ultra-processed food and drink
- Alcohol

This report included information on the impact of these industries on residents in Gateshead and citizens across the UK, particularly on health and death rates that relate to the four industries that the report is focused on.

The presentation included recommendations for what to do going forward relating to each of these industries:

Tobacco

Recommendation 1 – Support and advocate for proposed age of sale legislation.

Recommendation 2 – Advocate for a ‘polluter pays’ levy.

Recommendation 3 – Support and enforce vape regulation.

Recommendation 4 – Creating a system approach to quitting.

Recommendation 5 – Prevention is key.

Recommendation 6 – Commit to long-term, multi-strand approach to tobacco control.

Alcohol

Recommendation 1 – The alcohol industry should not influence health policy, health services or education/awareness raising initiatives aimed at young people.

Recommendation 2 – Strengthen the current system for governing alcohol marketing.

Recommendation 3 – Challenge the narrative of the alcohol industry.

Ultra processed food and drinks

Recommendation 1 – Advertising of HFSS products should be restricted on council owned sites.

Recommendation 2 – Harnessing social movements in Gateshead to build upon previous work in reducing health-harming commercial determinants of health and create healthier communities.

Recommendation 3 – Use practice-based evidence to inform local strategies.

Gambling

Recommendation 1 – Recognise the importance of the harm caused by gambling.

Recommendation 2 – Advocate for a comprehensive public health approach to gambling harm prevention.

Recommendation 3 – Create policies and strategies independent from the gambling industry to prioritise health and wellbeing.

The Board commended the report.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the report.
- ii. The Board welcomed the topics from this report coming back to future Board meetings and sessions.

HW74 Gateshead Health NHS FT Plans and Focus on Women's Health

The Board received a presentation updating on Gateshead Health Trust's plans with a

particular focus on women's health.

A progress update was given on achievements in 2023/24 regarding; performance and quality, workforce, finance, and developments.

With the creation of the Centre of Excellence for Women's Health, a main goal of this centre is to be a diagnostic centre of choice, as the facilities of the Centre will be able to cover more people than the population of Gateshead.

The current work of the Centre is as follows:

- Implementing the national women's health strategy – Gateshead and wider NENC ICB
- Developing the Gateshead Women's Health Hub for Gateshead - £250k secured - focus on sexual health, breast, and gynaecology inc. menopause.
- Working with the teams to understand how we achieve constitutional standards (as a minimum)
- Non-NHS – excellence and growth e.g., our IVF services
- Gateshead Women's Health conference
- Building on Director of Public Health Report (Mind the Gap), 2022

There are a variety of women's health services that the QE has positive feedback and reputation for:

- Regional Gynae Oncology service – managed clinical network
- Maternity services – CQC rated 'Good'
- Regional screening services – breast, cervical, colposcopy, lung and bowel
- Supported by its regional pathology centre
- Regionally, nationally and internationally renowned breast services; consistently achieving strong performance against cancer and screening standards with exemplary patient feedback
- Well established osteoporosis service supported by an onsite DEXA scanner
- IVF service – fantastic monthly patient feedback
- Community teams supporting women and girls inc. bladder and bowel services
- Support from our Pharmacy team

An overview was also given of the Trust's Sustainability Plan and the next steps to transform services.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the presentation.
- ii. The Board requested a further update on progress and the Trust's future plans for 2024/25.

HW75 Refresh of Voluntary Sector Compact

The Board received a presentation from Connected Voice on the Gateshead Compact. The update of the Gateshead Compact is timed to link with the work of an Improvement Group and the re-start of Gateshead VCSE Leaders meetings.

The presentation showed the work done so far and outlined the planned content of the Compact. The next steps include further discussions with Council commissioners,

individual meetings with other Health and Wellbeing Board commissioning partners.

The content outline reviewed the following:

1. Core Principals
2. Shared Priorities
3. Commitments
4. Making it Work

It is intended that the Gateshead Compact will be signed off by Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board in Spring 2024.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the report.
- ii. To bring a final draft of the Compact for Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board to sign off.

HW76 Gateshead Cares System Board Update

The Board received a presentation with an update on the Gateshead Cares System.

The following areas were updated on:

- Gateshead Place Plan
 - Workforce session
 - Digital Inclusion
- CNTW's Organisational Model
- Migration to Universal Credit
- Impact of Bus Strikes
- Outcomes from Profession Forum meeting
- Care Health and Wellbeing OSC
- ICB Gateshead Financial Outlook 2024/25

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the presentation.

HW77 Pharmacy notifications (change of ownership) from NENC ICB

The Board was notified that an application to change ownership of a pharmacy at Ravensworth Road, Dunston, Gateshead, NE11 9FJ from Boots UK Limited to JSBH Limited had been granted.