

TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead Health & Wellbeing Board – Progress Update**REPORT OF: Dale Owens, Strategic Director, Integrated Adults and Social Care**

Summary

To update and seek the views of the Care, Health & Wellbeing OSC on the work of the Gateshead Health & Wellbeing Board for the six-month period April to September 2022.

Background

1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 provided for the establishment of Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) as committees of local authorities to bring together leaders from the health and care system to work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population.
2. As part of the 2022/23 work programme for the Care, Health & Wellbeing OSC, it was agreed to provide two six monthly updates on the work of the HWB.
3. This report provides an update on the work of the HWB for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022. A second progress update covering the period 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2022 will be brought to OSC on 18th April 2023.

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4. The following update highlights key issues considered by the HWB during the first half of 2022/23.

Implementation Plan for Health & Wellbeing Strategy

5. It was reported to the Board that a task and finish group would be set up to develop the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Plan. The Board subsequently received an update on the first meeting of the Implementation Group and the steps being taken to develop an approach and plan for implementation:

- Mapping to consider priorities and strategic work, delivery mechanisms and structures, actions, gaps
 - Development of cross-cutting implementation workstreams
 - Identification of leads / links / champions for key actions
 - Identification of short, medium and long-term priorities and actions
 - Development of a plan and approach to implementation
 - Monitoring, evaluation, learning and reporting
6. It was highlighted that the Implementation Group would meet again to oversee progress and stakeholder engagement in the work being undertaken.

Update on NENC Integrated Care System Development and Implications for Place Systems

7. The Board received an update on the development of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (NENC ICS). An overview was provided of the ICS architecture including Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), established from July 2022, who have taken on the responsibilities of former Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). Details were provided on the key aims of the ICB, its membership and functions.
8. The Board was also provided with an overview of the development of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP); this included details of its role, membership and relationship to 'place'. It was noted that the ICP is a committee of the ICB and that it is responsible for setting priorities for NENC and developing a strategy to meet health and care needs across the region.
9. The Board also noted that HWBs will maintain their key role in setting priorities for place-based working and in shaping strategy through the ICP, and that the ICB transitional place-based governance arrangements for 2022-3 will allow the NHS to continue to jointly commission with local authorities, focus on primary care development, and ensure that local quality and safeguarding issues are managed effectively.

Climate Change Strategy for Gateshead

10. The Board endorsed the Climate Emergency Strategy for Gateshead which supports the Gateshead Health & Wellbeing Strategy and seeks to utilise natural co-benefits to climate action, including improved health and wellbeing, improved air quality, improved environments/places, habitat creation, and a reduction in inequality.
11. It was reported that a public-facing action plan had been developed to summarise what the Council will do to make its own operations carbon-neutral - this included transport, housing, energy, the environment and waste. Additionally, the Board were provided with a summary of actions being taken within Gateshead, including tree planting, increased use of

renewable energies and the development of a Heat Strategy for Gateshead.

12. The Board also discussed the need for collaborative work on climate change to continue across the whole system with partners and stakeholders doing their bit.

Anti-Social Behaviour Review

13. The Board was provided with an update on a review being undertaken into anti-social behaviour (ASB) in Gateshead. The Board were advised that tackling ASB is a complex issue with expertise, responsibilities and powers shared across different agencies that take different approaches. The Board expressed its support for the ASB review and will receive a further update on progress at a future meeting.

Multiple & Complex Needs (People@theHeart)

14. The Board received a presentation on the People@theHeart Programme which is focusing on people with multiple and complex needs and how they can best be met across the system. It was reported that the programme intends to expose where system complexity is working against the achievement of outcomes and to highlight where innovation has enabled better outcomes.
15. The Board supported proposals for a launch event for the programme, leading on to the establishment of a Programme Board, the agreement of a work plan and reporting arrangements. A Programme Manager is now in post to take this programme of work forward which is one of the programme areas of the Gateshead System Board.

Housing Allocations Policy and Tenancy Strategy

16. The Board received an update on Gateshead's Homelessness, Allocations and Tenancy Review and the views of the Board were sought on proposed changes to the Allocations Policy, Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Management Policy. An overview of the updated policies was provided as well as arrangements for consulting on the strategy which subsequently concluded on 28th July. The Board agreed that the policy changes reported provided a good opportunity for staff to receive training regarding the People@theHeart programme for people with multiple and complex needs.
17. It was noted that, following the conclusion of the formal consultation, the Strategic Housing Board would need to agree changes to the policies before being considered by Cabinet. The Board highlighted that it was important for housing services to ensure their policies were clear and easily understood by residents.

Gateshead Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

18. The Board considered an initial consultative draft and final draft of Gateshead's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for 2022. The development and publication of a PNA is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and its purpose is to determine if there are sufficient community pharmacies to meet the needs of the population of Gateshead and to determine other services which could be delivered by community pharmacies to meet the identified health needs of the population.
19. It was noted that there are 46 pharmacies in Gateshead, located primarily in areas of higher population density with 98% of the population being within 1 mile of a community pharmacy. It was found that whilst there is adequate provision of pharmacies across Gateshead Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, services continue to be more limited in weekday evenings and over weekends.
20. Services currently commissioned from pharmacies in Gateshead include emergency contraception, smoking cessation, needle exchange, supervised consumption of methadone, minor ailments, and specialist palliative care drugs. The PNA concluded that there is adequate provision of these services across Gateshead. Although the more rural areas in the West of Gateshead have a more limited pharmacy provision, the findings regarding access to services by foot and public transport indicated that there is adequate access to services in terms of travel time for all the population of Gateshead.

Gateshead Cares System Board Updates

21. The Health and Wellbeing Board received regular updates on the work of the Gateshead Cares System Board. This included feedback from a successful development session for the System Board that took place in March where Sam Allen Chief Executive of Northeast and Cumbria ICS and other guests were in attendance. The first part of the session focused on a report-out by team members on progress in taking forward key programmes of work followed by feedback from patients, service users and staff to help inform the System Board's work programmes going forward.
22. It was reported that the System Board's programme areas and enablers of integration have been updated for 2022/23, following on from the Development Session and subsequent discussions with partner organisations. Updates have been provided on Children and Young People /SEND, Adults /Older People - Transformation of Home Care & Care Homes, Mental Health Transformation and Multiple & Complex Needs - People@theHeart (paragraphs 14 and 15 refers). Updates were also provided on key enablers of integration - workforce and digital agendas (including digital poverty).

23. The System Board discussed arrangements to put in place an Implementation Plan for Gateshead's Health & Wellbeing Strategy 'Good Jobs, Homes, Health and Friends'. This included how the policy objectives of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy are being addressed through the work programmes of the System Board (paragraphs 5 and 6 refers).

Assurance

24. The following items were considered by the HWB as part of its assurance role.

Covid-19 Response & Vaccine Updates

25. The Board received regular updates on the Covid-19 response and the vaccine rollout in Gateshead. This included the associated pressures on local hospital and GP services and how the system was working together to respond to those challenges. The Board also received Gateshead's Covid-19 Control Plan which set out the next steps for Gateshead's Public Health Team and partners with a focus on living with Covid safely.

Gateshead Health Protection Board

26. The views of the Board were sought on the way in which Gateshead health protection system will provide leadership and ensure a coordinated and consistent approach to outbreak control, infection prevention and the treatment and management of disease. It was noted that a key focus of the Gateshead Health Protection Board will be on addressing emerging health protection priorities that disproportionately affect those people living in the most deprived communities in the Borough as well as considering the impact of worsening deprivation statistics, the impact of Covid-19 and health inequalities when planning programmes.

Safeguarding Children

27. The Board considered the annual report the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) for 2020/21 which reviewed progress against its strategic and thematic priorities including those around protecting vulnerable children and young people, mental health and emotional wellbeing, child exploitation, and promoting the voice of the child so that children can have their say, share their views and experiences, challenge and support local decision makers and shape and influence planning and service provision.

Better Care Fund End of Year Return

28. The Board endorsed the Better Care Fund (BCF) end of year return for 2021/22 which was submitted to NHS England (NHSE) in line with national guidance. The return set out the end of year position relating to meeting national conditions, funding, and performance against BCF metrics.

CQC Assurance Framework

29. The Board considered the proposed arrangements for the CQC Assurance Framework that will come into place from 1st April 2023. It was noted that a single assessment framework will assess providers, local authorities and integrated care systems with a consistent set of key themes, from registration through to ongoing assessment.
30. A high-level timeline was presented and it was highlighted that the approaches and methodologies reported would be signed off by the CQC Executive with an initial draft of high-level business needs/requirements produced for CQC digital systems.

Children and Young People Local Transformation Plan Refresh

31. The Board was advised that the Gateshead Children and Young People's Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Transformation Plan 2022/23 is a system wide plan that it has been developed to ensure that services are delivering the key lines of enquiry (KLOEs) for children and young people's mental health.
32. It was reported that data and evidence for commissioning decisions and intentions were being refreshed and that a particular focus has been placed on prevention and early intervention. The Board also received an update on progress that had been made during 2021/22 which included a focus on the workforce and strategy development. The Board signed off Plan in advance of the 1st October 2022 deadline. It was also reported that the Plan is a 'live' document and will be continually reviewed. A workshop will be held in December to look at waiting times and how this is being addressed by partners.

Recommendations

33. The views of OSC are sought on:
- (i) the progress update on the work of Gateshead's Health & Wellbeing Board for the first six months of 2022/23 as set out in this report.

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