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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETING

Friday, 18 October 2024

PRESENT

Councillor Lynne Caffrey (Gateshead Council) (Chair)

Councillor Judith Gibson	Gateshead Council
Councillor John Adams	Gateshead Council
Councillor Paul Diston	Gateshead Council
Councillor Martin Gannon	Gateshead Council
Councillor Gary Haley	Gateshead Council
Councillor Kathryn Henderson	Gateshead Council
Councillor Jane McCoid	Gateshead Council
Councillor Barry Turnbull	Gateshead Council
Lynn Wilson	North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Kirsty Sprudd	North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Nicola Bruce	Gateshead Health
Joanna Clark	Gateshead Health
Melissa Baynes	Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear (CNTW) NHS Foundation Trust
Steven Thomas	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service
Lisa Goodwin	Connected Voice
Yvonne Probert	Healthwatch Gateshead

IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Catharine Donovan	Gateshead Council
Sue Taylor	Fresh & Balance
Victoria Haigh	Gateshead Council
Julia Sharp	Gateshead Public Health
Barbra Rowan	Gateshead Public Health
Kylie Murrell	Gateshead Public Health
Andy Graham	Gateshead Public Health

APOLOGIES:

Nicola Allen, Dale Owens, Councillor Bernadette Oliphant and Councillor Joe Sowerby

HW134 MINUTES

An attendance inaccuracy was highlighted in the minutes held on Friday 6 September.

RESOLVED

- i. The Board requested that the minutes be resubmitted to the next

meeting with the identified changes reflected.

HW135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

HW136 UPDATES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

The following updates were received from Board members:

- The Board learned of endeavours to recruit for the ICB and Joint Authority funding position following the previous members retirement.
- The Chair of Children's Health Transformation Board gave updates regarding ongoing work to identify positives and gaps within the authority-wide system with the aim to resolve gaps and action resolution. A draft model regarding children and young people's mental health looks to ensure resources meet need. The model is hoped to gather pace as part of a wider transformative plan.
- The Board was informed of OurGateshead, a website for people to discover events and ways to volunteer in Gateshead. The use of the website has increased by an estimated four hundred percent. The Board acknowledged the request to discuss OurGateshead further in a future meeting.
- Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue service has published a document of assurance in relation to how the community is kept safe. The Board acknowledges the request to circulate the document for information and to discuss it as an item on a future agenda due to the document being as comprehensive.
- The Board was notified that the flu vaccination campaign has begun.
- CQC will be attending Gateshead Council in the coming weeks. Initial feedback is hoped to be presented at the next Board meeting.
- The Board learned of the mobilisation of services in respect to adults with multiple and complex needs.
- The Board were updated on the timetable for filling the joint Council post for a Policy Officer to manage the workload of Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board and the Gateshead System Board.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the updates presented.

HW137 PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL HARM

The Board received a presentation outlining the issues and opportunities surrounding the prevention of alcohol harm.

The multi-strand approach, involving seven key strands, aims to embed within local strategies. Running a quarterly alcohol network will embed prevention across the system, developing numerous tools and support systems to support

those in need at a local level.

The Board was presented data informing it of emerging trends. The service reports that it is approached on a weekly basis in relation to those who wish to share their stories, showing that the movement is gaining momentum. The presentation also detailed cost of alcohol in Gateshead in relation to the economic impact imposed on the region.

The Balance blueprint for nation action was presented to the Board along with the asks of the blueprint which include amending the alcohol pricing policy, raising awareness, lowering the legal blood alcohol content for driving, and more.

The Board was notified of the Parliamentary event scheduled for 6th November 2024 – a breakfast for North East Members of Parliament which will showcase the blueprint and build support from regional MP's. The Board was informed of key advocacy opportunities and awareness campaigns ongoing.

The Board was informed of the statistics surrounding prevalence and unmet need. Capacity has increased for alcohol treatment ahead of previously set targets. Lived recovery was highlighted which showed some advocates for recovery obtaining employment within the treatment service.

The Board discussed the prevalence of the issues presented by alcohol and the effects on the community. Praise was given to the recovery model, however, the Board raised concern for those who are not in the recovery process and remain in need of help. The Board spoke of the requirement of a detailed and unified approach.

The Board raised concerns regarding the House of Commons report in relation to alcohol deaths and how the North appears to stand out negatively when compared to the rest of the country. The Board asks what the differences are that cause such a trend and if the differences are related to factors such as socio-economic positioning, poverty and the economy.

The Chair highlighted that the presentation and following discussion has uncovered the complexity of the issues in relation to alcohol and that there is a need for a robust programme to address alcohol issues.

A proposal was made to set up an Alcohol Alliance which will be open to any person involved in the Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board.

RESOLVED

- i. The Board noted the report.
- ii. The Board agreed the recommendation to form the Alcohol Alliance.
- iii. The Board acknowledged the request to encourage MP's to attend the parliamentary event.

HW138 COMMUNITY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (CDC)

The Board was presented information regarding the new Community

Diagnostic Centre (CDC), which explained the developments made to deliver additional diagnostic capacity in the community.

The CDC will be located at the Metro Centre as analysis shows that over half of a million people live within 30 minutes of the location if using public transport. Further benefits were made known to the Board.

The Operationalisation and Service Stand-up phase was highlighted to the Board, as well as the various phases contributing to the opening of the centre.

Having learned of the developments made and having seen the internal footprints and designs, the Board congratulated the achievements of those involved in producing the CDC.

RESOLVED

- i. The Board noted the report.

HW139 GATESHEAD SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

The Board was presented the report which highlighted the regional footprint of the partnership, the increasing demand of the services within the partnership, and key figures regarding performance information.

The report outlined the priority work of 2023/24 which will continue to be progressed into 2024/25. The Board learned that the priorities have been chosen based on data from multi-agency reviews and workshops, prioritising the views and needs of children and young people.

The following priority actions were made known to the board.

- Child Protection Conferences and Plans
- The Impact of Domestic Abuse of Children and Young People
- Serious Youth Violence and the Fear of Violence
- Children's and Young People's Mental Health

The Board discussed and reiterated the importance of support and services towards mental health.

The Board gave recognition that services have strengthened because of the voices of young people.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the report.

HW140 GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD SELECTIVE LICENSING CONSULTATION LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Board was given sight of a letter of support requested at the previous meeting in support of the Selective Licensing Consultation.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the document.

HW141 HEALTHWATCH NATIONAL PHARMACY REPORT

The Board received a presentation giving an overview of Healthwatch's National Pharmacy Report for information.

The Board gave recognition to the importance of local pharmacies within society.

RESOLVED:

- i. The Board noted the report.

HW142 PHARMACY NOTIFICATIONS FROM NENC ICB

Notifications were received from the NENC ICB regarding changes to local pharmacies. The Board acknowledged the following information given:

- Change of hours: Boots UK Limited, Retail World, Team Valley Trading Estate, Gateshead NE11 0BD
- Change of ownership: Imperial Buildings, Durham Road, Birtley, Chester - Le - Street, Co. Durham, DH3 1LG, will be operated by Elmfield Trading Limited T/A Durham Road Pharmacy, Birtley
- New distance selling premises: Unit 4, Perth Court, Eleventh Avenue North, Team, Valley, Gateshead, NE11 0NJ

RESOLVED

- i. The Board noted the reports.

HW143 GATESHEAD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FORWARD PLAN

The Board acknowledged the attached forward plan and did not request any additional items.

RESOLVED

- i. The Board noted the forward plan.

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