

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,  
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE  
ON 6 DECEMBER 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Moncur (in the Chair)

Councillor Cummins (Sefton Council), Councillor Doyle (Sefton Council), Andrew Booth (Sefton Advocacy), Deborah Butcher (Sefton Council), Dr. Rob Caudwell (NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board), Neil Holland (Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust), Janine Hyland (Parenting 2000), Margaret Jones (Sefton Council), Anita Marsland (Sefton Partnership Governance), Temporary Superintendent Paul Holden (Merseyside Police), Eleanor Moulton (Sefton Council) and Phil Porter (Sefton Council)

**16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Sarah Alldis (Sefton Council), Mark Thomas (Merseyside Fire and Rescue) and John Turner (Healthwatch, Sefton).

**17. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2023 be confirmed as a correct record.

**18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

**19. UPDATE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23:  
AGEING IN SEFTON**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health which presented examples of actions that had been taken by Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Public Health Team, and partners.

Further to Minute No. 89 of the meeting held on 8 March 2023, the report incorporated further recommendations from the latest Public Health Annual Report; and advised that, recently, the annual report of the Chief Medical Officer for England had been published which also focused on 'Health in an Ageing Society' and emphasised very similar priorities.

The Public Health Annual Report combined evidence-based health information and data, and the voices of senior residents to capture a more balanced, nuanced, and positive view of ageing. The main chapters of the report were:

- Talking about ageing
- Sefton's population
- Health of older adults
- Prevention and healthy ageing
- Living Well

The Board discussed the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis and isolation on Sefton's Ageing population, the implications of being a coastal borough and complex lives.

The Board thanked the report authors for their report.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

## **20. COMBATING DRUGS PARTNERSHIP - ONE YEAR UPDATE**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health which provided an overview and update of the development of Sefton's Combating Drugs Partnership. The report included a summary of the partnership development, structures, and progress against national milestones.

Local governance structures required the Health and Wellbeing Board to have oversight and reporting from the Sefton Combating Drugs Partnership via the Senior Responsible Owner. Quarterly updates were provided as part of the Sub-Committee report to the Board.

The report outlined the Partnership Memberships, the Function of the Partnership, Governance Structures, Developments, Performance and Moving Forward.

The Board discussed the key challenges for the Combating Drugs Partnership and how different partners across Sefton could get involved.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the content of the report and the progress made within the first year of the Combating Drugs Partnership be noted; and
- (2) it be agreed that the Board continue to strengthen the Partnership by the recommendation of the participation of any further key Members.

## **21. CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY**

RESOLVED:

That this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, to be held on 6 March 2024.

## **22. CARERS' STRATEGY**

The Board considered the report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health which set out the development of the Sefton Carers Strategy 2024-2027. The Strategy set out a commitment to carers and showed how partners in the Borough would work together to support carers of all ages in Sefton. The Strategy was owned by a partnership of organisations in Sefton, together with carers and residents. The report sought to present the most current draft of the strategy for comment and review and detailed the ongoing public consultation to ensure the voice of carers was clear within the final strategy document.

The Strategy outlined the process of development, the consultation process, and the aims of the strategy.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the process of development, consultation, and engagement in respect of the Carers' Strategy be noted;
- (2) the most current draft of the Strategy be noted; and
- (3) commitment and approval be given to delivery of the Strategy and the establishment of a Carers' Partnership Board, which will report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **23. LOCAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Board received a presentation from the Chief Officer, Community Pharmacy Sefton which covered community pharmacy, current service provision and local intelligence regarding closures.

The presentation covered the following points:

- Pharmacy Closures
- National Pharmacy Services
- Sefton Local Enhanced Pharmacy Services
- Care at the Chemist
- Pharmacy First Service
- Sefton CATC Service
- GP CPCS Sefton / GP Practice CPCS Referrals
- Hypertension Case Finding Service – ABPM Referrals / Clinic Check Referrals / Total Clinic Check

- Cheshire and Merseyside ICB Primary Care Strategy

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

## **24. PRIMARY CARE NETWORK UPDATE**

The Board received presentations from the South Sefton Primary Care Network and the Southport and Formby Primary Care Network. The presentations highlighted details of key programmes which demonstrated partnership working to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities for Sefton residents.

The South Sefton Primary Care Network presentation primarily addressed capacity and access and also covered:

- South Sefton Access Service
- Enhanced Health in Care Home
- Care Home Networking Event
- Integrating Care – Enhanced Health at Home
- Learning Disability Health Checks
- Primary Care Mental Health Team
- Gap Analysis
- Examples of positive actions taken by the Primary Care Network

The Southport and Formby Primary Care Network presentation outlined:

- Social Prescribing Link Workers
- Health and Wellbeing Coach Role
- Mental Health Practitioners
- Cancer Care
- Early Diagnosis of Cancer
- Complex Lives
- Aims and Objectives
- Attitudes and Behaviours
- Stakeholders
- Engagement and Outputs
- Risks and Barriers

The Board discussed exploring the introduction of a recognition service for front-line staff, mental health, and dementia.

RESOLVED:

That the presentations be noted.

## **25. SUB-GROUP UPDATES**

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The Board considered the report of the Director of Public Health which presented the Board with a summary of activity from the five identified subgroups and sought approval for the Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template. The report also included a summary of activity from the Combatting Drugs Partnership and the Board's Terms of Reference which were to be reviewed on a 12 monthly basis. The report outlined activity since the last update received by the Board on 13 of September 2023, namely:

- (1) The Adult's Forum had not met since the last update.
- (2) The Children and Young People Partnership Board had met once since the last update and was due to meet again w/c 11 December 2023.

The Board focused on the consultation on the new Children and Young People's Plan and priorities for the next year. The Governance of the Board was reviewed to ensure its role was clear, in terms of how it added value to its subgroups and how it linked to other groups such as the Place Partnership and Health and Wellbeing Board.

- (3) The Health Protection Forum had met once since the last update, in November 2023.

The Forum was updated on Measles cases in the North West as well as settings and communities with low levels of immunity that had been identified as being vulnerable to outbreaks. There was concern regarding MMR vaccination rates, isolation periods for health care staff and national guidance around PPE. The Forum agreed to support work on the Public Health Annual Report, focusing on immunisations for children. They also discussed the current tailing off in COVID-19 infections, an increase in the number of scabies outbreaks in care settings and some seasonal increases in Group-A streptococcus infection.

- (4) The Health and Wellbeing Executive had not met since the last update but was responsible for the reporting on and approval of the Better Care Fund which was included at Appendix 1 to the Board.
- (5) The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Continuous Improvement Board (SENDICIB) had met once since the last update on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2023.

The Board received updates on the Primary Care Fund, Children's Social Care, delivering better value, sufficiency and EHCP progress.

The Board also received an update from the Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) which had met once since the last update, on 28 September 2023. The meeting had a themed spotlight session on Criminal Justice. The Board received updates from the CDP subgroups.

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The Board also considered the Health and Wellbeing Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the updates from the five identified subgroups and the Combatting Drugs Partnership be noted;
- (2) the Board's Terms of Reference be noted; and
- (3) the Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template be approved, and a further report be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.