

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Date of Meeting:	7 th December 2022
Subject:	Subgroup Updates		
Report of:	Director of Public Health	Wards Affected:	All Wards
Cabinet Portfolio:	Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

This report is to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board a summary of activity from the five identified subgroups. This is activity since the last report received by the board on the 28th September 2022

Recommendation(s):

- (1) The updates are received and noted by the Board
- (2) That the board ratifies the appended Better Care Fund plan for Sefton for 2022/23

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Board is asked to routinely receive and note updates to ensure compliance with required governance standards

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Not applicable

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no additional revenue costs identified by the contents of this report.

(B) Capital Costs

There are no additional capital costs identified by the contents of this report.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
There are no resource implications identified by the contents of this report.	
Legal Implications:	
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	N
Have a neutral impact	Y
Have a negative impact	N
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
The contents of this report have a neutral impact on Climate Emergency.	

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact
Commission, broker and provide core services: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact
Place – leadership and influencer: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact
Drivers of change and reform: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: N/A
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD 7029/22) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD 5229/22) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Not Applicable

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Board meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

1. The 2022/23 BCF Plan, (The financial Plan, Capacity and Demand Plan and Narrative document)
2. The refreshed Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As agreed at the December 2019 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing board the Board has agreed to receive a standard agenda item of summarised activity of its formal subgroups.
- 1.2 The subgroups are identified as: the Children & Young People Partnership Board, the SEND Continuous Improvement Board, the Adults Forum, the Health and Wellbeing Board Executive and the Health Protection Forum

2. Updates

2.1 Children and Young People Partnership Board (CYPPB):

Meetings of the CYPPB are bi-monthly and since the last update there has been one meeting on 12th October 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for 14th December 2022.

At the meeting the following items were discussed: McAllister Review; Start Well; Early Help Strategy; Education SEND, Education Strategy and Post 16 Care Support. At every meeting the Risk Register is reviewed.

The first report provided an overview of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care (CSC) and the response by Sefton to the recommendations contained in the review. The Board was informed there is an executive summary of the review which was consulted upon widely across the country with a variety of people engaged throughout the process. The main recommendation in the review was that there is a reset within CSC and in particular intensive help to families in crisis and support is offered earlier in the system. The Board members attention was drawn to the table contained within the report showing all of the recommendations and noted they are not significantly different than the previous review with fundamentally an early help approach. The recommendations are now with the Government for consideration and these recommendations will require significant investment in the region of £2.6bn over four years if all of them are accepted. The Board was informed that work is already underway in Sefton as we have established a Targeted Family Support Team and a piece of work on direct interventions is taking place. At any point in the system we will be looking to focus on families such as with the Family Valued Approach which has buy in from parents, educators, police and VCS and there is a systematic multi-disciplinary approach that everyone understands

The purpose of the report on Start Well was to provide the Board with an update on the developing commissioning plan for the Children and Young People.

The plan was developed through an inclusive co-produced process to map current priorities across the age range, alongside contract information and Governance structure. This has been overseen by the Executive Commissioning Group and delivered by a leadership group consisting of Commissioners and Providers across the Sefton system. Work was then undertaken to refine by theme into 4 core elements and their delivery areas owned by system partners. These core elements were noted as Early Intervention and Prevention' Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health' Children in Care (CiC) and Transforming Care (LD & Autism). The Board was recommended to note and share feedback on the report; provide feedback on the approach and agree the proposed next steps as well as support with ongoing engagement in and continued commitment. These recommendations were agreed.

A presentation was provided on Early Help Strategy a partnership vision and approach across the whole system. It was noted that there is greater understanding of the work and the partnership have introduced case studies to recognise the amount of work that goes on in the early help system which is not a single service but a network of services, processes and interactions that aim to help babies, children, young people and families at the earliest opportunity. This type of work is referenced in the McAllister Review. This is not just social care but wider

communities and partnerships and there should be a comprehensive induction for the whole workforce which has resulted in a refreshed and updated Early Help Strategy. There are new working groups, a refreshed dashboard and measures looking at the workforce as well as the voice of the child which is integral to understanding what we need to do.

Education SEND update

A presentation was provided on the pressures on SEND including the rise in referrals for EHCPs, pressures on staffing due to absences and recruitment as the team is not a full capacity. Although there has been some improvement there remains issues around sufficiency and lack of mainstream school places. The Board noted the significant increase in demand which has impacted on timescales. A new Interim Service Manager is now in place with a clear plan to deal with the backlog and reduce timescales.

The Board was also provided with information on the Delivering Better Value (DBV) scheme which noted that Sefton is one of 55 councils engaged in the process to provide support to address the High Needs deficit. This starts in January 2023. This is not a cost cutting exercise but will be looking at using the funding to better effect. The presentation continued by informing the Board of the new Inspection Framework for Area Partnership for SEND which is due to take effect in early 2023. Further details on this area of work is included in the SENDCIB update.

Post 16 Care Support

A report was provided to inform the Board of the Post 16 support available to our young people who are cared for as they transition into adulthood. Work was already taking place but it was agreed that further improvements were required. A Young Persons Team has been established to provide a more focused response from social work practitioners for young people from the age of 13/14. An outline of the team was provided and it was noted that there is an evolving capability framework. There is more focused work with Personal Advisors taking place from the age of 16 who will co-work with Social Workers as the young person develops and which will offer support in a number of areas around independent living skills. This will allow for a smoother transition into adulthood.

The Board was also informed there is a Next Steps Panel which looks at a multi agency pathway plan covering housing, education, employment etc. In addition to this there are Family Connectors in the team who will link back to the family/ carers and offer support as they approach adulthood. Accommodation is an issue and work takes place with young people including those who are in semi independent accommodation and those in children's homes. The Board was also advised of the work taking place for young people who are placed out of the Borough and also those who are classed as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children (UASC) as we are part of the National Transfer Scheme to resettle them.

The Board also receives notes from the following groups for information if they had met:

SEND CIB

Early Help

Emotional Health and Wellbeing Group

2.2 SEND Continuous Improvement Board (SEND CIB)

There have been two meetings since the last update, one on 20th September 2022 and one on 15th November 2022, however, the notes from November are not available at the time of writing this update and will be provided with the next update.

At the September meeting the following items were discussed: SEND Education Update; SEND Inspection Framework; Integrated Care Board – Sefton and Regional and SEND Performance is a standing item on each agenda.

A presentation on SEND Education was provided and noted the pressures which included circumstances contributing to an increase in requests for new EHCP's, EHCPs reviews, staffing pressures and the Delivering Better Value (DBV) Programme which noted Sefton is one of 55 councils engaged in DBV to address the High Needs Funding deficit.

The item on a New Inspection Framework which is due in Spring 2023 was provided. The focus will be on experiences and outcomes for children and young people, how the Local Area Partnership works together and the judgements. It was noted that the three partners of health, education and social care would undertake a self-assessment against the inspection framework which would allow fuller understanding of each other's area of work and identify areas for improvement. A series of workshops for partners was agreed to be set up with reports on progress to be brought back to the Board.

The Integrated Care System was the subject of the next report and was to brief the Board on the disestablishment of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the establishment of the Sefton Partnership and the local Sefton and Cheshire and Merseyside NHS structure. The report noted that at the heart of the changes brought about by the Health and Care Act is the formalisation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). ICSs are partnerships that bring providers and commissioners of NHS services across a geographical area together with local authorities and other local partners to collectively plan health and care services to meet the needs of their local population. Locally this is the establishment of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System. Each ICS is now made up of two parts: an Integrated Care Board (ICB) and an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). ICBs will be tasked with the commissioning and oversight of most NHS services and will be accountable to NHS England for NHS spending and performance. ICPs will bring together a wider range of partners, not just the NHS, to develop a plan to address the broader health, public health, and social care needs of the population. ICSs have the potential to reach beyond the NHS to work alongside local authorities and other partners to address the wider determinants of health. The report outlined the governance structure and the need to produce an Integrated Care Strategy by December 2022. There is a Programme Delivery group which will detail delivery across the life course with four areas of key delivery; Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, and All Age.

The updated Improvement Plan with KPIs was included as part of SEND Performance reporting. Exception reporting on those areas of work that are not achieving the agreed KPIs was also provided as well as those no longer included in exception reporting. For this report it was noted that Speech and Language therapy times for 18-25 years across North Sefton were no longer included as they are performing within the contractual requirements of average waiting times of 18 weeks. The areas contained within the report were Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) for 0-18 years, Dietetics 0-18 years South Sefton, Physiotherapy 0-18 years North Sefton, CAMHS Health Services, ASD assessments 0-18 years and ADHD assessments 0-18 years. A dashboard and narratives were supplied for each of these services. The Board was asked to note the report and the developments underway to move towards a Sefton-wide Sefton reporting frameworks which aligns with ICB developments and contract reporting for local health services. It was also noted that further reports would be brought to the November Board on those areas included in the exception report.

The risk register is reviewed at each meeting.

2.3 Sefton Adults Forum

The Adult's forum has met twice since the last report, on the 27th of September and the 22nd of November. In September the group discussed the evolution of EPEG as part of the Communication and Engagement strand of Place development. The group had updated on the cost of care exercise and the current challenges being faced by the care home market. The topic of dementia diagnosis was raised, and actions agreed. In November's meeting the group received an update on the Day Opportunities review, the progress of the Fair Cost of Care Exercise, developments around dementia offers and diagnosis rates and standard items on communications and quality updates and an update on the recent ICB Maturity assessment.

2.4 Health and Wellbeing Board Executive and Better Care Fund

The Health and Wellbeing Executive has not met since the last report. The Executive has given oversight by correspondence to the completion of the Better Care Fund plan for 2022/23. This year a financial plan and a measure of capacity and demand along with a narrative detailing integration was required. This was given approval by the Chair on behalf of the full Health and Wellbeing Board subject to ratification at the next full Board meeting. The full submission is appended to this report.

In addition to this the Better Care Fund will now receive central funding to support Winter Planning, this will need to be collated into a plan and submitted to NHS England by the 16th December. The Board are asked to agree delegation to the Chair to approve this submission on behalf of the Board, and to ratify the final submission at its next available meeting.

The Executive has also provided oversight to the development of a refreshed Terms of reference as an outcome of the Board recent development. This was agreed at Council on the 9th November 2022. The final version is appended to this report.

2.5 Sefton Health Protection Forum

Background - Functions and Purpose of the Sefton Health Protection Forum Purpose

The Health Protection Forum (HPF) is a sub-committee of the Sefton Health and Wellbeing Board and with a focus on facilitating the Director of Public Health's statutory oversight and assurance role of health protection plans. The HPF provides a link between the Health and Wellbeing Board and partner organisations with roles in the delivery of health protection plans.

Additionally, the HPF will provide a setting for the exchange of information, scrutiny of plans and analysis of data with all partners with a role in the delivery of health protection in Sefton ensuring they are acting jointly and effectively to protect the population's health.

The Sefton Health Protection Forum (HPF) has been re-established following a pause related to the COVID-19 response. The following HPF meetings have taken place:

28 April 2022 - members development session to discuss functions, purpose and priorities of the group.

7th June 2022, 11th August and 18th October 2022 - HPF meetings

The group will now move to quarterly meetings with the next meeting scheduled in January 2023.

Priorities and task and finish groups

The initial key priorities of the group have been identified as:

- Warm and cold weather plans
- Pandemic preparedness plans
- Seasonal flu
- COVID-19
- Screening and immunisations
- Drug related deaths
- Blood borne viruses (including HIV)

The activities of the group are undertaken by task and finish groups currently the following groups are currently meeting as sub-groups of the HPF:

- Sefton Acute Respiratory Infection Planning Group (Influenza and COVID-19)
- Extreme Weather/Emergency Planning Task and Finish Group
- Blood Borne Virus and HIV group
- Drug related death review panel

Key updates from HPF for Health and Wellbeing Board

Extreme weather planning

Initial work to promote national heatwave plans and promote the use of the national action cards was completed prior to the August 2022 heatwave. This task and finish group has subsequently met to discuss cold weather preparedness.

Seasonal Influenza

NHS England (NHS E) have identified the following priority groups for the seasonal flu vaccination programme, pregnant women, 2–3-year-olds and people with learning disabilities. In Sefton we have worked with NHS E and key stakeholders to support discussions around enhancing the offer to these groups this includes a pilot with the 0-19 Service to deliver nasal flu vaccinations to children in school-based nurseries.

Blood Borne Viruses

There was a significant reduction in the number of people utilising the needle and syringe programmes (NSPs) in Sefton throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and activity has not returned to pre-pandemic levels. Liverpool John Moore's University (LJMU) are currently undertaking a review of NSP provision and will consider additional models of improving distribution to achieve WHO targets.

Drug Related Deaths

Data reported by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) provides numbers of drug related deaths by time of death registration so can include deaths that occurs in previous years. Drug poisoning deaths, and drug misuse death in Sefton have increased by 71.4% and 52% respectively. However, we note that reporting has taken longer during the COVID-19 pandemic, and this may have led to an increase in reporting as coroners covered a backlog of cases.

LJMU are commissioned to run an independent review panel on all drug related deaths. Difficulties experienced by the University accessing coroner information in a timely fashion have now been addressed and will hopefully improve the flow of information from the Coroner's Office

Health Protection Issues

There has been a reduction in the number of new cases of Monkey Pox in the North-West, diagnostic and treatment pathways are being delivered via the Sexual Health Service, with high-risk individuals being identified for vaccination programme.

Vaccine Derived Polio Virus has been found in wastewater in London and as part of a National response UK Health Security Agency has commenced regular testing of the wastewater in the Liverpool sewage system which will also cover parts of Sefton, areas selected have low uptake of primary childhood vaccinations, including polio. Whilst there are no associate clinical cases of Polio in London to date, nationally there is a need to identify children who may not be up to date with the national children's immunisation programme.

NHS E have been in contact with GPs with waiting lists for immunisations and communications have been sent to general practice around the need to ensure catch-up appointments are offered

Issues for escalation to the Health and Wellbeing Board

Screening and Immunisations

Across England and locally in Sefton one impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is a reduction uptake of primary immunisations which leaves communities and individuals at risk of vaccine preventable infections. Likewise, the HPF are concerned that people in Sefton may not have been able to take up national screening offers. The HPF would like to restart task and finish groups to explore these issues, in order to support activity and seek assurance around screening and immunisations programmes. However, there has been no engagement with the HPF from NHS E Screening and Immunisations Team nor has there been a response to requests for a

separate meeting to focus on screening and immunisations in Sefton. Therefore, the HPF wishes to escalate that at present they do not have assurance for these programmes in Sefton.

2.6 Other Updates

Combating Drugs Partnership

From Harm to Hope: national 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives was published in December 2021. New supplementary guidance for local delivery partners (June 2022) requires local areas to work collaboratively and in partnership and provides a framework for establishing local Combating Drugs Partnerships (CDP).

The Combating Drugs Partnership is a multi-agency forum that is accountable for delivering the outcomes in the 10 year Drugs Plan within local areas. CDPs will provide a single setting for understanding and addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context and need. All partnerships will be led by a Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) who will be required to report to central government and hold local delivery partners to account.

The Sefton CDP is now established with representation from a range of partners including health, police, CVS, probation, youth offending and treatment providers. Chaired by the Director of Public Health (DPH) who is also the Sefton nominated Senior Reporting Officer. Terms of Reference and governance arrangements, including reporting to the Health & Wellbeing Board via the DPH have been agreed. The CDP has met on the following dates.

Initial scoping meeting – 3/8/22

Further meetings on – 7/9/22, 2/11/22

The next meeting date – 9/12/22

Nationally a programme of work has been devised, setting out requirements and timelines for all local CDPs. Progress against deliverables has been good in Sefton with a high level of commitment demonstrated by all partners. Progress against key milestones is tabled below.

Action(s)	Timeframe	Key Update(s)
Agree Footprint of Partnership and local membership.	By 01-08-2022	Sefton CDP established reporting to Merseyside CDP led by PCC office.
Terms of Reference.	September 2022	Sefton TOR agreed by membership.
Governance.	September 2022	Reporting agreed to Sefton Health and Wellbeing Board via DPH.
Conduct a JSNA – Reviewing local data and evidence.	End of November 2022	Draft Sefton JSNA circulated for comment. Mapping of local services

		and support complete.
Agree a National Strategy-local drugs delivery plan.	End of December 2022	Development work underway for a Sefton plan.
Ensure that partner agree a local PMF to monitor and implement local plans.	End of December 2022	Preparatory work underway.
Review progress on delivery and emergent issues.	April 2023 and every 12 months thereafter.	

The Department of Health and Social Care has published the final guidance on Health and Wellbeing Boards as part of the Integrated Care System. The guidance can be found here: [Health and wellbeing boards – guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing-boards-guidance) this was published on the 22nd November 2022, and builds on the detailed report provided at the last meeting, this incorporates the feedback provided by the Board following our September meeting.

3. Conclusion

The Board are asked to note the contents of the report and confirm the specific asks of ratifying the Better Care Fund plan for 2022 /23 and delegating approval for the Winter Planning submission to the Chair.