

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2022

A MEETING of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD was held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC OFFICE, DONCASTER on THURSDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2022, at 9.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Rachael Blake, Portfolio Holder for Children's Social Care, Communities and Equalities

Vice-Chair – Dr David Crichton, Chair of Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group

Councillor Nigel Ball	Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure, Culture & Planning
Councillor Andrea Robinson	Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
Councillor Cynthia Ransome	DMBC Conservative Representative
Phil Holmes	Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Doncaster Council
Dr Rupert Suckling	Director of Public Health, Doncaster Council
Lee Golze	Assistant Director of Partnerships, Early Interventions and Localities, Doncaster Council (substitute for Riana Nelson)
Dave Richmond	Chief Executive, St Leger Homes of Doncaster
Ellie Hunneyball	Group Manager, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Lucy Robertshaw	Health and Social Care Forum Representative
Anthony Jones	Acting Director of People & Organisational Development, DBTH Foundation Trust (substitute for Richard Parker)

Also in Attendance:

Martyn Owen	Head of Service, Inclusion, Doncaster Council
Emma Price	Head of Strategy and Delivery for Children's and Maternity at Doncaster CCG
Andrea Ibbeson	Deputy Chief Nurse & Designated Nurse for Children's Safeguarding & LAC, Doncaster CCG
Susan Hampshaw	Head of Service, Public Health Delivery, Doncaster Council
Vicki Beere	CEO, Project 6
Sally Hickson-Clark	Project 6
Fran Joel	Chief Operating Officer, Healthwatch Doncaster

43 WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for the meeting were received from Richard Parker (Anthony Jones deputised), Kathryn Singh, Jackie Pederson, Riana Nelson (Lee Golze deputised), and Cath Witherington.

The Chair welcomed Fran Joel, Chief Operating Officer of Healthwatch Doncaster, to the meeting.

44 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair stated that in light of the fact that the Board would be talking about health and wellbeing today, it was important to reflect on current world events. In particular, she explained that the Doncaster Ukraine Centre had featured on the regional news last night and, on behalf of the Board, she stated that everyone's thoughts and support were with the Ukraine community in Doncaster at the present time. The Chair was aware that there were various opportunities and ways in which people could show their support and contribute, including a GoFundMe page being run by Voluntary Action Doncaster and she encouraged everyone to provide support where they could. The Chair added that there was also support and help available to anyone who was struggling with everything that was going on.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chair stated that she was delighted to announce that Dr David Crichton had been appointed as Chief Medical Officer for the South Yorkshire Integrated Care System. On behalf of the Board, the Chair stated that she wished to say a huge thank you to David for all his work and support, both in terms of serving as a Board member, including holding the position of Vice-Chair of the for the past 5 years, and also his work behind the scenes, and she wished him well for the future. In thanking the Chair and Board for their kind words, David explained that he was delighted to be taking up his new role and he acknowledged the help he had received from people around the room that had assisted him on his journey. He added that it had been a privilege to have been part of the Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Board.

45 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions received from the public.

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

47 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

48 COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

Dr Rupert Suckling gave an update to the Health and Well Being Board with regard to the present situation in the Borough regarding Covid-19 and its impact on the borough, health provisions and the local communities and what was being done moving forward. The update included data on current case rates compared to those at the Board's last meeting in January 2022.

Dr Suckling explained that since the Board's last meeting, there had been a reduction in the number of cases of the Omicron variant and in the numbers of people requiring hospital care. This had led to the Government introducing its 'Living with Covid' plan in February and the lifting of legal requirements in relation to self-isolation and all other restrictions being lifted. Dr Suckling stressed, however, that Public Health guidance was still advising people with symptoms to self-isolate and get tested, and also recommending that face coverings were worn in enclosed public spaces, and this was still a requirement in health care settings.

It was noted that other changes included the cessation of contact tracing and an increased emphasis on ventilation and vaccinations. Dr Suckling confirmed that in the past week, there had been a slight increase in the number of cases being reported, which was partly due to the fact that people were now circulating more. It was, however, expected that cases would reduce as the weather warmed up over the coming months. He concluded by stating that while Covid-19 had not gone away, the situation was nevertheless manageable, thanks to the effectiveness of the vaccines in breaking the link between people catching the virus and requiring hospitalisation.

Dr David Crichton also provided a brief update on the current position in relation to the roll out of the vaccination programme across the Borough, and future plans in relation to the provision of booster doses of the vaccine. He confirmed that all children aged 5 to 11 would be offered a vaccine from 1 April. In addition, those people aged 75 and over, those who were immuno-compromised and those living in adult care homes would be given an additional booster jab in the Spring. Looking further ahead, Dr Crichton reported that it was expected that there would also be a booster campaign in the Autumn.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

#### 49 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2021

The Health and Well Being Board considered the 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report. The report, which was the seventh Annual Report authored by Dr Suckling, described the course of the global COVID-19 pandemic in Doncaster in 2021 and included a rapid assessment of the state of health in Doncaster in 2021. The report also demonstrated how the public health grant was being used locally, and highlighted the proposals for implementing the new borough strategy 'Doncaster Delivering Together'.

The report made the following six recommendations for Team Doncaster and partners:-

- Continue to recognise, celebrate and support the roles of 'Key workers', local people, groups, institutions, businesses and communities in the way Doncaster works
- Maintain sufficient local capacity and capability to respond to and learn from the continued COVID-19 pandemic
- Implement Doncaster Delivering Together, including updating and publishing a set of Impact Assessments to continue to guide and shape local recovery and renewal

- Secure long term locality working including asset based, community centred approaches to improve health and wellbeing working with and for communities, in the present and for future generations
- Revitalise approaches to health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion taking into account the new Geneva Charter for Wellbeing and establish a Fairness & Wellbeing Commission
- Develop new relationships with the Office of Health Improvement and the UK Health Security Agency, the successor bodies to Public Health England and establish a new method for assurance of local public health services

The Report had been considered & approved by Full Council at its meeting in January and was presented to the Board in order that Members could consider how the recommendations could be taken forward in future strategy and delivery plans.

Discussion followed, during which the Board commented on various aspects of the Report that related to their areas and how moving forward they could put the recommendations into practice, including the following:-

- Dr David Crichton highlighted the significant changes that would arise from the Health and Care Bill currently going through Parliament. He also spoke of the positive lessons learned from the pandemic, and outlined the measures being taken to improve patient access to health care services, including GPs.
- Councillor Nigel Ball highlighted the reference in the Report to the World Health Organisation's Geneva Charter for Wellbeing, and stated that this raised the question of how the health, wellbeing and happiness of Doncaster communities could be effectively measured by way of indicators. In reply, Dr Suckling explained that there were two main drivers in this regard. Firstly, through HM Treasury and how it accounted for new infrastructure projects, he explained that the Green Book was changing and moving from solely economic outputs to also include social outputs. Secondly, he explained that at a South Yorkshire level, a six capitals approach was increasingly being used, which was concerned with measuring social capital and tracking investment in places. He stressed, however, that this work was at an early stage of development.
- Phil Holmes explained that work was being undertaken to identify ways of implementing a more joined up approach when various services areas/Directorates within the Council and partners were engaging with local communities across the Borough.
- Councillor Cynthia Ransome stated that her main concern was the increasing problem of obesity, particularly amongst young people and its prevalence in areas of high deprivation. During subsequent discussion, the Board recognised that it was more costly for families to eat healthily and that with the current cost of living crisis, there was even more reliance on cheaper fast food instead of healthy nutritious meals. Easier access to fresh fruit and vegetables and making healthy options available to people would help to address this. In reply, Dr Suckling acknowledged that obesity was a major challenge in the Borough, and he suggested that an update on this subject could be brought to a future meeting of the Board to outline the measures being taken to tackle this issue.

- Referring to the discussion on obesity, Lucy Robertshaw explained that while the Dance On sessions held across the Borough were not specifically aimed at tackling obesity, they were an effective means of encouraging people of all ages to move more and be more active. She added that the Dance Strategy was due to be re-launched in May and suggested that it might be useful to bring a presentation to a future Board meeting on the Strategy, including the work being undertaken in relation to workforce development and rolling the Strategy out across communities in the Borough.

After the Chair had asked all Board members to consider the recommendations in the Director of Public Health's Annual Report and how their respective organisations could take these forward in future strategy and delivery plans, it was

RESOLVED that the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2021, be noted.

## 50 DONCASTER CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

The Board received a presentation by Emma Price (DCCG) and Martyn Owen (DMBC) on the Doncaster Children & Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25.

Emma and Martyn began by outlining the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic had had on children and young people's mental health and wellbeing and on the service provision in supporting their needs. They then summarised the cross-partner working undertaken since 2020 to understand the patterns of presentations emerging at A&E involving young people and working with schools and other agencies to identify any gaps in the support and services available. The Doncaster Young Advisors had also taken a lead part in this work, producing a Vision and Ambition statement formulated from extensive Young Advisor led survey exercises. This formed a fundamental part of the overarching strategy and underpinned all of the priorities and actions.

The Board was then informed of each of the Strategy priorities in turn, which comprised:-

1. Improve access to Doncaster services;
2. Address systemic inequalities;
3. Raise capacity and capability within mainstream schools; and
4. Reduce waiting times for neurological pathways.

It was noted that it was intended to develop an implementation plan setting out the intended actions over the three years of the Strategy. The plan would be designed to identify key actions and provide clear timelines alongside measurable success criteria.

Emma concluded by outlining how the Strategy would be taken forward in years 2 and 3, and the measures that would be put in place in order to test and challenge the progress achieved against the priorities.

Arising from discussion on the need to look at ways of building resilience in young people, Emma Price offered to provide a briefing to a future meeting of the Board on the subject of future resilience and the work being undertaken to support this. She cited as an example the recent launch in Doncaster of the Kooth digital mental health support service for young people and young adults which included free access to a range of resilience tools.

In response to a question as to whether there was any correlation between those areas of the Borough with high levels of deprivation and the levels of need in relation to young people's mental health and whether this had been mapped out, Emma Price explained that the Kooth system had been set to map out the Borough, including the Wards, which would give a clearer picture in 6 - 12 months' time of any correlation between deprivation and young people's needs in respect of mental health. It was also reported that the data from A&E presentations was being used to identify hotspot areas, and this in turn was used to prioritise resources and ensure that schools in those areas were given the necessary support to help deal with cases.

After the Board had acknowledged the importance of joined up working across the various Strategies, including the Early Help Strategy, and discussed the vital role that Early Help would have in terms of building future resilience and emotional intelligence in children, it was

RESOLVED:

1. To agree to the strategic priorities set out within the Doncaster Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy; and
2. That the Board formally agrees to sign-off the overall Strategy.

51 PROJECT 6 - DEVELOPING COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS TO SUBSTANCE USE

The Board received a presentation by Vicki Beere, CEO of Project 6, which outlined the work of the Project 6 organisation and gave details of the 'Third Place' proposal for Doncaster, which was a new way of supporting street drinkers in the Borough.

Vicki began by giving an overview of the work of Project 6 and its background history as a charitable organisation. She then summarised the current delivery offered by Project 6, which included:-

- Developing Project 6's community@Sober Social;
- Developing crisis services; and
- Older People's Alcohol Service

The organisation's plans for development included the launch of the Third Place proposal for Doncaster, which was a harm reduction approach for street drinkers, and developing the Crisis Service – Doncaster Pathways, into a Borough-wide offer through a Voluntary, Communities and Social Enterprise collaboration with the health and social care forum.

The Board was informed that, following a successful pilot in Keighley, the Third Place was aimed at providing opportunities to tackle the cycle of multiple and complex needs

by providing a safe environment for street drinkers and others affected by homelessness, rootlessness and destitution who often had no access to their own first or second space. The service would offer opportunities and choices for individuals to create meaningful and sustainable change in their wellbeing through reducing harm and improving health outcomes, in a safe environment where individuals could receive the support they needed. Vicki confirmed that Project 6 had the support of the various substance use forums to develop the Third Place offer, and she stated that she was seeking the Board's support in principle for the proposal today.

During subsequent discussion, Dr Rupert Suckling commented that the compassionate approach of the proposed Third Place project was entirely in keeping with the discussions that this Board had been having with regard to supporting individuals. On the question of resourcing this project, Dr Suckling explained that it was hoped that funding would be forthcoming as a result of the new Drugs Strategy that was launched in December and that some of this could be made available to support the Third Place initiative. He added that it would be useful to give further thought in the future as to how the work of Project 6 fitted in with the broader network of other charities and organisations providing support in relation to substance use.

In supporting the project, Phil Holmes felt that there was always scope for providing more help for individuals affected by drug and alcohol issues and he felt it was timely to be looking at expanding this work in Doncaster. He added that it would be useful to draw together the different strands of activity taking place across the Borough in this regard and stressed the value of providing support to individuals which addressed the root causes while treating them with dignity. He also stated that the Council would be happy to help Project 6 make connections with some of the other work currently being carried out in the different communities in the Borough.

Councillor Nigel Ball welcomed the Third Place proposal but stressed that it was important that all of the various organisations that provided support to people in this area of work co-operated together, in order that there was a joined up approach and people could be signposted to the Third Place where it was felt they would benefit from it.

Dave Richmond stated that St Leger Homes would be happy to provide practical support and assistance with the Third Place project as part of its social responsibility activities.

In response to the comments received, Vicki confirmed that Project 6 was fully supportive of working with the smaller organisations involved in helping individuals in relation to substance use, and this was regularly discussed at the Health and Social Care Forum.

Dr David Crichton suggested that it would be useful for Project 6 to link up with Laura Sherburn, Chief Executive of Primary Care Doncaster, as they had provided an Inclusion GP for Complex Lives in the past. He also suggested that as the Third Place project came under the umbrella of Complex Lives, it might be possible to allocate some funding from that area for this initiative.

It was then

RESOLVED to note the presentation and confirm the Board's support for the 'Third Place' proposal.

52 LOCAL SOLUTIONS FOR PEOPLE AND PLACES: NEXT STEPS IN IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING TOGETHER

The Board received a presentation by Phil Holmes entitled 'Local Solutions for People, Places and Planet – Doncaster's Locality Plans'. Phil gave an overview of the development of the Locality Plans in the Borough (North, South, Central and East), which were due to be completed at the end of March. It was noted that these Plans had the potential to relate strongly to NHS delivery in neighbourhoods as well as wider wellbeing partnerships. The presentation described the approach and drew out some health and wellbeing themes. It was explained that the aim was for the Locality Plan to be the place that tied information together accessibly, as it was acknowledged that there were many other plans and these needed to be better coordinated locally.

Dr Rupert Suckling gave an update to the Board on the proposed usage of non-recurrent Better Care Fund monies to invest in preventative working in each of Doncaster's localities.

After a general discussion on the localities approach and how this would be taken forward in the future, it was

RESOLVED:

1. To note the key Health and Wellbeing messages that have arisen from discussion with local people in the development of Locality Plans; and
2. To note the update on usage of non-recurrent Better Care Fund monies to invest in preventative working in each of Doncaster's localities/neighbourhoods.

53 PATHWAYS TO RESEARCH EXCELLENCE: DEVELOPING A HEALTH DETERMINANTS RESEARCH COLLABORATION (HDRC) FOR SUSTAINABLE AND APPLIED RESEARCH IN DONCASTER

The Board received a presentation by Susan Hampshaw which provided an update on the development of a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Doncaster.

It was reported that Doncaster Council had submitted an Expression of Interest to the National Institute for Health Research Public Health Research Programme to host a HDRC, and had now been invited alongside several other places to submit a Stage 2 application. The presentation described the proposed collaboration as it stood, and focussed, in particular, on how becoming a more research active place would accelerate progress in Doncaster to improve health and wellbeing and tackle inequalities.

The Board was informed that the key considerations underpinning the bid were:-

- Sharing learning;



- Sustainable collaboration;
- Addressing capacity challenges;
- Being fair and balanced; and
- Addressing wider determinants

The two proposed work streams were:-

1. Knowledge mobilisation; and
2. Capability, capacity and motivation building

Susan concluded by stating that, with regard to the governance structure, if successful the project would report to this Board, and in terms of the timeline, the Council would be pitching its vision in June, with a decision around July and a start date at around October 2022.

In supporting this project, Dr David Crichton advised that he had been asked to lead an innovation and research programme across South Yorkshire, so if this bid was unsuccessful, there would still be other opportunities to pursue research.

Dr Rupert Suckling felt that even if the bid for this project was ultimately unsuccessful, there would still be elements of the work that could be taken forward and utilised in the future.

After the Chair had thanked Susan and her team on behalf of the Board for all their hard work in pulling together the bid for this project, and had confirmed the Board's support for this work, it was

RESOLVED to note the presentation and endorse the outlined approach.

54 DONCASTER SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

This report was received and noted.

55 DONCASTER SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

This report was received and noted.

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