

**MINUTES OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER
2022**

Present:

Councillor Farrell (in the Chair)

Councillors

Hobson Mrs Scott

Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health, Blackpool Council
Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services, Blackpool Council and Director of Health
Integration, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board

Roy Fisher, Non-Executive Director, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
Professor Sarah O'Brien, Chief Nursing Officer, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated
Care Board

Tracy Hopkins, Blackpool Citizens Advice Bureau, Voluntary Sector Representative

In Attendance:

Lennox Beattie, Executive and Regulatory Manager, Blackpool Council
Stephen Boydell, Principal Epidemiologist, Blackpool Council
Dianne Draper, Consultant in Public Health, Blackpool Council
Sarah Kipps, Speciality Registrar, Blackpool Council
Liz Petch, Consultant in Public Health, Blackpool Council
Lucia Plant, Lead For Care Act, Better Care Fund, Projects and Policy, Blackpool Council
Pauline Wigglesworth, Health Determinants Research Collaboration Programme Director,
Blackpool Council

Apologies:

Beth Martin, Blackpool Healthwatch Representative

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest on this occasion.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 5 OCTOBER 2022

The Health and Wellbeing Board considered the minutes of the last meeting held on 5
October 2022.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 5 October 2022 be approved and signed by
the Chairman as a correct record.

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3 BLACKPOOL HEALTH DETERMINANTS RESEARCH COLLABORATION

Pauline Wigglesworth, Health Determinants Research Collaboration Programme Director, provided the Board with a brief presentation on the new Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) project. Ms Wigglesworth explained that Blackpool Council had one of ten Councils and the only one in the North West England which had successfully bid to the National Institution for Health Research, the Council's bid had been in partnership with Lancaster University, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals and Empowerment Charity. In the initial years of the Health Determinants Research Collaboration, activities would be aligned to the priorities of the Place-Based Partnership namely: Housing; The first 1001 days of life; Education, employment and skills; and Mental health; with Healthy Lifestyles being a part of all aspects of the research.

Members of the board offered congratulations to those involved on the successful bid. The Board noted that there were significant potential synergies with other developing strategies and the Board considered it very positive that the views of service users and others with lived experience would be central to the programme. The Board noted that while the research collaboration would be separate from other projects by its very nature having a robust evidence base on how things worked would result in strong bids for other funding streams and the chance to have the greatest potential impact.

Resolved:

1. To support the Health Determinants Research Collaboration implementation and development over the next 5 years.
2. To receive 6 monthly updates on Health Determinants Research Collaboration and agree that links be developed with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs assessment.

4 BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

Lucia Plant, Better Care Fund Lead, provided the Board with an update on the financial monitoring of the Blackpool Better Care Fund. Ms Plant explained that it had not been possible to present the Better Care Fund planning template for 2022/23 to the Health and Wellbeing Board due to the short timescale for submission and the late receipt of amended statutory guidance. Councillor Farrell as the Chair had reviewed the planning template prior to approval and it had been agreed by the key partners- the Board's approval of the template was therefore sought retrospectively. The Board noted that while approval and assurance by NHS England of the planning template remained outstanding it was not anticipated that there would be any issues in that regard.

Ms Plant explained that a new Section 75 agreement, which underpinned the Better Care Fund Plan had been required following the transfer of Clinical Commissioning Groups to Integrated Care Boards and that this revised agreement had been approved by the Council's Executive at its meeting on the 5 December 2022.

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Ms Plant provided a brief update on the financial reporting and asked board members to note that officers have been unable to submit a consolidated report for this financial year due to the continued delayed publication of the Better Care Fund Policy Statement. It remained clear however that the Better Care Fund was within its overall budget parameters as individual organisations (Blackpool Council and Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board) had still been monitoring their respective schemes as part of their own financial reporting requirements and through the Better Care Fund Monitoring Group. It was anticipated that a full budget monitoring would be presented to a future meeting of the Board.

Ms Plant then explained the imminent changes to the Better Care Fund with the newly announced Adult Social Care Discharge Fund proposed to be distributed via the Better Care Fund. The funding would be provided in 2 phases – the first (40%) in December 2022, and the second (60%) by the end of January 2023. In response to questions regarding the short timescales, Ms Plant and Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services, Blackpool Council and Director of Health Integration, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, explained that the use of the fund would involve the expansion of existing initiatives and schemes which already had a strong evidence of past success in addressing the issue.

The Board expressed satisfaction with the current delivery of the Better Care Fund but considered that given the importance of the Better Care Fund to the delivery of the Board's objectives an update should be presented at least once every 6 months to the Board.

Resolved:

1. To note the report and the brief verbal update summarised above in these minutes.
2. To support the continuation of the Better Care Fund Monitoring Group which would be responsible for day to day monitoring and management of the Better Care Fund and require that body to report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on at least a 6 monthly basis.
3. To confirm the Board's approval of the Better Care Fund planning template for 2022/23 attached at Appendix 4a to the agenda.

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5 BLACKPOOL JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The Board received a presentation that explained the statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the purpose of the Assessment. The presentation outlined the position in terms of the current and future health and wellbeing needs and the causes of poor health in Blackpool.

The Board noted the broad sections within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment namely the area profile, starting well, developing well, living and working well, ageing well, and people and places. The Board noted a broad alignment with the Integrated Care Board's priorities but suggested that this alignment should be more explicitly marked as this would also fit in with the Health Determinants Research Collaboration.

The Board considered that it also would be useful for officers to consider restarting the the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Officer group and potentially allow for greater involvement of people with lived experience of the service.

Resolved:

1. To note the presentation and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
2. To agree that the priorities on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment should mirror exactly those of the Place based strategy.

BLACKPOOL PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health, presented to the Board the 2021/22 Public Health Annual Report which explored the important challenges faced by Blackpool in common with other coastal communities and disadvantaged areas. The report explained Health outcomes in Blackpool remained poor for many residents of the town, as could be seen in the factors explored in both in the annual report, previous reports and more comprehensively in the Blackpool Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

A main focus of the report was the challenges faced by people experiencing the most severe forms of disadvantage. The report outlined that these were people who experienced problems with substance misuse, poor mental health, domestic violence, homelessness and offending.

Dr Rajpura explained that there was recognition of the complex circumstances many people who need support find themselves in. Dr Rajpura described many of the services designed to support people experiencing problems and how a holistic, multi-agency approach was adopted rather than focusing on singular issues. The Board noted the range of positive interventions outlined in the report as already being undertaken and the potential future synergies with the Health Determinants Research Collaboration. Dr Rajpura explained that a key priority remained on the linkages between the improvements to the townscape delivered by the regeneration of Blackpool and the situation of those experiencing the most severe forms of disadvantage.

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The specific recommendations of the report were endorsed by the Board namely:

- 1) Forge closer links with organisations in other coastal communities to share learning and implement best practice. The ADDER project pairs Blackpool with Hastings and links are being formed with the local authority Public Health team in Hull.
- 2) Implement the recommendations of the Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2021 that can be influenced locally.
- 3) Public health and targeted healthcare interventions should be incorporated into the development of the Levelling Up programme to ensure that the maximum possible benefit for the most disadvantaged communities in Blackpool is achieved.
- 4) Learning from the programmes to support people experiencing multiple disadvantage must be shared, to determine where further value can be achieved, and to establish a future direction for a collaborative response to supporting people facing multiple disadvantage. The Fylde Coast Multiple Disadvantage Strategic Group is an important forum for improving collaborative working practices.
- 5) Services to support people with complex needs are often funded as short term projects. Closer integrated working, via the Blackpool Health and Wellbeing Board, the Fylde Coast Multiple Disadvantage Strategic Group and the Integrated Care Board is required to ensure long term sustainable funding is available to tackle multiple complex needs.
- 6) Multi-agency partners should continue to collaborate in developing consistent workforce training and development in trauma-informed approaches. They should also work together to practically apply this trauma-informed approach at scale across local services.

The Board particularly noted the importance of a trauma-informed approach in all service delivery.

Resolved:

To note the findings of the Public Health Annual Report and endorse the recommendations for action.

Chairman

(The meeting ended at 4.45 pm)

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