

PRESENT:

CALDERDALE COUNCIL MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Councillors: T Swift MBE (Chair), Carr, Monteith and Wilkinson
Cath Gormally, Director, Adult Services and Wellbeing
Deborah Harkins, Director, Public Health

WEST YORKSHIRE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD MEMBERS

Neil Smurthwaite

CLINICAL AND PROFESSIONAL FORUM MEMBERS

Dr Steven Cleasby

20 SUBSTITUTES NOMINATED FOR THIS MEETING AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the following Councillors Fenton-Glynn and M Swift, Robin Tuddenham (Chief Executive, Calderdale Council and West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) Place Lead), Karen Jackson and Mary Wishart (Locala).

(The meeting ended at 11:14)

21 MINUTES OF THE HEALTH & WELLBEING MEETING HELD ON 24TH AUGUST 2023

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board held on 24th August 2023, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

22 QUESTION TIME

The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board advised that there were no questions from members of the public.

23 STARTING WELL - MATERNITY AND EARLY YEARS STRATEGY 2023 TO 2027

The Director, Public Health submitted a presentation on Staying Well in Calderdale. The presentation presented an overview of the Wellbeing Strategy in what it had delivered and how working together had helped deliver the strategy.

The presentation included the Starting Well timeline which started in February 2020 with the Local Government Association Peer Review of Early Years Speech, Language and Communication and followed through until December 2022 when the family hub funding was confirmed. The Maternity and Early Years Strategy from 2023-2027 along with the four key objectives for the strategy over the 4 year period and what the family hub offer would look like.

The Starting Well strategy set out the strategic actions which had been taken to achieve the goal of all children being ready for school.

The Strategy's development had been led by the multi-agency Starting Well Partnership which was made up of partners from the across the Council and local health and care system, the voluntary sector, education and childcare providers.

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The Strategy was informed by the recommendations of a Local Government Peer Review undertaken in 2020, the outcome of the assessment on the Early Intervention Foundation Maturity Matrix and an early years strengths and needs assessment which engaged with families and practitioners across Calderdale.

The Strategy had three objectives:

- New and expectant families had what they need for a healthy preconception, a healthy pregnancy, healthy families and a healthy child.
- Families at highest risk of poor outcomes (including children not being ready for schools) get help early and were actively involved in shaping their care.
- Access to safe, accessible play areas, activities, environments and opportunities to meet and socialise with other families including access to sufficient number of high quality early years education and childcare providers.

Members discussed the good opportunities the funding had presented and commended that the work carried out was during a very difficult period. It was stressed that Early Years development showed the most important time in children's development. It was advised that the work was really important in the measurement of how many children were ready for school, and while Calderdale was behind in that metric figures showed pupils caught up through Primary and Secondary education. Assurance was given that work is being targeted to try to reach vulnerable families in a number of different ways and in different locations, through trusted organisations and places as well as a digital offer.

RESOLVED that:

- (a) the Starting Well Strategy be approved;
- (b) its adoption be recommended by the Health and Wellbeing Board partners; and
- (c) delivery of the Starting Well Strategy be delegated to the Starting Well Partnership

24 PREPARING FOR WINTER

The Director, Public Health submitted a written report outlining what had been put in place in preparation for winter. The report outlined about the impact that increased ill health in winter and winter pressures on the health and social care system may have on the priority goals of the Wellbeing Strategy and the actions partners have taken to mitigate negative impacts.

The report advised as part of Vision 2024 the aspirations for people to live a larger life and the Wellbeing Strategy identified four priority goals to enable residents of all ages to be well enough to live that larger life.

- Starting Well – All children were ready for school
- Developing Well – All 15 year olds had hope and aspiration
- Living and Working Well - working age adults had good emotional health and wellbeing and fewer suicides
- Ageing Well - Older People had strong social networks and live in vibrant communities

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The report advised the Health and Wellbeing Board partners had committed to adopt four ways that would work together to achieve the priority goals. The intention was that these ways of working would help the local health and social care system be more sustainable and resilient to seasonal pressures. The four ways of working were:

- Joining up services to change lives for the better: All partners working together to achieve agreed health and wellbeing outcomes
- A focus on prevention: Shifting more of our focus on enabling people to be well and preventing ill health
- Addressing Health Inequalities: working for good health and wellbeing for everyone by tackling the causes of ill health
- Empowered and resilient communities: Enabling communities to play their part in creating health and wellbeing, making the most of what exists in our communities

Members discussed a lethargy around uptake of vaccines, particularly with the Covid-19 vaccine, along with strikes would put a bigger strain than usual on services over the winter months. Members advised that while moving patients to online services was necessary to relieve pressures it had to be a measured approach as not everyone could access online and those who could not generally were the most vulnerable in society.

RESOLVED that;

- (a) the approach taken in this report to winter preparedness should be used in summer 2024 to aid with planning ahead of the 2024 winter period; and
- (b) the report be noted.

25 HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FORWARD PLAN FOR DECEMBER 2023

The Senior Scrutiny Officer submitted the Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan for consideration.

RESOLVED that the forward plan be noted.