

**BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors</b>	Councillor Mohammed Khan
	Councillor Mustafa Desai
<b>ELHT</b>	Tony McDonald
<b>Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)</b>	Angela Longworth
<b>Health Watch</b>	Sarah Johns
<b>Voluntary Sector</b>	Angela Allen
<b>Council</b>	Dominic Harrison
	Abdul Razzaq
	Katherine White
	Iona Lyell
	Frances Riley
	Laura Wharton
	Richard Brown
Zoe Evans	

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Julie Gunn, Councillor Damian Talbot, Vicky Shepherd, Dilwara Ali, Jayne Ivory, Roger Parr, Howerd Booth and Tammy Boyce.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes submitted be agreed as a correct record.

**4. Public Questions**

There were no public questions received.

**5. Better Care Fund**

Katherine White and Zoe Evans were invited to the table to update the Board on the Better Care Fund Quarter 4 forecast financial position.

Zoe informed the Board that the Better Care Fund was a pooled budget for integrated working between with BwD LA and the CCG, and was hosted by BwD Council. It included the Improved Better Care Fund and Disabled Facilities Grant as a specific S31 Capital Grant. The total pooled budget for 21/22 was £25,858,448 and any variation at year end would be carried forward and ring fenced specifically for Better Care Fund.

The DFG was also included in the Council's capital programme, and as such there was flexibility for spending of the DFG programme between financial years. Zoe informed the Board that in this Financial Year the BCF revenue budget included:

- The CCG minimum BCF pooled budget requirement of £14,178,063 (incl Carry forward and the CCG Minimum BCF 5.43% inflation uplift); and
- The Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) allocation of £8,103,595.

The Board heard that the forecast outturn on BCF was £13,348,554 which was an underspend of £829,509. Much of this was a planned underspend on the pooled revenue budget to support the establishment of provision for residual Albion Mill mobilisation costs and the establishment of full year budget for the operation of Albion Mill. Zoe highlighted that the iBCF allocation had been fully utilised in 2021/22.

The Board noted the BCF overall monitoring for 2021/22 which highlighted the budget, forecast and variance for each of the schemes.

Zoe provided the Board with some context around Albion Mill and highlighted the costs incurred for 2021/22 against the £2.7m budget. The £951k underspend would be carried forward within the overall BCF year end position to support ongoing revenue costs of IC unit in 2022/23.

Zoe informed the Board that in this Financial Year the DFG allocated budget was £2,129,743 to fund Adults and Children's Adaptations and the Adults Telecare Service. In addition there was carried forward funding from the last financial year, which had been added to this year, making £3,576,790 available funds, which were allocated as follows:

- Adults: £2,614,790
- Children's: £682,000
- Telecare: £280,000

The Board noted the significant underspend in the Financial Year 2020/21 which was a direct result of the Coronavirus pandemic and heard that a similar level of underspend was anticipated for 2021/22. The forecast DFG spend for 21/22 was £2,153,700 which resulted in a forecast underspend of £1,423,000.

In summarising, Zoe highlighted the following:-

- Total Carried Forward resources of £2.2m

- Ring fenced for utilisation in 22/23 to support ongoing costs of Albion Mill and acceleration of DFG's
- Full review of all BCF schemes underway to finalise plans for 2022/23
- Awaiting funding allocations and revised Health funding arrangements for BCF for 2022/23
- Increase in iBCF confirmed via the LA at £246k which will be utilised within Adults Social Care to contribute towards care market sustainability

**RESOLVED – That the update be noted.**

## **6. Mental Health Prevention Concordat**

Frances Riley was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair.

The Board was provided with a briefing on the BwD Prevention Concordat action plan. Included in the agenda pack was the BwD Prevention Concordat submission, the Mental Wellbeing and Inequalities Framework, the Prevention Concordat statement confirming the agreement, and the Terms of Reference for members of the Board to note.

The Board heard that this was a 12 month, mental wellbeing action plan that was required by the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities, (OHID) as a condition of the non-recurrent Better Mental Health Grant Funding. The Concordat was OHID's prevention and promotion framework for better mental health designed for local systems. There was a specific focus on tackling mental health inequality.

Background information, along with the objectives and the Prevention Concordat approach were outlined in the report contained within the agenda pack.

**RESOLVED – That the Board:-**

- Note the contents of the National Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health and sign the agreement to the consensus statement of the National Prevention Concordat
- Approve BwD's Prevention Concordat Commitment Action Plan (as set out in BwD's Prevention Concordat Submission)
- Instruct officers to return the approved action plan and signed consensus statement to the OHID for approval to enable BwD to be recognised as a Prevention Concordat signatory (and listed as such on the "Prevention concordat for Better Mental health" webpage)"

## **7. Health Equity Commission Update**

In the absence of Howerd Booth and Tammy Boyce, Dominic Harrison provided an update on the Health Equity Commission.

The Board heard that Regional partners from Lancashire and Cumbria had been working with Professor Sir Michael Marmot and the team at the HEC, to produce a regional set of recommendations addressing our health inequalities.

Further to the development session held in November last year, which focussed on this work there had since been a set of draft recommendations produced. These had been circulated to the Board in February 2022 and comments had been collated and fed back to the HEC team. A second version was circulated to Board members last Friday, with additional comments from the Chair, which had since been fed back.

Dominic provided a brief overview of the recommendations as follows:

- Recommendations cover Policy/thematic approaches and more system level recommendations to develop the Lancashire and Cumbria Health Equity system
- Policy/thematic approaches:
  1. Give every child the best start in life
  2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.
  3. Create fair employment and good work for all
  4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
  5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
  6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention
  7. Tackle discrimination, racism and their outcomes
  8. Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together
- System-level recommendations for developing the Lancashire and Cumbria Health Equity system:
  1. Focus on equity and the social determinants of health
  2. Increased and more equitable resources
  3. Strengthen partnership working
  4. Strengthen the role of business and the economic sector and extend social value approaches and anchor organisations
  5. Involve communities and voluntary, community, Faith and social enterprise sector
  6. Strengthen actions in coastal communities and address rural poverty
  7. Strengthen Leadership and Workforce roles for Health Equity
  8. Monitoring for health equity

Dominic informed the Board of some of the feedback that had been received so far. The Board heard that the HEC team were working on a full report and planning a summit to launch the report. Originally this was planned for 21<sup>st</sup> April but had been postponed with a new date yet to be confirmed.

**RESOLVED – That the update be noted.**

## **8. Healthwatch BwD Update**

Sarah Johns provided the Board with an update on the Pennine Lancashire Insights having visited Emergency Departments and Urgent Treatment Centres recently.

Healthwatch produced a questionnaire, with input from commissioners, in order to collect data and insights. This survey was distributed by Healthwatch Blackburn with Darwen via social media channels and completed by patients during face to face engagement.

The visits at Blackburn ED and Burnley UTC took place at three different times of day and at the weekend and the numbers engaged in face to face discussions was shared with the Board. Patients were asked what was causing them to seek medical assistance, why they chose to attend the ED or UTC and what other options did they try before attending ED / UTC. Sarah shared the key themes with the Board and suggested the following recommendations:

- Roll out of the booked appointment system across each of the settings. Most people spoken to confirmed that they would much prefer to take up this option, depending on the severity of their illness/injury. This would also alleviate some of the pressures on staff in Emergency Department
- Increased promotion of the role of the Minor Injuries Units and consider signposting to these from Royal Blackburn Emergency Department and Burnley UTC at peak times (potentially using the booked appointment system)
- Consider extending x-ray access at Rossendale Minor Injuries Unit over weekends
- Liaise with Rossendale Council to improve signposting of the Rossendale Minor Injuries Unit in Rawtenstall town centre
- Increased promotion of 111 phone and website including promotion on social media in different languages to meet the needs of our South Asian and Eastern European heritage communities more effectively
- Increased promotion of the role of community pharmacists to alleviate pressure across the system

The Board also noted the results from the survey findings relating to Pharmacy Services and GP Services. Overall, the majority of respondents rated their pharmacy excellent or good with the majority of BwD respondents rating their pharmacy as excellent. The findings from the survey relating to GP Services found that most people made contact via telephone and that that two main areas of concern were 1) not being able to get through on the telephone as the line was always busy and 2) not being able to get an appointment.

**RESOLVED – That the update be noted.**

## **9. Safer Roads Strategy**

Iona Lyell was welcomed to the meeting by the Chair, and provided an update on the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy. The Strategy along with the Action Plan were included in the agenda document pack.

The Board heard that the Strategy had been developed to create a local action plan to improve safety on our roads. The strategy dovetails with that of the Lancashire

Road Safety Partnership and recognises the importance of a coordinated regional response, whilst emphasising the value in locally devised action.

Iona informed the Board that the strategy emphasises safer but also healthier roads, to widen the remit of road safety to encompass road and traffic related actions that can improve population health. The primary aim of the strategy was to reduce casualties on BwD roads. Secondary aims included; increase the number of people who feel safe on BwD roads including when walking and cycling, reduce car use and increase active travel and take action to improve air quality.

The strategy development and oversight takes a partnership approach with the formation of the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Operational Group. This group has brought together stakeholders involved in road safety in the borough including within the Council, Lancashire Constabulary, Lancashire Fire and Rescue, and the voluntary, community and faith sector.

The ultimate vision of the BwD Safer Roads Strategy is a Towards Zero approach, with no fatalities on our roads. On our way to achieving this vision, targets have been set within the BwD Safer Roads Strategy period:

- Target for a 30% reduction in fatal and serious casualties on BwD roads by 2026 from 2019 levels
- Target for 30% reduction in fatal and serious casualties in those 15 years and under by 2026 from 2019 levels
- Target to reduce the number of Air Quality Management Areas in the borough from four to one by 2026
- Target for an increase in walking and cycling in line with the BwD Walking and Cycling Plan

#### **RESOLVED – That the Board**

- Note the content of and approve the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy 2022-2026
- Support the priorities set out in the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy 2022-2026

#### **10. Sport England – Together a Healthier Future**

Richard Brown provided a verbal update to the Board which outlined the work that had been taking place.

The Group heard that Pennine Lancashire was one of twelve areas selected as a Local Delivery Pilot by Sport England; exploring and better understanding the challenge of physical inactivity with the potential to access up to £10m of funding up to 2024/25.

Richard informed the Board that the Eat Well Move More group had been delegated for decision-making and that this had worked well, being flexible and responsive with clear governance in place.

The Board heard that Sport England work had been ongoing with over £250k invested locally, and with more to come.

The Board noted that a different approach was being taken with time being spent acquiring a deeper understanding, having more conversations and focusing on the impact and learning from it.

Richard informed the Board that a report would be brought back to a future meeting and further information would be shared about the work and findings.

**RESOLVED – That the update be noted.**

**11. Any Other Business**

The Board agreed that a future development session be held focussing on the development on board members. A date and time would be confirmed in due course.

The Board also noted the proposed agenda items for the next meeting.

In closing the meeting, the Chair expressed his sincere thanks to Dominic Harrison, noting that this was his last Board meeting before he retired on Thursday. The Board thanked Dominic for his hard work and commitment during his time at BwD.

Dominic informed the Board that this was also the Chair's last meeting, as Cllr Khan would be stepping down ahead of the forthcoming elections. Cllr Khan had been Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board since its formation and the Board thanked Cllr Khan for his dedication over the years.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

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