



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th December 2021

MEETING OF THE PLACE BOARD

PART A - OPERATING AS THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

6th September 2021 at 2.00pm

Present:

Councillor Cracknell (in the Chair)
Councillors Jackson and Lindley

In attendance:

- Joanne Hewson (Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for People, Health and Care)
- Stephen Ryder (Voluntary and Community Sector)
- Tracy Slattery (Healthwatch North East Lincolnshire)
- Dr Peter Melton (North East Lincolnshire Council Clinical Commissioning Group)
- Bev Compton (Director of Adult Social Services)
- Geoff Barnes (Acting Director of Public Health)
- Helen Kenyon (Deputy Chief Executive, North East Lincolnshire Council Clinical Commissioning Group)

Also in attendance:

- Murray MacDonald (Lincolnshire Housing Partnership)
- Helen Isaacs (Assistant Chief Executive)
- Chris Blacksell (Humberside Fire and Rescue Service)
- Paul Caswell (Head of Youth Offending & Community Safety Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Jamie Dunn (CSSU Specialist)
- Mel Castle (Queen Mary Avenue Infant & Nursery)
- Gill Alton (Grimsby Institute)
- Pippa Robson (Sector Support)
- Allie Major (Signhills Infant School)
- Darren Wildbore (Humberside Police)
- Mark Webb (eFactor)

- Peter Kennedy (Franklin Collage)
- John Smith (Hull & East Riding Credit Union)

HWBB.10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence for this meeting were received from Rob Walsh.

HWBB.11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from anyone at this meeting.

HWBB.12 MINUTES

RESOLVED - The minutes from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on the 5th July 2021 be agreed as an accurate record.

HWBB.13 COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME FOR CARE HOME STAFF

The Board received a verbal update on the latest epidemiology and the impact of the roll out of the compulsory covid-19 vaccine for people working in care homes.

Mr Barnes explained that covid infection rates locally had fallen and were now heading towards the national average. There was a significant fall in cases amongst the younger people but growth in the older people which impacted on care homes and hospital admissions. He confirmed that on average between 20-40 covid patients were hospital over the last eight weeks. They were mainly under the age of 60 years old and unvaccinated. Mr Barnes highlighted that when the schools went back it was inevitable that the covid infection rates would begin to rise.

Regarding care home employees there was a requirement for all staff working in care homes including people who provided maintenance services must be fully vaccinated by the 11th November 2021. Mr Barnes confirmed that 93% of the staff had been double vaccinated and there was ongoing extensive engagement with care home providers across the borough to make sure their staff complied. He highlighted that there was additional pressure for people to leave the care sector if they didn't want to be vaccinated which was causing staffing issues across the sector in an area already hard to recruit too.

Ms Compton confirmed there was a two-week delay for staff who had both vaccines who were waiting for certification however in general the care home providers were reporting that their staff would be vaccinated by the deadline.

The Chair queried the numbers of care home staff who had not received both vaccines. Ms Compton confirmed there were very low numbers, and

that public health were providing support and specific communications sent out to those affected.

Members of the board were concerned about the winter pressures on the NHS and adult social services and queried if there were any contingencies in place especially for the elderly two might need respite care. Ms Compton reassured the board that officers were working on the winter plans for an abnormal winter taking into account peak levels of demand and looking at what other support was available from the voluntary and community sectors. The board asked for the winter plans to be presented at the next meeting on the 22nd November 2021.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the update be noted.

(2) That the board received the winter care plan at the meeting on the 22nd November 2021.

HWBB.14 INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM

The Board received a verbal update on the integrated care system (ICS) in relation to the current relationship with the CCG and how it would change locally from April 2022.

Members welcomed the ICS and supported the approach the council were taking particularly the ability support for the decision making to delegated down to place level as well as Humber wide.

Member queried the role of the Health & Wellbeing Board and Place Board under the ICS. Ms Hewson explained that the work with partners in the ICS was crucial to make sure the system worked and that the Health & Wellbeing Board incorporating the Place Board would play a part in the statutory section 75 function and the Place Board having oversight of the outcomes being achieved at place level.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

HWBB.15 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CREDIT UNION

The Board received the business case that proposed an investment of £50,000 from the earmarked reserve for the Voluntary and Community sector to support the creation of a new base for the NEL Credit Union.

Ms Isaacs explained that the since the start of the Covid-19 epidemic, financial hardship within local communities has been highlighted. With the ending of government grants and support packages this was a timely opportunity to support residents with the presence of a credit union to access savings and low cost loans.

Mr Smith from the Credit Union talked through the business plan and confirmed that a physical presence would allow those people who do not want or have access to online services to speak to an advisor in person which was often the preferred method for people within our communities. He gave reassurance to the board that it was a preventive service, helping people to save and build resilience whilst trying to fill the gap with affordable credit and have a social impact locally.

Members asked if this was a one off payment or would there be more money required for running costs of the presence in the town centre. Mr Smith confirmed it was a one-off cost to get a local presence up and running. Due to the challenge of the regulatory requirements of running a credit union they didn't have the spare funds to invest in new premises.

Members queried if the shop would be located in the town centre. Ms Isaacs explained that a temporary solution was being considered within the Grimsby Central library. It would take time to secure shop premises within the town centre, but this remains the long-term plan whilst also employing local people to work in the shop which the board welcomed.

Utilising schools and Family hubs for a credit union presence for those parents who were struggling financially and didn't have the money to travel into the town centre was queried by members of the board if this option had been considered. Mr Smith was unsure if school bank would be reinstated because it relied on volunteers to take deposits and because people were not using cash and moving towards online banking services so the credit union were having a rethink about the offer within schools. Outreach to schools and community centres would be considered as part of a development plan.

Members asked if the credit union had explored working alongside the citizens advice bureau (CAB). Mr Smith welcomed the work done with the CAB however the credit union felt that the rationale for each was different, for example the CAB were a responsive service when people were in financial trouble the credit union was to help people save and take out affordable credit.

The link with financial worries and mental health was a concern for members of the board and they queried if there were links to support people. Ms Isaacs explained that officers has been working with VCS in supporting people within the community and the aim was for the developing Community Wellbeing Hub, approved at the last meeting, to triage referrals, which would include signposting to credit union services.

RESOLVED – That Mr Smith be thanked for his attendance, and the business case be welcomed and noted.

HWBB.16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt

information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

HWBB.17 NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CREDIT UNION

The Board considered a report from the closed appendices for agenda item 6.

RESOLVED – That an investment of £50,000 from the earmarked reserve for the Voluntary and Community sector to support the creation of a new base for the NEL Credit Union be approved.

HWBB.18 INTERGRATED CARE SYSTEM

The Board discussed any matters arising from the Integrated Care System verbal update from item 5 of the agenda.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.58 p.m.