

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

At the meeting of the **Health and Wellbeing Board** held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth on Thursday, 15 November 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillor R.R. Dodd
(Chairman, in the Chair)

BOARD MEMBERS

Bainbridge, V.
Brown, S.
Dickinson, S.
Firth, R.
McEvoy-Carr, C.
Morgan, E.R.

Morris, V. (substitute member)
Mead, P.
Riley, C. (substitute member)
Thompson, D.
Shovlin, D.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Barton, S.

English, A.

Todd, A.

Young, S.

Children's Commissioner,
NHS Northumberland Clinical
Commissioning Group
Senior Manager, Adult Social
Care and Safeguarding
Democratic Services Officers
Strategic Head of Corporate
Affairs, NHS Northumberland
Clinical Commissioning Group

One member of the press was also in attendance.

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from S. Blackman, C. Briggs, Councillor W. Daley, Councillor P.A. Jackson, Councillor V. Jones, D. Lally, J. Lothian, J. Mackey and G. O'Hare.

26. MINUTES

Ch.'s Initials.....

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday, 11 October 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

27. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

27.1 Northumberland Safeguarding Children Board (NSCB) Annual 2017-18

Paula Mead, the Independent Chair of the NSCB introduced the report (which has been filed with the signed minutes as Appendix A) which advised all of the statutory duty to publish an annual report which described how partners safeguard vulnerable children and young people in the county.

The report provided detailed information on how partners worked together, what went well and what could be improved. It was noted that there had been three serious case reviews published during 2016/17 and highlighted the learning from these and how they had been embedded through prompt delivery of action plans prior to their publication.

Members were informed of the key function of the board which was to ensure the coordination of safeguarding across the whole system; to quality assure and hold agencies to account and scrutinise data and intelligence.

The board was advised of the ways children were encouraged to be part of the engagement and consultation exercises in order to gather their views and opinions on matters relating to safeguarding.

A concern was raised regarding the increase in the number of children being educated at home and the limited powers in monitoring those children if parents declined support offered by their local authority. It was noted that a benchmarking exercise had taken place to determine what protocols/systems other local authorities had in place if safeguarding concerns were raised about a child who was home educated. It was confirmed that following the exercise a protocol was to be set up in Northumberland where a meeting could be triggered to discuss any concerns within the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). It was also confirmed that those children excluded from schools and the alternative provision available was also an area that children's services continued to monitor and take action where necessary.

Members welcomed the continued focus on online grooming, working with fathers and further promoting preventative and early help approaches.

Board members thanked Paula Mead and officers for their work over the previous four years and for the in depth and easy to read annual report. It was advised that due to changes in multi-agency safeguarding arrangements as outlined in the Children and Social Work Act 2017 this would be her last report as Chair of the Board. It was noted that safeguarding changes would be shared at a Tyne and Wear basis however at present all areas were still envisaging keeping their own boards albeit without the statutory duties. It was thought that by March 2019 the

new multi agency safeguarding arrangements would be set and a report would be drafted to inform all of the changes.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

27.2 Northumberland Safeguarding Adults Annual Report – 2017/18

Anna English, Senior Manager, Adult Social Care and Safeguarding introduced the report (which has been filed with the signed minutes as Appendix B) which provided an overview of the work carried out under the multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding adults in 2017/18.

It was noted that there had been one safeguarding review commissioned during 2017/18 and highlighted the learning from this. A query was then raised regarding the decrease in police referrals ending in investigation reducing from 83% to 27%. It was clarified that previously the police had referred a greater number of queries, when in fact most were an adult services issue rather than a safeguarding issue. It was confirmed that work had taken place to examine all referrals before entering them on the safeguarding system to ensure the right referral went to the right place at the right time. This enabled the limited safeguarding resource to be better targeted than before. A smaller number of cases were being looked at, but were ones that actually needed investigating for only safeguarding issues. It was confirmed that through appropriate training with stakeholders and work with the police and hospitals, the referral routes were now much clearer and effective for all.

Board members reiterated their thanks to Paula Mead and officers for their work over the previous four years and for the in depth and easy to read annual report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

27.3 0-25 Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy (EHWBS) incorporating the refreshed Local Transformation Plan (LTP)

Suzanne Barton, Children's Commissioner provided the board with an update on the 0 -25 Emotional Health and Wellbeing Strategy (EHWBS) incorporating the 18/19 refreshed Local Transformation Plan (LTP). (Report filed with the signed minutes as Appendix C).

It was noted that all of the current objectives for 2015, 16 and 17 had been achieved and the 2018 objectives were on track for completion by year end.

It was reported that following an increase seen in wait times, particularly for those on the neuro developmental pathway in late 2017, the provider and CCG had worked together to jointly produce an action plan. It was noted that the plans implementation resulted in an improvement in overall performance with the longest wait for treatment reducing from over 30 weeks to 12 weeks. Also those in crisis continued to be seen in 72 hours although most were seen the same day and for those with an eating disorder the service was meeting the nationally mandated waiting times.

Workforce remained a concern particular the recruitment and retention of a skilled workforce in both the early intervention and specialty services. It was reported that this concern had been highlighted in all NHS and Local Authority services and had resulted in gaps seen in psychiatry, primary care workers, social workers and CYPS.

Members agreed that a focus on prevention, early identification and earliest intervention was essential. Providing young people with confidence, resilience and early support could prevent some of them becoming more vulnerable. It was confirmed that this was a target area within the strategy. Members also agreed that prevention should be made more explicit within the report.

It was agreed that the LTP was on track for complete delivery in 2020. It was hoped that by 2020 a sustainable system wide service transformation would be created to improve children and young people's mental health and wellbeing.

RESOLVED that the progress of the EHWBS and refreshed LTP be noted.

27.4 SEND Inspection

Members of the board were advised that officers were busy responding to the draft report however; the final SEND inspection report was not now expected to be published until December. It was confirmed that once published the final report would be brought to the board for consideration.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

28. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - WORK PROGRAMME

S. Young, Strategic Head of Corporate Affairs, NHS Northumberland Clinical Group presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme (a copy of the programme has been filed with the signed minutes as Appendix D).

It was suggested the following items be added to the Work Programme:-

- Care Home Quality – February 2019 meeting
- New Adult and Children's Safeguarding Arrangements – March 2019 meeting
- SEND Inspection – January/February 2019 meeting

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be noted.

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

29. CONSULTATIONS

Rothbury Community Hospital

Members of the board were informed that a letter had been received from the Secretary of State for Health with the advice of the Independent Reconfiguration

Panel concerning the proposed changes to Rothbury Community. The Secretary of State had notified the Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group that further action was required. It was confirmed that details on the way forward would be shared as soon as they were available.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

Ch.'s Initials.....