

Minutes of: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2024

Present: Councillor T Tariq (in the Chair)
Councillors J Lancaster, L Smith and E FitzGerald
W Blandamer, J Hobday, C Fines, K Wynne-Jones, H
Tomlinson, J Richards

Also in attendance: L Buggie – Public Health Specialist, S Senior – Public Health
Consultant, Kelly Barnett – Democratic Services Officer

Public Attendance: No members of the public were present at the meeting.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor A Arif, A Crook, L Ridsdale, Passman and
Councillor J Southworth, K Partridge, K Patel

The Chair welcomed all members of the committee to the Health and Wellbeing Board and informed them that Councillor Southworth and Councillor Fitzgerald had been co-opted to the Board for this municipal year.

HWB.41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence are noted above.

HWB.42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

HWB.43 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions asked at the meeting.

HWB.44 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was agreed:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2024 be approved as a correct record.

HWB.45 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

HWB.46 APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE PARENTING CHAMPION

It was agreed:

1. Councillor Lancaster be appointed the Corporate Parenting Champion for the Health and Wellbeing Board for the municipal year.

HWB.47 REMOTE MEETINGS BRIEFING NOTE

The Chair presented the briefing note around remote meetings to the Board. A discussion took place around the timings of the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings, and it was agreed that it would be best for the Board to meet both virtually and in person.

It was agreed:

1. To alternate meetings between in person and virtual meetings. Schedule items for decision at in person meetings.
2. To explore a suitable time to hold the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings, to enable the best possible attendance.

HWB.48 WIDER DETERMINANTS OF POPULATION HEALTH

HWB.49 BURY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Jon Hobday, Director of Public Health presented the Public Health Annual Report 2023-2024 to the Board and explained that the report is a statutory duty, which is completed annually. The 2023-2024 report focused on health and wellbeing through the lens of the cost-of-living crisis. Jon Hobday highlighted the positive work which has been completed over the last year to support health and wellbeing within the borough, which included gaining a bronze award for being a sustainable food place, the work being delivered via the Household Support Fund, work being delivered in relation to the food agenda and free school meals. Jon Hobday outlined the recommendations within the report which included work around the anti-poverty strategy, family hubs, the food strategy and skills and employment.

In response to a member's question around housing and child poverty, Jon Hobday reported that there is an anti-poverty strategy in place to help identify children and young people living in poverty and a section within the anti-poverty strategy is specifically around education and child poverty. Jon Hobday outlined the work in relation to supporting children in poverty which included, identifying cohorts and support being provided to them. Jon Hobday referred to utilising the Anti-poverty Summit to ensure all partners can support people in need, as winter approaches.

Councillor Tariq referred to the Household Support Fund and explained that it will be discussed in the Anti-poverty Summit next week, with a view of recommending using the fund for food and fuel vouchers. The Anti-poverty Steering Group would be used to work through questions around the Household Support Fund and the Summit would be used to bring partners to work together.

It was agreed:

1. To note the report.

a DRAFT CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL (CDOP) ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

Steven Senior, Public Health Consultant presented the CDOP Annual Report 2023-2024 to the Board. Steven Senior reported that the CDOP process takes place at the end of a child's death process and reviews deaths of children within the Bury, Oldham and Rochdale area. Steven Senior reported that the annual report provides an analysis of death across a 3-year period and also includes key demographic data on the population of children in Bury, Rochdale and Oldham, as well as data in important contributors to child mortality, such as rates of premature births, child poverty and homelessness among families with children.

Steven Senior reported that the number of rates of child deaths in Bury have been similar to the England average. Children living in areas of higher deprivation continue to be more likely to die, as are children from Asian ethnic background. Rates of child poverty and homelessness have increased since 2020/21 in all three areas covered by the report and the know modifiable risk factors in reviews of child deaths were highlighted.

Steven Senior outlined the recommendations from the report which included, taking note of the worsening in measures of child poverty and to ensure that anti-poverty measures address increases in childhood poverty; reducing the overall levels of smoking, alcohol and drug misuse in pregnancy; that the promotion of safe sleeping arrangements is still required; and to raise awareness around the increased risk of death and illnesses faced by children born to those parents who are close blood relatives and that genetic counselling and testing services are being offered appropriately.

Will Blandamer reported that in reflecting on the recommendations within the report, it feels like there is always more to do. There has been good progress made around smoking in pregnancy and it would be useful to share the understanding of that process and any further work we can do around smoking and substance misuse. Will Blandamer referred to safe sleeping arrangements and advised that it would be useful to bring this to a future Health and Wellbeing Board.

In response to a member's question around raising awareness of consanguinity, Steven Senior reported that work around this could be brought to a future Health and Wellbeing Board meeting for discussion, but firstly he would like to take time to look at what work has worked well in other Local Authority areas as well as community engagement. In relation to congenital chromosome abnormalities, Steven Senior advised that some of the deaths outlined within the report are not because of parents being related, congenital abnormalities tend to be within communities with arranged marriages and explained that Blackburn and Darwin Council had completed some work around this. Jon Hobday further advised that work around consanguinity would be around helping people be informed but firstly ensuring that the approach is around this work is correct. Cathy Fines advised of work done around 10 years ago in Bury, which was an information campaign around congeniality, with leaflets around empowering choices and this is something the Health and Wellbeing Board may wish to revisit.

Jeanette Richards advised around the positive work being done in relation to safe sleeping through Bury's Integrated Safeguarding Partnership around the whole baby's environment and referred to lifestyle issues that may potentially escalate the risks of safe sleeping. Jeanette Richards reported that there is work to do around providing easily accessible advice around Early Help and this will be discussed further at the Children's Strategic Partnership Board, to understand where the issues are and how to address them.

Councillor Tariq referred to the report and advised that in Bury, babies are delivered at Bolton Hospital as well as North Manchester Hospital and asked how the recommendations from this report can be streamlined to ensure that information is being sent to all social workers, health visitors and the information is provided across other services. In response, Jon Hobday advised that there are good links within the maternity services, and we will continue to build on these as well as partnership working. All front-line services as a system need to work collectively to work out what the key things are that need to be addressed and ensure that we are confident as a system, it has robust mechanisms to address issues on the front line.

A discussion took place around safe sleeping and the importance of providing as much information as possible around the risk of child death. The Board was advised of the safer sleeping toolkit, which is a tool for professionals to provide advice in a realistic way.

It was agreed:

1. To note the recommendations outlined within the draft CDOP annual report 2023-2024.
2. To add to the Health and Wellbeing Board forward planner an item around Safe Sleeping and consanguinity.

HWB.50 THE OPERATION OF THE HEALTH AND CARE SYSTEM

a WORKWELL PARTNERSHIP VANGUARD - LOCALITY UPDATE FOR BURY

Jon Hobday, Director of Public Health presented the briefing note to the Board and reported that nationally there will be £57m of funding available for this programme and there will be 15 Workwell Partnership Vanguard sites nationally, with Greater Manchester being one of these. The aim of the Workwell programme is around trying to support people who are on the brink of falling out of work for health reasons. Workshops have taken place in Bury, with discussions focused on agreeing in principle a locality specific cohort. The programme will start from 1st October 2024 and the Live Well Services will support elements of the programme and will be working closely with the VCFA.

In response to a member's question around the delivery of the programme, Jon Hobday advised that they are keen to work with all of primary care, keeping the referral process as simple as possible. By referring people to this programme, it is hoped that there would be a reduction in the demand for sick notes going forward. Jon Hobday reported of the Healthy Workforce Charter, which some businesses in the borough are signed up to and the new Workwell programme will compliment each other.

In response to a member's question around Workwell's location, Jon Hobday reported that primarily Workwell is going to be provided at the 'The Hub' at the Millgate Centre but there is no reason why the programme cannot visit other parts of the borough.

Will Blandamer explained that Tracey Flynn, Service Manager - Business & Investment is well connect to the Greater Manchester programme, as is the Locality Board. The connection between employment and health has been recognised by the Health and Wellbeing Board on a number of occasions. Will Blandamer suggested that an item around inclusive growth should be brought to a future Health and Wellbeing Board.

It was agreed:

1. To note the update.
2. The Board agreed the approach.
3. To add to the Health and Wellbeing Board forward planner and item around inclusive growth.

HWB.51 BETTER CARE FUND REPORTS

Will Blandamer, Executive Director of Adult Social Care presented the Better Care Fund report and Better Care Fund quarter 1 reporting template to the Board. The Better Care Fund quarterly reports will be brought to future Health and Wellbeing Board's throughout the year.

It was agreed:

1. Note the contents of the reports.
2. For the Board to retrospectively sign off the Bury submission to the Better Care Fund 2024/2025.

3. For the Board to retrospectively sign off for the Bury quarter 1 reporting template for the Better Care Fund 2024/2025. (The deadline for submission to the NHSE Better Care Fund Team was 2nd September 2024).

HWB.52 BEHAVIOUR AND LIFESTYLE DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

There were no items for consideration under this quadrant.

HWB.53 THE EFFECT OF PLACE AND COMMUNITY ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

a PSLT WORK AND PLACED BASED PLANS IN PRACTICE

Lee Buggie, Public Health Specialist shared PowerPoint Sides and provided an update on the work being done in the Bury West area which included, supporting addiction outreach clinics, vaccination pop ups in Bury West, Swap to Stop outreach around smoking, early years activity and collaborative working. Lee Buggie advised of future work which will take place which included, a joint learning/ training matrix, ensuring the community feeds into the PLST process and a focus on associated outcomes such as school readiness, physical activity and healthy weight.

A member raised concerns in relation to the supplementary planning document which may affect takeaways opening. In response, Lee Buggie reported that in the Reception and Year 6 measuring programme, children are measuring high and Public Health have completed work to pinpoint where young people are having elevated levels of obesity. One in two young people who are starting high school are classed as overweight or obese. Lee Buggie explained that public health are looking to ensure a policy regarding a 400 meter restriction zone around 'A5 takeaways' opening around schools and with clauses around opening times. Many other Local Authorities have already done this, and it has worked well. An informal public health review has taken place which highlights the markers around the supplementary planning document, which will be sent to the planning committee.

In response to a question around the Public Service Leadership Teams work, Lee Buggie advised that work similar to this is being completed in every town side, each area has different profiles. Will Blandamer highlighted the connection between neighbourhood working in each town in the borough and that there is an evidence base for delivery of community care services within the community.

In response to a member's question regarding a GM survey around transport and exercising in darker nights, Lee Buggie advised that a physical activity re-refresh included a range of stakeholders and that colleagues from GMCA and greater sport have produced a range of reports around exercising in darker nights. The theme around women's safety exercising was not fed into the re-refresh from stakeholders although the re-refresh speaks to Sports England's overarching priorities. In response to discussions around safety and exercising in the darker night, a member advised that there is a need of creating Green Flag Parks around where people need them.

In response to a question around who is subsidising the KS2 pilot for school meals, Lee Buggie explained that the pilot is being funded via Covid Recovery money and Leeds University with help from the procurement team who have brought costs down at the school. The pilot will be for one school year for the full term. Lee Buggie to send further details of the pilot to Councillor Smith.

It was agreed:

1. Acknowledge and advocate for placed based working with services across all PSLTs.

2. Share information regarding the planning supplementary around A5 takeaways with the Board prior to it going to the Planning Committee.
3. To feedback comments around the Green Flag Park policy to the operations Team.
4. To add to the forward planner of the Health and Wellbeing Board an item which reflects the work to tackle health inequality being completed across the 5 neighbourhoods.

HWB.54 GM POPULATION HEALTH BOARD FEEDBACK

Jon Hobday, Director of Public Health, provided an update from the Greater Manchester Population Health Board which included identifying population health at a Greater Manchester level, using the Greater Manchester Mayor's manifesto to improve the quality of life and finalising the GM Population Health Board delivery plan.

It was agreed:

That the update be noted.

HWB.55 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

HWB.56 BURY INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP (BISP) ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The Bury Integrated Safeguarding Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023 was attached for information.

COUNCILLOR T TARIQ
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 4.45 pm and ended at 6.30 pm)