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**KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**Thursday 31st March 2022**

- Present: Councillor Viv Kendrick (Chair)  
Councillor Carole Pattison  
Councillor Mark Thompson  
Councillor Kath Pinnock  
Carol McKenna  
Dr Khalid Naeem  
Richard Parry  
Rachel Spencer-Henshall  
Karen Jackson  
Beth Hewitt
- In attendance: Colin Lynch, Locala  
Sean Rayner, Director of Provider Development, South  
West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
Catherine Riley, Calderdale and Huddersfield Foundation  
Trust  
Emily Parry-Harries, Kirklees Council  
James Griffith, West Yorkshire Police  
Phil Longworth, Senior Manager, Integrated Support  
Alex Chapman, Kirklees Council  
Cllr Habiban Zaman, Lead Member for Health and Adult  
Social Care Scrutiny Panel  
Owen Richardson, Intelligence Lead, Public Health  
Mike Houghton-Evans, Former Chair of Kirklees  
Safeguarding Adults Board  
Rob McCulloh-Graham, Current Chair of Kirklees  
Safeguarding Adults Board  
Jacqui Stansfield, Service Manager, Commissioning,  
Quality and Performance
- Apologies: Mel Meggs  
Jacqui Gedman

**47 Membership of the Board/Apologies**  
Apologies were received from Mel Meggs and Jacqui Gedman.

**48 Minutes of previous meeting**  
That the minutes of the meeting held on the 20 January 2022, be approved as a correct record.

**49 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**50 Admission of the Public**

All agenda items were considered in public session.

**51 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions were received.

**52 Covid update**

Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director for Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health, provided an update on the current position regarding Covid-19 in Kirklees. In summary, the Board was informed that there are significant changes that have come effect, including the end of the requirement to self-isolate, the end of vaccine passports and there will no longer be universal free lateral flow testing across the country. Communication is being prepared aimed at providing information to support people going forward to enable them to live as safely as possible with COVID.

The Board was informed that in terms of the data that is usually presented at the meeting, the reporting has not been as comprehensive as it has been, and while there are some figures on what cases look like in Kirklees at the moment, it may not be accurate enough to be able to make that judgement. The population level studies that are carried out suggest that currently approximately one in 16 people across the UK may have Covid.

Acute trust colleagues will reflect that there is now an increasing pressure on the NHS system which may also be showing through into primary care. The data does, however, suggest that there is no increase in the numbers of people in intensive care as a result of Covid which reinforces the fact that the vaccination programme is preventing serious illness and death amongst the most vulnerable.

The important message is that people should still get the vaccine even if they have not yet had the vaccine, it is an evergreen offer. The booster programme will shortly be launched and anyone in the over 75 cohort and have had their vaccine longer than six months can book now to get their springtime booster and those who are in a clinically vulnerable group can also access the booster.

The vaccine is key however, it is also important that people continue to wash their hands. When looking at all infectious diseases whilst dealing with Covid the numbers had reduced, and that was because people's hygiene was generally better and washing hands is an effective way of protecting from a range of infectious diseases.

The challenge now is that there will no longer be access to testing in the same way as before, therefore it will be difficult for a person to know if they have Covid or not. Although the NHS website still refers to the cough and the temperature, through anecdotal information the symptoms being experienced by individuals who have Covid have been very varied. The important position for people to take is that if they have respiratory symptoms, such as coughing and sneezing then it could be Covid

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and therefore if they are able, they should stay at home and isolate for five days. That may not be possible for everyone, however if they do need to go out, they should think about the vulnerability of others and wear a face covering and try to keep a safe distance.

In reference to the health and care system, guidance has been published about the testing regime that will come into effect for health and social care staff. They are still working through some of the specifics however, to give some reassurance, that there will be an expectation that health and social care testing will continue, particularly, for those that work in care homes. If there was an outbreak in one of the settings, testing would be implemented to identify any potential new variants. There is still the risk that, the current Omicron variant may change and there is likely to be another mutation, which is important to keep an eye on when that happens.

The important message is:

- get the vaccine,
- keep hand washing,
- if you have any respiratory symptoms, just think about how to potentially protect other people, and stay at home if possible

In response to the information presented a number of questions asked as follows:

- regarding the evergreen offer for vaccinations, is it evergreen in the sense of that will be the new norm and that will continue forever or is there an expectation that that would lessen off at some point?
- the price of the testing kits will be beyond the means of a lot of people, what availability is there for the Council to provide some form of free testing where there is an outbreak for example in a place of work or, nursery?

### RESOLVED

That Rachel Spencer-Henshall be thanked for providing an update of Covid-19 in Kirklees

- 53 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022**  
Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director for Corporate Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health, provided an update on the Director of Public Health Annual Report, entitled the first 1000 days.

In summary, the Board was informed that last year's annual report was focused on tackling inequalities which was timely in terms of the pandemic and the impact that had on exacerbating those inequalities. The focus of this year's annual report is on the first 1000 days of a child's development and the importance of this period in anyone's life.

There is a well-established evidence base, demonstrating the importance of the first 1000 days that is from conception to the age of two and the impact those days has on the outcomes for the rest of their lives. The development, that occurs in those

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thousand days it is still unmatched at any other time of life and development during this time is key. The 'best start in life' is one of Kirklees' shared outcomes.

The Board was informed that the aim in this year's annual report is similar to last years, which has been to pull together in a slide set which summarises the factors that are associated with the best child outcomes, using narrative from Kirklees families as well as the professionals providing care and support to families, in addition to supporting data.

The aim is to look at the issue based on what the local population is saying and what the professionals that work with them are saying to see whether there are clear set of recommendations that can be taken forward. Inequality data will form part of the picture as it is recognised that not all groups in Kirklees are the same and consideration will need to be given to doing things differently to support the diverse population.

The Board was informed that the different organisations that make up the Health and Wellbeing Board would not carryout this work as separate organisations and the work being undertaken around children and families demonstrates a cohesive working relationship. Colleagues in Locala are doing excellent work on the Thriving Kirklees Programme and the partners involved in that include NHS maternity services, and the public health team, and they are doing a phenomenal job in terms of making a difference to the lives of children and parents. This is a reflection of partnership working.

The Board was informed that:

- in terms of being born in Kirklees, the headline numbers shows that the general fertility rate in Kirklees is declining
- life expectancy is significantly lower in Kirklees than the England average for males and females and life expectancy has reduced. This is not unsurprising given the excess deaths seen during Covid
- the age of mums is increasing with fewer deliveries to teenage mothers which is similar to what is happening nationally
- Nationally, there is a higher proportion of babies born to mothers of non-white British ethnicity than perhaps across the rest of the country. However, these mothers tend to live in more deprived areas therefore, in terms of the factors that contribute to healthy pregnancy, it's ensuring that those outcomes are not affected by deprivation

The Board was informed that the format of how the report is put together is that there are five developmental stages, preconception, pregnancy, labour and birth, infancy, and toddlerhood. Each development stage includes the perspective of the parent, the child, and the professional. It allows users to navigate in the order of the development stages or look specifically at a stage, giving the user the option to choose a particular area of interest.

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In terms of pre-conception the aim was to talk about what good looks like. In each of the development stages there are ten factors which essentially are ten things that will have an influence on outcomes and there is data that underpins the information.

For example, preconception includes mums and dads staying fit and healthy, eating the right foods, exercising, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol consumption, and taking folic acid which is hugely important during pregnancy. Any pre-existing health conditions will need to be managed effectively by their appropriate health professionals because it is important that all the checks are done as well as booking in early with maternity services.

Kirklees has a higher proportion of obesity, than national data and the rate of obesity in early pregnancy has increased quite dramatically. The 2018/19 figure was 23.6% compared to the 2021 figure of 35.9% which is a significant increase. Attempts have been made to carry out a survey, to get an understanding about women's health or perceptions about their health before pregnancy. The last survey was carried out in 2018. The challenge with this is that mothers were more likely to cease or reduce unhealthy behaviours, while their partners often seemed to increase their unhealthy behaviours which is an interesting dynamic.

It is important to inform parents about the healthy start vitamins scheme, and how to help people make those lifestyle changes and there is a tool that people are being signposted to called 'Planning for Pregnancy'. Examples were given of the information provided under each development stage.

The Board was informed that this is still being finalised, however it is a recognition of excellent system that is in place to support those starting or expanding their family and the support provided during the first thousand days. The key recommendations include:

- Preconceptionally, is for both partners to lead as healthy life as possible, keep any pre-existing conditions controlled and take folic acid
- Pregnancy, looking after yourself, avoiding alcohol, and staying active and being able to move around is important and becoming familiar with the movement of the baby and seek help if anything feels out of the ordinary
- early years in terms of post birth try to initiate breastfeeding if possible, however, do not become distressed if it is not possible to breastfeed, make sure the child is immunised, follow safe sleeping practices and self-care is important

Acknowledgements were made to the people who contributed to the annual report, which reflects good partnership working. In terms of next steps, the Board was advised that a few final tweaks and final checks will be made and both versions of the report should be available by mid-April.

The Board commented that the use of infographic was a good way of presenting information.

**RESOLVED**

- a) Rachel Spencer-Henshall be thanked for providing information on the Director of Public Health Annual Report
- b) Board members will make use of the DPH report to inform decision making and commissioning to help reduce health related inequalities and improve early years outcomes

**54 Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment update, 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment update and 2021 CLiK Survey update**

Owen Richardson, Intelligence Lead, Public Health provided an update on the Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment, 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the 2021 CLiK Survey.

Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment (KJSA)

The Board was informed that the pandemic had shifted focus over the last two years in terms of response to the pandemic and supporting people through it, therefore there has not been the opportunity to keep the KSJA up to date. Regular work is resuming, and people are once again looking to the KJSA for up-to-date local intelligence to inform commissioning decisions.

The proposal being put to the Board is that the out-of-date content on the KJSA website is temporarily archived and replaced with a ready-made profile that was produced by the Local Knowledge and Intelligence Service. The data within that profile mirrors to some extent the data within the KJSA. It contains sections regarding the different factors considered within the KJSA, it has local authority level data including Kirklees data and has comparisons with regional and national figures also.

Subject to agreement from the Board the out of data content will be archived and replace with the profile information. A KJSA steering group will work on a design of a new KJSA site and will look at what sections to include in a new version and start to refresh all the data, which will be published in due course.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

Work is being undertaken collectively across West Yorkshire with the five local authorities and the Public Health Intelligence Teams pooling resources to work on the PNAs, which will be bespoke and tailored to each local authority's needs. It is currently at the stage where the draft is to be signed off in order for it to go out to consultation, it will need to go out for sixty-day consultation and to receive feedback. The deadline for publishing the PNA will be the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The Board was informed that that draft will be shared with Board members with the ask that it is signed off ahead of the consultation period which is aimed to start in mid-April.

CLiK Survey

The Board was informed that the CLiK Survey is the adult population survey that is periodically run, usually around every four years. The last survey ran from November through to December 2021, and some of the data has been received and is being analysed, the headlines are being finalised and work is being undertaken putting together a communication programme. In response to the survey, there were approximately 6000 responses which is a good-sized data set and will provide useful insight which all partners will be able to use.

**RESOLVED**

That;

- a) The Board endorses and supports the proposal to replace the KJSA content site
- b) Owen Richardson, Intelligence Lead Public Health be thanked for providing an update the Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment, 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the 2021 CLiK Survey

**55 Adult Safeguarding Annual Report**

Rob McCulloch-Graham, Chair of the Kirklees Adult Safeguarding Board (KASB), presented the Adult Safeguarding Annual Report to the Board advising that he has been in post for 12 months and the report was prepared under the watch of the former Chair, Mike Houghton-Evans.

Mike Houghton-Evans informed the Board that during his ten years as chair, hard work has been undertaken to make sure that the Safeguarding Adults Board is seen as a true strategic partnership. It is hosted by the local authority, and not a direct function of the local authority like some other boards, this has enabled good engagement from partners. Partners chair all the sub-groups and have been active in taking forward the Boards agenda.

The KASB should be proud of the strides it has made to engage with other strategic partnerships in Kirklees, primarily Children's, Community Safety and the Health and Wellbeing Board. The strong message is "you achieve your work through collaboration, not through isolation".

The Board was informed that the appended report refers to the challenge session which happens every year, where chair and the lay member lays down challenge questions to members of the Board such as "what are we doing well and what do we need to do better?" The session was particularly useful session midway through the pandemic because through the pandemic a risk register was developed, which highlighted areas where safeguarding needed particular attention.

KSAB is well supported by Jacqui Stansfield, Service Manager and colleagues.

**RESOLVED**

That:

- a) The information in the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report be noted by the Board
- b) Rob McCulloch-Graham and Mike Houghton-Evans be thanked for presenting the annual report

**56 Transition to West Yorkshire Integrated Care System and Kirklees Place-based Partnership**

Carol McKenna, Chief Officer NHS Kirklees CCG, provided a brief update on the transition to West Yorkshire Integrated Care System and Kirklees Place-based Partnership. The Board was informed that work is being undertaken on the assumption that it will get through Parliament in time for the revised start date, 1<sup>st</sup> of July. The original timescale for the new arrangement to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> April was delayed, therefore several aspects of the new arrangements are currently working in shadow form.

The Board was reminded that the last update included information on the name of the partnership, the work being undertaken on a collaboration agreement to support the place-based partnership and the recruitment process that was about to take place to recruit to some of the independent posts on the committee in Kirklees.

The work on the collaboration agreement continues, it is not yet complete, however there will be another update at the Partnership Forum in a weeks' time. The collaboration agreement is a document that underpins the way in which partners will work together. It is not legally binding and that was a strong view of the partners that it should not be legally binding it is the spirit and values that will underpin the local partnership in Kirklees. That should come to a conclusion shortly.

In terms of recruitment the Board was informed that it is nearing the end of the process for appointing the independent chair of the committee of the ICB in Kirklees and the independent members. There are preferred candidates for those roles and currently working through the usual employment checks. An announcement on the appointments will be made in due course.

The ICB Committee in Kirklees, in addition to having independent members would also be made up of a number of partner members, including people from the council, the trusts, Locala, mental health trust and general practice. Representatives from these organisations will be confirmed shortly. The intention is to start holding shadow meetings of the Committee in Kirklees from April through to June with the focus being on development to enable people to get to know each other, understanding the role and information sharing.

**RESOLVED**

That Carol McKenna be thanked for providing an update on the transition to West Yorkshire Integrated Care System and Kirklees Place-based Partnership



**57 Terms of Reference and membership for 2022/23**

Phil Longworth, Senior Manager, Integrated support provided an update on the work being undertaken to update the terms of reference and membership in light of the changes. An initial draft of the revised terms of reference has been shared with key officers and further work will be done to ensure it reflects the legislation once it has been passed.

The draft terms of reference will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board at the first meeting of the municipal year, where members will be asked to comment and give formal agreement to recommend the terms of reference to council for ratification.

**RESOLVED**

That Phil Longworth, Senior Manager, Integrated support be thanked for providing an update on the proposals to revise the terms of reference and member of the Board