

Update from Councillor Carol Runciman - Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB)

February 2020

1. At the end of July 2019 I brought the Health and Wellbeing Board's Annual Report to the Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee. This half-yearly report provides a snapshot of work undertaken by the HWBB since then.
2. **Membership:** It is good to note that membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board has been much more stable throughout 2019 having been through a series of significant membership changes prior to that as reported in December 2018.
3. Since July 2019, there has only been once change to the membership of the HWBB. Mike Proctor, the Chief Executive at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust retired at the end of July 2019 and thus stood down from the HWBB. He was replaced by Simon Morritt who we recently welcomed as the new Chief Executive at the hospital and also as the new hospital representative on the HWBB.
4. **Formal Meetings:** The HWBB have met three times since July 2019 (August 2019, September 2019 and December 2019) and has discussed a range of items. A summary of some of the key items discussed is set out below.
5. **Refocussing the HWBB and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:** After a series of informal meetings between myself and all HWBB members a presentation was given at the August meeting of the HWBB. This brought together the key points raised at the informal meetings and suggested a number of things we could do to refocus the HWBB.
6. **Priorities:** Key to this is that our current joint health and wellbeing strategy is about half way through its lifespan and as a board we are keen to set a focus for its final 18 to 24 months. We held a priority setting workshop for members in October 2019 which led to the following priorities being set:

Starting and Growing Well: The YorOK Board (as a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board) are developing a new Children and

Young People's Plan. The HWBB will wait until the draft of the new plan is received and priorities it identifies before identifying priorities for the starting and growing well theme.

Living and Working Well: The board will bring housing and financial inclusion into the business of the board in order to minimise the impact of poverty, isolation, poor housing or homelessness on health and wellbeing

Ageing Well: The board's ambition is that York will be the most age friendly city that it can be to connect our Age Friendly programme of work across all ages and parts of society.

Mental Health: The board will promote awareness and understanding of the protective factors that support good mental wellbeing and ensure that compassionate, strength-based approaches in communities are developed.

7. **Focus**: The four proposed new areas of focus fit well with the current overarching priorities of the joint health and wellbeing strategy but are more specific and give greater focus to areas where more work is needed and where the HWBB can add value.
8. **Sub-structures** It was agreed that the current YorOK Board, Ageing Well Partnership, Mental Health Partnership and Learning Disabilities Partnership should continue to ensure delivery of the strategy and its priorities on behalf of the HWBB. However, there is still work to do to identify a lead group for the work on the living and working well priority.
9. **Changes**: We have disbanded our HWBB Steering Group as the work it undertook now takes place in a variety of other arenas. This means that the JSNA Working Group will now report directly to the HWBB. We are considering holding an interactive workshop later in the year to hear about the work it has been undertaking.
10. **Supplementary Document**: The next steps in this refocussing work are firstly to produce a supplementary document to sit alongside our current joint health and wellbeing strategy. This will detail our new priorities, our values and explain how the national, regional and local health and social care system landscape has changed since we produced our current joint health and wellbeing strategy.
11. **Working with HCV**: Work will be progressed with early discussions about how best the HWBB can work with the Humber, Coast and

Vale Integrated Care System and the new Primary Care Networks. It will be important to align values and strategic objectives between all of the system organisations and geographical areas.

12. **Healthwatch York** have presented a number of reports to us over the course of the three formal meetings and these were:
- Healthwatch York annual report and 2019/20 work plan
 - Changes to services: the anticoagulation warfarin monitoring service in York
 - Changes to services: understanding people's experience of thresholds for elective surgery in York
 - An update on CAMHS¹ services 2019
 - What's happened since the closure of Archways? An update report
 - Understanding people's experiences of the sight support service provided by the Eye Clinic Liaison Officers (ECLO) at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
13. Members of the HWBB welcomed the reports and agreed to respond to their recommendations.
14. **Mental Health:** The independent Chair of the HWBB's Mental Health Partnership gave a progress report to the board at its September 2019 meeting. This gave an oversight of the work the partnership have been doing and assurance in relation to strategy delivery. Borrowing the words of the Independent Chair of the partnership
- 'Tackling some of the fundamental things such as transforming how we deliver services and ensuring that the human rights of all individuals are met within that service provision are long term pieces of work. Similarly, engagement with everybody who has a voice about mental health in the city will take time. As part of this transformation we need to understand that some of this work may increase demand for services and this will need to be managed.*
- Despite these challenges we have had a very positive year and this report highlights significant progress to date as well as highlighting the challenges and priorities for partners over the coming year. It demonstrates a collective approach to taking forward the All Age Mental Health Strategy 2018-2023 supporting local innovation and delivery.'*

¹ Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

15. The Mental Health Partnership have identified four key priorities to focus on:

Priority 1: A community approach to mental health and wellbeing

Priority 2: Self harm

Priority 3: Mental health housing and support

Priority 4: Multiple complex needs

16. Work around all of these is underway and for more details around each of these please refer to the Independent Chair's [progress report](#).

17. The partnership is at the start of its journey and it is only one part of a wider health and social care system that is working at local, regional and national levels to improve the mental health of our population. However, the part it plays here in York is significant.

18. **Better Care Fund (BCF):** The HWBB continues to consider carefully the details of the BCF and has received two updates in relation to this. These were the annual overview of the York BCF 2018-19 and an update on the Better Care Fund Plan for York 2019-20.

19. **York Carer's Strategy 2019-2024:** The HWBB approved the new Carer's Strategy on behalf of all HWBB partner organisations. It acknowledged the significant and important work undertaken in the city by carers, including the many young carers.

20. **Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership Long Term Plan:** The board received a briefing paper in September 2019 in relation to the HCV long term plan. The plan had been produced after an extensive programme of engagement with stakeholders. It was agreed that the HWBB would hold a workshop in order to contribute more to the plan prior to it being submitted to NHS (England) Improvement. This workshop took place in November 2019 and was well attended by all partner organisations from the HWBB.

21. **Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for York:** The board considered an update on the work that had been undertaken to date to develop a physical activity and sport strategy for York. The board endorsed the direction of travel and its ambition and themes.

22. **Looking forward:** In March 2020 the Health and Wellbeing Board will be considering the refreshed Local Transformation Plan which reflects the aims and ambitions for children's emotional wellbeing in the local area and describes how it is working collaboratively to deliver them. The plan is refreshed annually and endorsed by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board before being submitted to NHS England. We will also receive a progress report from the Chair of our Ageing Well Partnership and have invited Professor Stephen Eames, the Chair of the HCV Health and Care Partnership to come and talk with us about Integrated Care Systems and their relationship to both the HWBB and their plans for improving the health and wellbeing of York's residents.
23. **Later in the year:** There will be a workshop around York Central and how partner organisations of the HWBB can influence the plans so that it is a healthy place for York residents to live and work.
24. **Building Relationships:** As Chair of the HWBB, I continue to meet with key partners in the city including, the Chairs of the CCG, York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) and the Chairs of both the Adults Safeguarding Board and the Children's Safeguarding Board. Additionally I meet with other senior colleagues across all organisations, both statutory and voluntary, associated with the health and care system as and when needed.
25. **Communications** – The Health and Wellbeing Board will be resurrecting their newsletter with the aim of producing this every few months.

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