



Minutes of the meeting of the HEALTH and WELLBEING BOARD held on WEDNESDAY
13 JANUARY 2021 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor Marland (Chair)
Councillors McCall, O'Neill and Walker, V Head (Director of Public Health), Dr N Smith (Vice-Chair [Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group]), Supt M Tarbit (LPA Commander [Thames Valley Police]), T Davies (Chief Executive, Camphill [(Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise representative)], P Wilkinson (Chief Executive, Willen Hospice [Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise representative]), Dr O Kufeji (representative of Primary Care Network), T Keech (Interim Chief Executive [Healthwatch]), J Hannon (Diggory Divisional Director of Operations [CNWL]), J Blakesley (Deputy Chief Executive Officer [Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust]), F Cox (Accountable Officer [BLMK CCG]) and R Makarem (Independent Chair [BLMK ICS])

Officers: M Bracey (Chief Executive [Milton Keynes Council], V Collins (Director - Adults Services), M Heath (Director - Children's Services), O Mytton (Deputy Director of Public Health), J Held (Independent Scrutineer [MK Together]), J Beake (Corporate Policy and Equality Manager), M Marshman (Head of Partnerships and Resilience) and J Crighton (Committee Manager)

Apologies: R Alsop (Chief Operating Officer [Clinical Commissioning Group]), P Davies ([Clinical Commissioning Group]), and J Harrison (Chief Executive [Milton Keynes University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust]), and M Taffetani (Healthwatch)

HWB08 MINUTES AND ACTIONS ARISING

The Board considered the Minutes of the Board's meeting held on 29 July 2020 and noted that all actions from the meeting had been completed or in the process of being completed, with those outstanding being recorded on the Board's Forward Plan.

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 29 July 2020 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

HWB09 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

HWB10

DRAFT REVISED HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

The Board received a report on the draft revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

V Head, Director of Public Health, informed the Board that the Strategy, once adopted, would run until 2028.

The Board noted that the Pandemic had had an impact on the physical and mental health of people across all age groups; a significant negative impact on children's education; obesity had increased; and the impact of isolation contributed to over 60% of preventable illness.

RESOLVED -

1. That the draft revised Strategy be approved, subject to comments being received from the Board.
2. That Councillor Marland (Chair), in consultation with the Dr N Smith (Vice-Chair), be delegated authority to make minor typographical and consequential amendments to the Strategy.

HWB11

HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY - ANNUAL PRIORITIES

The Board received a presentation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Annual Priorities.

O Mytton, Deputy Director of Public Health, informed the Board that the agreed priorities for 2020 had focussed on mental health, abuse and poverty and inequalities.

The Board noted that children had lost a significant amount of education; there had been an increase in children receiving free school meals and the need to safeguard vulnerable children.

It was also noted that adults had, since the beginning of the Pandemic, experienced changes to employment and financial security, causing an increase in psychological distress. It was also expected that inequalities would widen in the future.

The Board recognised that the risks of isolating and shielding in adults would negatively impact their independence.

It was reported that the priorities for 2021 would focus on mental health, physical activity and poverty and inequalities.

The Board expressed concern that domestic abuse had not been retained as a priority for this year.

RESOLVED -

That the priorities be agreed, subject to the retention of domestic abuse as a priority.

HWB12 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY - MEASURES OF SUCCESS: EXCEPTIONS REPORT (JANUARY 2021)

The Board considered the measures of success where new data indicated health related outcomes in Milton Keynes are significantly worsened or improved.

The Board raised concern that the Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccination programme had fallen below the national target of 95%.

V Head, Director of Public Health, informed the Board that the Clinical Commissioning Group, in partnership with Public Health England and NHS England, had been addressing the need to increase the uptake of the immunisation.

RESOLVED -

1. That the report be noted.
2. That an update on child immunisations be provided to the next meeting of the Board.

HWB13 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SYSTEM UPDATE

The Board received the Health and Social Care System Update.

M Bracey, Chief Executive (Milton Keynes Council) informed the Board that the continued response to Covid-19 remained a priority.

The Board noted that a leadership model for an effective Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) wide Integrated Care System had been put in place and a BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group, which effectively merged Milton Keynes, Bedfordshire and Luton Clinical Commissioning Groups, had been established and would come into effect in April 2021.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

HWB14 CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION REPORT

The Board received an update on the Child Poverty Commission.

J Beake, Corporate Policy and Equality Manager, informed the Board that Cabinet, at its meeting on 15 December 2020, had agreed the recommendations set out in the Child Poverty Commission report.

The Board noted that over 22,000 children were living in poverty in Milton Keynes; 7,000 children qualified for free school meals; and 970 were living in temporary accommodation.

It was reported that the number of children in poverty continued to rise and structural changes, for example, affordable childcare, additional affordable housing and increased use of children's centres, would be necessary to reduce child poverty.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

HWB15

OFSTED INSPECTION LETTER

The Board received an update on the Ofsted inspection that had taken place between 15 September and 1 October 2020.

M Heath, Director - Children's Services, informed the Board that the inspection had been adapted to take account of the Covid-19 Pandemic and, as a result, there had been no formal gradings. The inspectors had made no priority recommendations for improvement which was a positive sign.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

HWB16

ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT

The Board received an update on the Safeguarding Annual Report 2019/20.

RESOLVED -

That the report be noted.

HWB17

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was reported that the Council, at its meeting held on 25 November 2020, had agreed to request the Board to establish a Mental Health Taskforce that focused on planning for the long-term impacts from Covid-19 on the mental health of the residents of Milton Keynes.

RESOLVED -

That the MK Together Management Board discuss the establishment of a Mental Health Taskforce and the recommendations be considered at a future meeting of the Board.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 3.27 PM