

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board**
held on Tuesday, 21st January, 2025 in the Council Chamber, Municipal
Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS

Councillor Sam Corcoran (Chair), Cheshire East Council
Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director Adults, Health and
Integration (Joined remotely via Microsoft Teams)
Councillor Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council
Theresa Leavy Interim Executive Director Children and Families, Cheshire
East Council.
Councillor Jill Rhodes, Chair of Adults and Health Committee, Cheshire
East Council
Kathryn Sullivan, Chief Executive, CVS Cheshire East (joined remotely via
Microsoft Teams)
Isla Wilson, Chair, Cheshire East Health and Care Place Partnership
Kate Little, Deputy CEO, CVS Cheshire East
Lucy Coates, Sector Development Officer and Social Action Lead, CVS
Cheshire East
Louise Barry, Healthwatch Cheshire
Denise Bowman, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Guy Kilminster, Corporate Manager, Health Improvement
Prof Rod Thomson, Interim Public Health Consultant
Dr Susie Roberts, Public Health Consultant
Joel Hammond-Gant, Health Protection Officer
Lisa Davies, Interim Improvement Director, Children and Families,
Cheshire East Council
Claire Williamson, Director, Education, Strong Start and Integration,
Children and Families, Cheshire East Council
Frances Handley, Democratic Services Officer
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Carol Bulman, Chair of Children
and Families Committee, Cheshire East Council, Dr Paul Bishop (NHS
Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board), Superintendent Andrew
Blizard (Cheshire Constabulary), Michelle Davies, Guinness Partnership,
Mark Wilkinson, Place Director, NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated
Care Board, Phil Cresswell, Executive Director of Place

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In the interests of openness, Professor Rod Thompson declared that he is a trustee of Everybody Health and Leisure

37 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

38 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

39 PAN CHESHIRE CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL ANNUAL REPORTS 2022/23 AND 2023/24

The Board received two reports on the findings and recommendations from the Pan Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel Annual Reports 2022/23 and 2023/24.

A presentation was shared from Susie Roberts, Public Health Consultant that highlighted findings and learnings in an effort to ensure improvements in the future.

The Board raised concerns around maternal smoking and sudden infant death along with children in homes with smokers and how awareness can be improved. It was discussed that there would be more focus on campaigns to improve awareness.

Concerns were raised about tight funding environments and removing funding from the organisations that are depended on that have contact with children and families.

RESOLVED:

That the Board

1. Note the findings and recommendations within the Pan Cheshire Child Death Overview Panel Annual Reports.
2. To advocate for sustained focus on approaches to address the commonly associated modifiable and vulnerability factors amongst local children and families.

40 HEALTHIER FUTURES UPDATE

The Board received an update from Nicola Clemo Deputy Programme Director, Healthier Futures on the progress of the Healthier Futures Programme (to rebuild Leighton hospital).

The Board was asked whether a quarterly update was appropriate and was agreed that it was important to continue to receive regular updates about how that transformation process of service delivery is going, and be involved in the 'Big Conversation'. It was agreed that an update will be brought to the next meeting on 18th March 2025.

It was asked what consideration had been given to neurodiversity and learning disabilities in the design strategy. The board were informed that it was an inclusive design strategy and that targeted groups, staff and patients will be brought into the design process.

The Cheshire East Health and Care Place Partnership offered to share their network of expertise to support and assist the process.

The board raised questions around employment strategy and it was noted that a workforce strategy is being worked up in terms of the employment opportunities for local people within the trust itself and have started to establish a number of relationships with local schools and colleges.

It was noted that The Healthier Futures team are engaged with the head of highways, the head of planning and head of economic development, looking at the opportunities to link the hospital with the wider teams looking at Crewe's economic development, transport infrastructure improvements and active travel.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the update.

41 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2024

The Board received an update on the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024. A presentation was shared from Joel Hammond-Gant which highlights the harmful health impacts of the commercial determinants of health (CDOH) and unhealthy commodity industries (UCIs).

The Board raised concerns around vaping, gambling and alcohol and discussed options as to how they can support in relation to these issues. It was suggested that these could be considered in the Local Plan

Helen Charlesworth May agreed to discuss with the Corporate Leadership Team at Cheshire East and agreed to raise at Place Partnership. It was suggested that this is brought back alongside the public health plan in 12-18 months to review the progress.

An action was agreed for Councillor Sam Corcoran to discuss further with the Public Health team about the local plan and how more can be added into the local plan about spatial planning to promote exercise and healthy

lifestyles and to raise adding this report to the Corporate Policy Committee work programme.

RESOLVED: That the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. Receive and note the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2024.
2. Consider how the Director of Public Health's recommendations and opportunities for change can be addressed, by whom, and by when.

42 VCFSE SECTOR APPROACH TO PREVENTION / EARLY DETECTION

The Board received a presentation on the VCFSE Sector Approach to prevention / early detection from Kathryn Sullivan, CEO, CVSCE and Lucy Coates, Sector Development Officer and Social Action Lead, CVSCE. The slides outline some of the successes of the programme and the positive feedback from community groups who have used funding from the cancer alliance to run projects for their beneficiaries.

The Board welcomed the approach and model and agreed that it needs to be backed by what is already commissioned.

The approach would benefit from having other groups collaborate. The Care Communities are the networks where this could be adopted to ensure a broader approach.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

That the Health and Wellbeing Board adopt the template for other areas of work as appropriate in relation to future priorities.

43 ALL TOGETHER FAIRER: THE CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2024-2029

The Board received a report on All Together Fairer: the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Plan 2024-2029

The Board suggested a further conversation about this and how they could be confident that the plan is on track and be measurable for Cheshire East specifically.

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Board;

1. Note the content of 'All Together Fairer: the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Plan 2024-2029' and the alignment with the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the 'Blueprint 2030'.

2. Work closely with the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership over the next four years to facilitate achieving our local objectives and contributing to the delivery of the Partnership's Plan.

3. Acknowledge that further work is to be undertaken to understand the implications of a 1% year on year increase in the Cheshire East Place budget going towards the social determinants of health and the promotion of good health (including clarity of definition and baseline).

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 15.32 pm

Councillor S Corcoran (Chair)