

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the  
**Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board**  
held on Tuesday, 26th January, 2021

## **PRESENT**

### **Voting Members**

Councillor S Corcoran (Chairman), Cheshire East Council  
Councillor Kathryn Flavell, Cheshire East Council  
Councillor Laura Jeuda, Cheshire East Council  
Mark Palethorpe, Cheshire East Council  
Dr Andrew Wilson (Vice-Chairman), NHS Cheshire CCG  
Clare Watson, NHS Cheshire CCG  
Louise Barry, Healthwatch Cheshire  
Steven Michael, Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership  
Dr Patrick Kearns, Cheshire East Integrated Care Partnership  
John Wilbraham, Cheshire East Integrated Care Partnership

### **Associate Non-Voting Members**

Councillor Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council  
Superintendent Peter Crowcroft, Cheshire Constabulary  
Chris Hart, Cheshire East Social Action Partnership  
Frank Jordan, Cheshire East Council  
Mike Larkin, Cheshire Fire and Rescue  
Caroline Whitney, CVS Cheshire East

### **Cheshire East Council Officers/Others**

Professor Rod Thomson, Public Health  
Guy Kilminster, Cheshire East Council  
Rachel Graves, Cheshire East Council  
Madeleine Lowry, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust

## **30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Dr Matt Tryer (Cheshire East Council).

## **31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Corcoran declared a non-pecuniary interest by virtue of his wife being a GP.

### **32 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2020 be approved as a correct record.

### **33 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION**

There were no public speakers.

### **34 CHESHIRE EAST INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

The Board considered the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy and Transformation Plan.

The Transformation Plan set out four priority areas to be focused on – cardiovascular health, respiratory health, mental health and social prescribing, and children’s health. These areas had been chosen following discussions between health and care professionals and other interested parties and selected as there was a perceived need in these areas in Cheshire East. The Plan set out in details the evidence of need for each of the priorities, the proposed interventions, resource requirements, the initial thinking in relation to innovation and doing things differently, and aspirations for taking things further.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy and Transformation Plan be noted.

### **35 INTEGRATING CARE - NHS ENGLAND'S PROPOSALS REGARDING INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS AND THE DRAFT MOU FOR THE CHESHIRE AND MERSEYSIDE HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP**

The Board considered a report on the proposals for an Integrated Care System and the draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership.

NHS England had published in November 2020, as part of a national consultation, their proposals for the establishment of regional Integrated Care Systems from April 2022. The consultation had finished on 8 January 2021. The report provided a summary of the proposals, which were central to the delivery of the NHS England’s Long-Term Plan. The Integrated Care Systems would have a key role in working with local authorities at ‘Place’ level. Through the Integrated Care System, commissioners would make shared decisions with providers how to use resources, design services and improve population health.

The Draft MoU for the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System had been circulated to Councils by the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership. The MoU set out the vision and priorities of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership, detailed the governance arrangements and listed the members of the Partnership. Comments had been invited on the MoU by 20 January 2020 and it was expected that the final version would be signed off by partners in February/March.

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposals be noted.

**36 TEST, TRACE, CONTAIN, ENABLE' UPDATE**

Professor Rod Thomson gave an update on the Test, Track, Contain and Enable system in Cheshire East.

He reported that the infection rate had now started to decrease following the sharp increase at the start of January. The rate was now less than 300 per 100,000 in Cheshire East, with around a 1000 people testing positive in the last seven days. This was still higher than in the first wave and therefore it was still important to focus on the measures to reduce the spread of infection. There were over 300 covid patients in Leighton Hospital and Macclesfield Hospital with 260 in the Countess of Chester Hospital.

The local contract tracing team were dealing with referrals from the national centre, following up cases with individuals and businesses if there had been cases within the workforce. The contact tracing did not just rely on the initial phone call but also followed up individuals on several occasions by phone or visits to their homes. The contract tracing success rate was the highest in the region alongside Cheshire West and Chester.

An expression of interest had been registered with the Department of Health for extending community testing, as part of the recovery phase of the work, for those individuals who had to leave their home to work to receive some form of testing. Two models had been suggested. These being the use of local pharmacies and utilizing the two existing testing sites in Crewe and Macclesfield for lateral flow testing.

It was reported that the vaccination programme was going well, with over 50,000 people having been vaccinated across the Borough. The vast majority of these being those people in care homes, their carers, the over 80s age group and health and care worker.

**RESOLVED:**

That the verbal update be noted.

### 37 CHESHIRE EAST PLACE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Board received an update on the Cheshire East Place Partnership.

It was reported that the Place Partnership had been discussing what its role would be with the introduction of the Integrated Care Partnership. It was also important that the work of the Place Partnership did not lose momentum with the departure of Mark Palethorpe from Cheshire East Council as he had ensured that Place was central in partnership discussions. The involvement of the Council in the Place Partnership was important, and discussions had been held with the Chief Executive to ensure this continued.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.26 pm

Councillor S Corcoran (Chairman)