

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a virtual meeting of the
Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board
held on Tuesday 22nd September 2020

PRESENT

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Lorraine O'Donnell, Cheshire East Council

Associate Non-Voting Members

Councillor Jill Rhodes, Cheshire East Council
Councillor Janet Clowes, Cheshire East Council
Frank Jordan, Cheshire East Council
Superintendent Peter Crowcroft, Cheshire Constabulary
Chris Hart, Cheshire East Social Action Partnership
Caroline Whitney, CVS Cheshire East

Cheshire East Council Officers/Others

Guy Kilminster, Cheshire East Council
Sheila Woolstencroft, Cheshire East Council
Alex Jones, Cheshire East Council
Shelly Brough, Cheshire East Council
Vicky Howarth, Cheshire East Council
Rachel Graves, Cheshire East Council
Madeleine Lowry, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Trust
Jamaila Tausif, NHS Cheshire CCG

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Larkin, Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Dr Patrick Kearns declared that he was a GP partner in a practice in Knutsford, the Chair of, and a shareholder, in Vernova Healthcare CIC and that his wife worked for the Cheshire and Wirral Partnership.

12 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 28 July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

13 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no public speakers.

14 PREVENTING SUICIDE IN CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE

The Board received a presentation on the work undertaken by Champs in relation to preventing suicides in Cheshire and Merseyside.

The Cheshire and Merseyside Health Collaborative had published their 'No More Suicide' strategy plan in 2015 and, following a review in 2017, had decided that work should be scaled up and actions accelerated to reduce suicides and work towards 'Living Works' accreditation to become a Suicide Safer Community as a region. The presentation to the Board outlined the steps which had been taken to meet the actions within the plan.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be received.

15 ESTABLISHMENT OF A REDUCING INEQUALITIES COMMISSION

The Board considered a report seeking to establish a Reducing Inequalities Commission, as a sub group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, which would have the remit to lead and co-ordinate work across Cheshire East that focused upon reducing the inequalities experienced by residents of the borough.

Within the Cheshire East Place Health and Care Partnership Five Year Plan and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the need to address the inequalities evident through the Tartan Rug was a priority. Additionally, Covid-19's impact on those facing these same inequalities had led to NHS

England and Improvement making addressing the inequalities a priority in the Covid-19 Phase 3 recovery planning.

Dr Matt Tyrer would take the lead in the establishment of the Commission and nominations for membership would be sought from partners and other organisations that had a role to play or an interest in reducing inequalities across the borough.

RESOLVED:

That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agree to the establishment of a Reducing Inequalities Commission, as a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the remit to lead and co-ordinate work across Cheshire East that focuses upon reducing the inequalities experienced by residents of the borough.

16 BETTER CARE FUND END OF YEAR REPORT 2019 - 2020

The Board considered a report on the performance of the Better Care Fund, including the Improved Better Care Fund in 2019/20.

The end of year report formed part of the monitoring arrangements for the Better Care Fund and included an overview of the scheme, patient stories, the financial income and expenditure, Better Care Fund metrics and the next steps for the programme,

RESOLVED:

That the Better Care Fund programme performance for 2019/20 be noted.

17 CHESHIRE EAST CARERS HUB

The Board considered an update on the progress, performance and key risks in relation to the Cheshire East Carers Hub Service.

The report detailed the Service's achievements for 2019/20 against the five key priorities of the Carers Strategy Delivery Plan 2018. It also outlined the effects of Covid-19 on the service and number of referrals it received, and the action taken to support the carers registered with the Hub.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1 note the progress of the Cheshire East Carers Hub with the single carers' assessment route and the planned review and service engagement and consultation;
- 2 note the contribution of the Cheshire Carers Hub against the five key priorities of the Carers Strategy Delivery Plan 2018; and

3 note the response of the Cheshire East Hub during Covid-19.

18 SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY (SEND) IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The Board considered an update on progress against the Cheshire East SEND Written Statement of Action, produced following the Ofsted and CQC inspection in March 2018.

The appendix to the report detailed the progress and actions that had been taken to address the significant weakness relating to the two areas identified: Area 1 – the timeliness, process and quality of education, health and care plans and Area 2 – the lack of an effective autism spectrum disorder pathway and unreasonable waiting times.

Ofsted and the CQC were due to carry out a re-visit before the end of April 2020 but this had been suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It had been announced that from autumn 2020 Ofsted and the CQC would be conducting a limited number of visits to local areas regarding their SEND arrangements and preparations were continuing for the re-visit.

RESOLVED: That the Board

- 1 note the progress to date against the SEND Written Statement of Action and preparations for the SEND re-visit; and
- 2 endorse the progress report documents in the Appendix to the Report.

19 'TEST, TRACE, CONTAIN, ENABLE' UPDATE

Dr Matt Tyrer gave an update on the Test, Track, Contain and Enable system.

He reported that over the last fortnight the situation had been rapidly changing, with the number of positive covid-19 cases starting to rise. Cheshire East had at present the lowest numbers in the Cheshire and Merseyside region. The data being received was being monitored and investigation being undertaken to see if there were patterns, trends and clusters relating to particular localities, venues and workplaces. So far there had not been a need to deploy any additional testing capacity in Cheshire East.

A communications plan had been developed in conjunction with the NHS and other local authorities across the region so that a coherent approach to messages being sent out was taken.

The work of the Local Resilience Forum and Strategic Coordination Group had been stepped back up and an Action Plan agreed.

An announcement was expected from the Government shortly outlining further restrictions which would come into effect and these were expected to include a further reduction in opening hours in the hospitality sector with closure at 10 pm, implementation of the rule of six and increased use of face masks.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update be noted.

20 CHESHIRE EAST PLACE PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

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

It was reported that the Partnership Board had met on 2 September and was looking at how to work to manage the recovery of services at the same time as delivering services and planning for a second spike of Covid-19. Work was continuing with the development of the integrated care partnership and new ways of commissioning. There were still financial challenges to services, which Covid-19 had added to, and new ways of working were being introduced.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 3.50 pm

Councillor S Corcoran (Chairman)