

PEOPLE'S BOARD

At a meeting of the People's Board held on
Thursday, 25 January 2024

(Present)

Geoffrey Appleton	(Chair) Independent Chair, Place Partnership Board, St Helens Cares & Non-Executive Director, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Superintendent Steve Brizell	Community Policing Team, Merseyside Police
Karen Browne	Department of Work and Pensions
Councillor Burns	Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Communities and Culture
Sharon Clunn	Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust
Helen Fitzgerald	Chief Officer, Deafness Resource Centre
Justin Hill	Chair, Inequalities Commission
Tom Hughes	Chair, Healthwatch
Jamaila Hussain	Director of Adult Social Care (DASS)
Jan Liversidge	Partnership Manager, St Helens Job Centre
Jayne Parkinson Loftus	St Helens Manager, Healthwatch
Ruth du Plessis	Director of Public Health, St Helens Council
Wayne Longshaw	Director of Integration, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Tracy Mawson	Chief Executive, St Helens Chamber
Cath Murray-Howard	Chief Operating Officer, Torus
Councillor Quinn	Cabinet Member, Integrated Care
Ged Sheridan	Area Manager for Prevention, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service
Leigh Thompson	Director of Commissioning, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust

36 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Baines	Leader of the Council
Tony Bennett	Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust
Councillor Charlton	Cabinet Member, Children and Young People
Councillor Groucutt	Cabinet Member, Economic Development and Business
Councillor Mussell	Opposition Member
Tanya Wilcock	Director of Communities

37 **MINUTES**

- * Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2023 be approved and signed.

38 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

39 ST HELENS CARES - PLACE AND SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

A report was introduced by Geoffrey Appleton, Independent Chair of the St Helens Cares Place Partnership Board and presented to the Board by Wayne Longshaw, Director of Integration, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (MWL), which provided the Board with an update on developments at both a 'System' and 'Place' level.

The Board was advised that the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (C&M HCP) was in the process of reviewing its Five-Year Strategy and that this C&M HCP strategy would adopt much of Marmot's recommendations in the 'All Together Fairer' report, across eight themes.

An associated Delivery Plan (Joint Forward Plan) would consolidate existing plans and focus on delivery and implementation. The Board was informed that the strategy would be developed over the coming months and would be published in April 2024.

The scheme at Paragraph 4.1 of the report illustrated how the elements would come together and Appendix A set out the rationale and the intended process to develop the strategy.

The report advised that, in terms of place developments, the People's Plan had been refreshed. This plan aligned to the Cheshire and Merseyside Strategy whilst focusing on what was important for the Borough and ways to contribute to the delivery of the Borough Strategy.

The People's Plan articulated local priorities for health and well-being improvements and for reducing inequalities in the borough. The plan set out the four key partnership priorities and the wider health and care objectives through a 'life course' model.

The St Helens People's Plan, which was aligned to the Council's Borough Strategy and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside's Plans, had been provided at Appendix B.

The Board noted that the plan had been developed with partners and was now progressing through the Council's governance process.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) the contents of this report be noted;**
- (2) the approach taken to develop the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Strategy be endorsed; and**
- (3) the refreshed St Helens People's Plan 2024-27 be endorsed.**

The Director of Integration, MWL Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust here left the meeting, and the Director of Adult Social Care here joined the meeting.

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40 INEQUALITIES COMMISSION UPDATE

Councillor Anthony Burns, Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Communities and Culture introduced the Inequalities Commission report which was jointly presented by the Chair of the Inequalities Commission Dr Justin Hill and the Director of Public Health, Ruth du Plessis.

The report provided the Board with an update on the continued work of the Commission, which was aimed at reducing inequalities between localities and reducing the overall level of deprivation in St Helens, and in particular on the recently held workshop.

The workshop had been held on 13 December 2023 and had focused on Raising Aspirations of Children and Young People. It was reported that the workshop had been well attended with over 40 local leaders in attendance, and with the support of Vibe, a number of young people.

During the workshop, young people in St Helens identified 16 barriers to them reaching their aspirations, the top three being mental health, lack of money and resources and lack of opportunity.

The Board was advised that the steering group and key stakeholders were still working through the key findings, early themes were reported at paragraph 4.7 of the report. Once completed, the findings from the workshop would be reviewed and recommendations and next steps developed.

The Director of Public Health, fed back to the Board on the young people comments and feedback from the workshop and advised that the steering group would be meeting the following week.

Superintendent Steve Brizell took the opportunity to inform the Board on the work of the Safer Communities, in particular that of Vibe and Maximum Edge and on the work commencing to look to improve youth provision, mentoring and youth groups and the aspiration to develop a Youth Provision Board.

The Deputy Director of Contracts and Commissioning also raised the working being done by Wirral Community Health and Care with local schools and the NHS Cadet scheme. It was proposed that the steering group could look to link in with the above-mentioned providers and projects as part of their work.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Commission would focus on updates on food and fuel poverty, the role of business in tackling inequities and continue to look at the best start in life.

* **Resolved that the report be noted.**

41 PARTNERSHIP UPDATE - ST HELENS CHAMBER

The Chief Executive of St Helens Chamber, Tracey Mawson gave a presentation to the Board which provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Chamber, outlined their

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key priorities and workstreams, partnership working, and their perspective on some of the challenges and opportunities in St Helens.

The St Helens Chamber Partner Update presentation detailed the following:

- Missions and Values
- Voice of Business
- Young People
- Business training
- Strategic Role

The Board commented positively on and acknowledged the work, support, and social value that St Helens Chamber provided and the important role they played in helping tackle inequalities and develop young people.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the presentation be noted; and**
- (2) **a presentation be provided to the Board on the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services Prince's Trust Team Programme.**

42 MERSEYSIDE AND ISLE OF MAN CHILD DEATH OVERVIEW PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023

The Director of Public Health presented the Merseyside Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and Isle of Man Annual Report on behalf of Mike Leaf the Independent Chair of Merseyside CDOP.

The report advised there was a legal requirement for statutory partners to make arrangements to carry out child death reviews.

These arrangements should include a Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP), or equivalent, to review the deaths (excluding infants live-born following planned, legal terminations of pregnancy, and stillbirths) of all children normally resident in the relevant local authority area, and if appropriate the deaths in that area of non-resident children.

In Merseyside there was a CDOP that included Liverpool, Knowsley, Sefton, St Helens, Wirral and the Isle of Man. The CDOP had representatives from all key agencies and was overseen by an independent chair. The Public Health Area Lead for the six Local Authorities was currently St Helens.

The focus of CDOP was on identifying any modifiable factors that may help prevent unnecessary future child deaths or harm.

The annual report, published in December 2023 set out the overview and process of the CDOP and provided data and analysis from cases reviewed, highlighting issues arising on both a regional and Local Authority level, reported on progress from the issues since the

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last annual report alongside providing summary of key points and themes from each of the six areas.

The Panel identified modifiable factors in 45 of the 93 cases reviewed in 2022/23, which equates to 48% of the cases reviewed by Merseyside and Isle of Man CDOP. In comparison, 39% of cases reviewed at other CDOPs across England were found to have modifiable factors.

The most frequently occurring modifiable factors in ranked order included:

- Service issues
- Smoking/smoking in pregnancy
- Maternal Body Mass Index BMI
- Smoking in the household
- Substance use
- Unsafe Sleeping
- Alcohol Use
- Engagement with health services
- Domestic abuse/violence
- Neglect
- Maternal health
- Maternal Mental health
- Lack of adherence with health services (new indicator)
- Child substance misuse (new indicator)

The Merseyside Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and Isle of Man Annual Report 2022-2023 was appended to the report.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) **the contents of this annual report, and the robust processes for oversight and undertaking child death reviews be noted; and**
- (2) **that the information contained in this report be used to inform local action planning.**

43 BETTER CARE FUND (BCF) 2023-25, QUARTER 2 REPORT

The Better Care Fund (BCF) 2023-25 Quarter 2 report was introduced by Councillor Marlene Quinn, Cabinet Member for Integrated Health and Social Care and presented by Jamaila Hussain, Director of Adult Social Services (DASS).

The Better Care Fund (BCF) was one of the Government's vehicles for driving health and social care integration. It required Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Local Government to agree a joint spending plan, owned by the Health and Well-Being Board, which in St Helens was the People's Board.

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The Council and NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB had worked together to produce a BCF plan for 2023-25 which had been formally approved by the People's Board on 28 June 2023. Confirmation of approval of the plans by NHS England, following their assurance work had been provided on 29 September 2023.

Quarterly reporting against the BCF had been reintroduced from quarter 2 2023/24. This covered reporting against a set of metrics and capacity and demand data.

The report highlighted that four of the five reporting metrics; avoidable admissions, discharge to normal place of residence, residential admissions and reablement remained on track to meet target. However, the falls metric was currently not on track to meet target.

Assurance was given that Health and Social Care partners would continue to work together to review performance against the target and explore the options to reduce the number of falls for people aged 65 and over, who were admitted to hospital. A delivery board was also being established to provide oversight and review of all BCF schemes and ensure BCF national metrics were being met.

The completed reporting templated had been submitted on 31 October 2023 in lieu of People's Board approval, as delegated to the Executive Director of People (Children's, Adults & Public Health) & NHS Place Director St Helens and the report advised that a full copy of the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 reporting template for 2023/24 was available upon request.

The report also appraised the Board on the announcement by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) of an additional £50m of grant funding to support local authorities in delivering the Disabled Facility Grant programme. For St Helens the additional allocation was £274,673.

The Director of Adult Social Services advised the Board that there had been an increase in avoidable admissions and discharge to normal place of residence and highlighted that this would impact on reportable outcomes in Quarter 3 reporting.

The importance of prevention work and low-level support, particularly around mental health was discussed and acknowledged by the Board.

The Director of Public Health advised on the work being undertaken around loneliness and isolation lead by the Institute of Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) and proposed that the outcomes of this work be brought to the Board in due course.

* **Resolved that:**

- (1) the contents of the Better Care Fund Quarter 2 Monitoring submission be noted; and**
- (2) the additional DFG Funding of £274,673 in 2023/24 be noted.**

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44 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

Board Members were invited to propose items for consideration at the next meeting of the Board and encouraged to email the Leader or Director of Public Health with any proposals.

45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 21 March 2024, 2.30pm, St Helens Town Hall, Room 10.

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