

Health and Wellbeing Board

Wednesday 11 January 2023

Minutes

Attendance

Board Members

Warwickshire County Council (WCC)

Councillor Margaret Bell (Chair)

Councillor Jerry Roodhouse

Shade Agboola

Nigel Minns

Provider Trusts

Dame Stella Manzie (University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire (UHCW))

Russell Hardy (South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust)

Dianne Whitfield (CWPT)

Danielle Oum (Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System)

Police & Crime Commissioner

Emma Daniell - Deputy PCC

Healthwatch Warwickshire (HWW)

Elizabeth Hancock

Chris Bain

Borough / District Councillors

Councillor Jo Barker (Stratford-on-Avon District Council)

Councillor Marian Humphreys (North Warwickshire Borough Council)

Councillor Judy Falp (Warwick District Council)

Others Present

Councillor John Holland (WCC)

Chris Elliott, Chief Executive Warwick District Council (virtual)

Mannie Ketley, Chief Executive Rugby Borough Council

Officers

Angela Coates, North Warwickshire Borough Council

Jane Coates, Delivery Lead - Change Hub

Paula Jackson, Public Health Consultant

Isher Kehal, Technical Specialist - Wider Determinants of Health

Gemma Mckinnon, Health and Wellbeing Delivery Manager

Michael Maddocks, Public Health Principal - Planning/JNSA

Gemma Stainthorp, Wellbeing, Health & Protection

Duncan Vernon, Public Health Associate Director
Laura Waplinton, Public Health Officer

1. General

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Health and Wellbeing Board meeting of 2023 and recognised that for many working within services across health and social care, this was a very busy time of year.

Councillor Bell went on to reiterate the importance of focusing efforts on delivering the priorities set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and gave an overview of what had been agreed previously. She highlighted the breadth of the discussion items on the agenda which demonstrated some of the work being undertaken to respond to these priorities and acknowledged how the Board's aim was to improve the health and wellbeing of residents of Warwickshire.

(1) Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Julian Gutteridge, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and Steve Maxey, Chief Executive of North Warwickshire Borough Council.

(2) Appointment of Vice Chair

Councillor Bell reminded the meeting that it had been agreed at the September meeting to defer the appointment of Vice Chair to this meeting and went on to propose Danielle Oum (C&W ICS) and Chair of the Integrated Care Board, for the position. Councillor Bell felt that Danielle's position on the Integrated Care Board would serve well to ensure greater connectivity between the two partners.

No further nominations were forthcoming, therefore, having been proposed and duly seconded, it was

Resolved that Danielle Oum (Coventry & Warwickshire ICS) be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(3) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

During the course of the meeting Councillor Roodhouse declared an interest as a Director of Healthwatch, Warwickshire.

(4) Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board on 7 September 2022 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

(5) Chair's Announcements

There were none.

2. Place Partnership Update

The Board received an update from Mannie Ketley, Chief Executive of Rugby Borough Council alongside Chris Elliott, Chief Executive of Warwick District Council, who joined the meeting virtually. Mannie Ketley delivered a presentation to the meeting entitled 'The Journey of Place' which provided background information and an update on progress of the Place Priorities for the North, Rugby and South areas of the County.

Having introduced herself, Mannie Ketley advised that the presentation she was about to deliver contained a slight variation to the original document circulated and she would share a revised set of slides to members after the meeting.

Mannie Ketley took the Board through the presentation which included information on:

- The Journey of Place – key milestones that each area had been through, starting in 2018 up to the present day;
- An explanation of what the HWBB Strategy meant for each area including future development of implementation plans and working with the HWBB Executive Office Group;
- Progress to date with the Place Partnerships including review delivery priorities, refreshing terms of reference and future engagement measures;
- What the draft ICS Strategy said about Place, a summary of the four commitments and definitions as to how partners would work on priorities;
- Lessons learnt from South Place Peer Review including highlighted strengths focus moving forward and key opportunities;

Warwick District Council's Chief Executive, Chris Elliott addressed the meeting and reflected on the past few years working at 'Place' level. He felt there had been a lot of buy in by organisations and representatives, with people joining together to deliver a common aim. Chris Elliott went on to describe how projects were now starting to come through and beginning to make a difference, such as the community centre provision at Packmores in Warwick.

Mannie Ketley then introduced the final slide which described the latter part of the journey and how it might be possible for areas to prepare for the next steps. She asked the Board to consider the resources that might be required and advised that there would be a meeting held next month with colleagues to discuss this and thoughts on how 'Place' was connected to the wider Integrated Care System.

Mannie Ketley thanked Danielle Oum for attending a Rugby Place Partnership meeting recently and hoped that further clarification could be sought as to what the two way communication would look like. She highlighted the need to deliver on shared objectives, avoid duplication of work and harness a coherent approach. She concluded by reiterating the importance of trying to identify necessary change and how to make those changes 'business as usual'.

The Chair thanked both Chief Executives for attending and delivering the update. She felt this went a long way to reinforce the commitment to work with the Place Partnerships and to identify ways to improve the wellbeing of communities and drive forward strategies.

Danielle Oum (C&W ICS) addressed the meeting and felt the presentation showed how partners were working collectively across Coventry & Warwickshire and how this enabled all parties to understand the needs of the population and how to respond effectively.

Danielle Oum went on to explain how the Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) and Integrated Care Board (ICB) would aim to devolve resources down through care collaboratives and confirmed that it would not be beneficial to design something that resulted in micromanaging at place level. She outlined the ambition for working clearly and effectively at system level, demonstrating that the needs of the local community could be responded to. Danielle Oum concluded by reiterating the importance of giving the place partnerships space to develop, allowing their voice to be heard.

Councillor Roodhouse thanked the officers for the presentation and felt that the last slide had been the most pertinent. Key questions for him revolved around the primary care networks, NHS England and the Department for Health with the potential danger of reacting to issues coming further down the line. Councillor Roodhouse recognised the importance of listening to all levels of communities in order to get the messages travelling back up to those working higher up. He also referred to the question of funding but noted that this was an evolving situation. He noted that there were projects ready to go but needed the funding confirmed to be able to start.

Councillor Holland addressed the meeting in his capacity as Vice Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and as a Governor of South Warwickshire Foundations Trust (SWFT). He thanked officers for the report which had given him a complete answer to his previous request of a written report. Councillor Holland went on to thank everyone involved whilst noting the staffing issues and increase in patient numbers. He was pleased that progress was being made to meet the large number of needs identified by the JSNAA and noted that work was being carried out strategically. He recognised that the introduction of the ICB had brought new people into the arena and reminded the meeting that the criteria for success would be when the list of needs identified had been met.

The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the report.

3. Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Strategy

The Board received a report which presented an interim care strategy, setting out how the assessed needs of the population could be met by the Integrated Care System (ICS).

Danielle Oum (C&W ICS) introduced the strategy on behalf of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and recognised that a lot of the officers present had been involved in the development of the strategy, with work taking place in a relatively short timeframe and as a result of a fairly comprehensive engagement programme involving key stake holders, community and partners. She described it as an alliterative process, the basis of a forward plan which would be worked on. It was noted that this had not been published yet, so this was the opportunity to make any suggestions or comments.

Danielle Oum referred to this being a new way of working for everyone and felt that the mission statement signed up to was a powerful ambition, encouraging individuals to take ownership of their own health and focus services where they were needed. The strategy set out the agreed priorities and she asked those present to consider what the HWBB would need to see with a Warwickshire focus, on a regular basis to ensure this was moving in the right direction of travel.

Councillor Falp, representing Warwick District Council, welcomed the inclusion of priority 1 'Prioritising prevention and improving future health outcomes through tackling health inequalities' which she hoped would go some way to individuals avoiding admission to hospital.

Councillor Roodhouse referred to the financial strain and challenges and queried the powers available to give support. He did not want to just note reports and recognised that the prevention agenda was something that had committed investment. Councillor Roodhouse recognised the role of District and Borough Councils in the process and queried how the HWBB may address the pressure being put on NHS England. He queried the powers that the Board had and how the discussions could culminate in actions for the benefit of residents.

Dame Stella Manzie (UHCW) noted the progress made and felt the key was a sharp focus, revisiting priorities and ensuring all individual organisations were aware of these. She highlighted the need to ensure joined up working, thinking in multi-directional ways whilst continuing to deliver services under pressure. Dame Manzie also reminded the Board that it was important not to spread officers too thinly, maintaining focus and embedding prevention. She referred to the Improving Lives project which should change pathways for elderly people and those specifics could then be reported back.

Mannie Ketley highlighted the connection with her presentation reiterating that clarity was important to avoid micromanaging at Place level.

Chris Bain (HWW) recognised the amount of work that had gone into the strategy. He felt that the connection with communities was needed with a system that was becoming more complex. He advised that Healthwatch's concern was where the patient's voice could best be heard and in what form. He queried the consultation mechanism and felt that to be effective, the process had to be continuous and build trust and confidence. This communication would assist with early warning signs, from seldom heard groups such as working people. In addition, he noted that the voluntary sector had to be heard and he was not sure that the relationships between tiers and bodies was sufficiently clear.

Councillor Holland addressed the meeting, highlighting the system put in place by parliament and reminding the meeting of the JSNA process.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) reinforced the points made by Chris Bain and added his support to the progress being made. He expressed his thanks to everyone involved and commended the engagement with citizens, which he hoped would continue in a structured and consistent manner. Russell Hardy went on to make comment on the delivery plan and emphasise the prevention and inequalities agenda, whilst noting the political interest in the topic. He reiterated the desire to share intelligence and not duplicate engagement, whilst maximising the work of the voluntary sector.

The Chair addressed the meeting and advised that the Board's role was to ensure its own strategy was in line with the processes being discussed and she proposed that a short paper be submitted to the next meeting. She reminded the meeting that the development of the ICB delivery plan was really important and needed to be monitored alongside the Warwickshire strategy. She recognised that there was a lot of work already on this agenda but felt that there were gaps that needed identifying. Councillor Bell wanted to ensure that the patients' voice would be taken on board and

would rely on Healthwatch to bring this to the Board's attention so that it could be listened to and taken note of. She hoped that future agendas would reflect the issues that were important to residents and would enable the Board to focus its efforts.

Dianne Whitfield (Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust) reinforced the concerns raised regarding clarity around the financial envelope, alongside the need for delivery of realistic and transparent messages to communities.

Councillor Roodhouse firmly supported the comments made regarding money and asked if the mapping exercise could include an additional column with figures in, enabling transparency and understanding in the community.

Having considered how the Board could contribute to the delivery of the strategy, how impact and success measures could be shared through regular reporting and how the ICS might inform further development of the HWBB's strategy, the Board

Resolved that the draft Integrated Care Strategy for Coventry and Warwickshire 2022 be noted, along with the feedback on the draft strategy ahead of publication.

4. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022

Shade Agboola (Director of Public Health) presented her Annual Report, as required under Section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006. The theme of this year's report was health and the rising cost of living and contained a number of recommendations which would require a concerted joint effort from health and social care partners across the Integrated Care System if they were to be achieved.

Shade Agboola introduced her presentation which focused on the theme of 'Health and the High Cost of Living in Warwickshire'. The presentation covered the following:

- The picture of Health and Wellbeing in Warwickshire, including life expectancy and healthy life expectancy data;
- Improvements made across areas of health including the uptake of services and determinants that affect health;
- The Warwickshire Health Profile in 2022 – showing health performance and allowing comparisons between districts and boroughs;
- The Rising Cost of Living, resulting in three main consequences – household energy costs, rising petrol and travel prices and the increase in the cost of goods;
- The impact these pressures will have on people's health such as the inability to afford healthy food, risk of obesity, missed medical appointments, housing impacts and homelessness;
- Metrics used to model financial resilience across Warwickshire Households;
- Cost of living index demonstrating the most vulnerable areas of the county;
- Data evidencing the impact of housing, bills and the rising cost of living on health – this included the impact on physical health, mental health and wellbeing and the cost of the burden on the NHS;
- Support being offered in Warwickshire such as Act on Energy and Warm Hubs with an increased number of people using food banks, reducing meal size and an uptake in free school meals;

- The positive work being carried out by food pantries and residents accessing debt advice and being signposted to a range of resources;
- Transport and travel, the impact on loneliness and social isolation, restricted access to work, education and green spaces;
- The benefits of active travel and the support being offered in Warwickshire including schemes such as Choose How you Move and a number of funding sources from WCC.

The presentation concluded with a number of recommendations, the first of which was an overarching proposal encouraging key anchor organisations to focus their expertise and capacity on building an inclusive, healthy and sustainable Warwickshire by focusing on:

Policy, Surveillance, Workforce Development, Making Every Contact Count and Access to services.

This was underpinned by three further recommendations focusing on housing, food and transport as follows:

- Recommendation 2 – I recommend that housing, planning and health leads work together to prevent ill health caused by poor housing and living conditions. This should include a commitment to prevent new homes from being built with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of less than C and working with private and public landlords to ensure existing homes have an EPC of C or above, and are mould free.
- Recommendation 3 – I recommend that to support children to have the best start in life, Health and Wellbeing Board explores the feasibility of free school meals for all primary school children in Warwickshire, as research shows that children are able to learn better in school if they have a full stomach.
- Recommendation 4 – I recommend that transport planners and health partners work together to improve transport links for those living in areas with more rural isolation, deprivation and where rates of long-term conditions and access to transport links are poor.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) thanked Shade Agboola for her outstanding report. He felt that a key issue determining health was access and suggested that this be looked at openly, along with the implications it had to understand the problems and take any learnings forward.

The Chair proposed that Access to Healthcare be added to the Board's forward plan. Having requested that the recommendations be displayed again, she recognised that some of the requests sat outside the Board's remit and lay with other forums. However, she fully supported the proposal to undertake a feasibility study in relation to free school meals for all primary school children.

Resolved that the 2022 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health and the recommendations within it be endorsed by the Board.

5. Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire Report - a multi-agency approach

The Board received a report and presentation from Isher Kehal (xx), and Angela Coates (Director of Housing at North Warwickshire Borough Council), which updated them on key actions for each workstream of the action plan developed to reduce homelessness in Warwickshire.

Angela Coates addressed the meeting and outlined how far authorities had come by working together to tackle difficult housing issues. She explained that the presentation would outline the progress made on the strategy that was signed off previously. She also welcomed feedback on how the Board would like this to connect into future workstreams.

The presentation entitled 'Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire: a multi-agency approach, 2021-2023' included:

- Background from the first conference in October 2018 to the Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire Strategy endorsed in March 2021;
- The Partners Involved;
- An overview of Homelessness and Health services including support for the physical and emotional health of rough sleepers;
- Work being undertaken to assist with Financial Inclusion including support to maximise income, managing debt and energy bills across the District and Borough Councils;
- Homelessness and Young People;
- Homelessness and Domestic Abuse;
- Homelessness and Offenders; and
- Next Steps including the approach to deliver strategic priorities and future refreshes of the Strategy and Action Plans.

Angela Coates explained that partners had pulled together to deliver services on the ground with much better collaboration with a real focus around prisons and rehabilitation. She advised that the use of temporary accommodation had reduced in Warwickshire but there were still a number of challenges to be faced with rents increasing in the private sector and residents struggling on lower incomes.

Angela Coates expressed that a good relationship had been built with the resettlement board in relation to citizens fleeing Ukraine and those seeking asylum but stressed that this was an additional group that wanted to access the private rented sector and social housing. She went on to outline the potential difficulties if Housing Related Support was lost which was a threat to supported housing and the current mechanism. Angela concluded by commending her colleagues and as the Chair of the Strategy Group, requested the Board's support to continue with the focus outlined.

The Chair applauded this work as a wonderful example of partnership working which was very encouraging.

Councillor Roodhouse recognised the issues relating to domestic abuse and highlighted that male suffering was more visible on the public radar than before. He recognised the importance of joined up working with the use of clear data and referred to the level of positive work being carried out in his own constituency in Rugby, which was well appreciated.

Councillor Falp thanked the officers for including case studies in their report which clearly showed how these issues impacted on residents. She queried what else local authorities could do to work

with private landlords and provided examples of residents desperate for help with poor living conditions or unaffordable rent. Councillor Falp asked for confirmation as to whether officers were working with social landlords and raised a concern about the demand for a month's rent in advance, which many could not afford.

Councillor Barker spoke in her capacity as Stratford District Council representative and advised that there had been no reports of rough sleepers in Stratford last month. She referred to the Fred Winter centre which was doing a great job and recognised that there could be a bigger problem in this area of the County if funding had not been secured through the County Council.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) fully supported the work being done and thanked the officers for bringing to life the difficulties being endured by residents. He felt that the multi-agency examples demonstrated were powerful and the ICS had made a real impact.

The Chair reminded the meeting that access to GP's for homeless people was being worked on.

Angela Coates explained that many cases were complex whilst some solutions were simpler with people needed less support. She highlighted the national focus on private landlords but recognised that whilst it was difficult to control rent increases, officers could assist with regard to living conditions. In response to Councillor Falp's query, Angela Coates advised that whilst social landlords were not mentioned directly, officers would be working with them and expected them to stand alongside authorities to address issues. In relation to the demand for a month's rent in advance, it was noted that this was a difficult issue but there should always be flexibility and this came back to strong case management and the work of support officers.

With regard to the comments made about Housing Related Support, Angela Coates agreed that sustaining people in their own homes was critical and, whilst the pressure on budgets was understood, noted that it would be difficult to sustain tenancies without it.

The Chair thanked the officers for their presentation and commended the work undertaken so far. She asked that they keep going with this importance area of work and update the Board again at an appropriate future point.

Resolved that

- 1) the content of the report is supported and noted; and
- 2) the ongoing review of the action plan is endorsed.

6. Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023 - 2030

The Board received a report from officers which advised that, following completion of the NHS England (NHSE) funded national suicide prevention programme in Coventry and Warwickshire (2018 – 2021), work had been underway to develop a new partnership work programme that set out a vision for suicide prevention in Coventry and Warwickshire until 2030.

The report was presented by Paula Jackson (Public Health Consultant) who provided an overview of the strategy. The work had been led by Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council and dovetailed with the Director of Public Health's Annual Report, which also highlighted the ongoing impact on mental health issues since the pandemic. Paula Jackson asked that the

Board endorse the new strategic approach to help tackle this distressing issue which was now the leading cause of death for those under the age of 35 and for men under 50.

The presentation highlighted the importance of aligning the new strategy with national guidance and contained statistics of the suicide rates in Coventry and Warwickshire. In addition, the presentation outlined:

- A zero approach to suicide, stating what the strategy hoped to achieve – there was a focus on inequality, creating safer communities and sharing data and learning;
- The collaborative approach was detailed starting with strengths, outlining those groups at risk such as alcohol and drug users and those in financial difficulty;
- How the strategy would work and the proposed governance model;
- Implementation of the strategy showing what was already being done and what the Council planned to do in the future;
- The two year delivery plan included providing a clear training programme for frontline staff, using realtime surveillance and identifying trends; and
- The next steps in the process from endorsement of the strategy and a Suicide Prevention Conference in Spring 2023.

The Chair thanked the officers for a clear and concise presentation.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) addressed the officers and recommended a colleague of his at the George Elliott Hospital who worked with individuals following the loss of a baby, men in particular and offered to share his contact details should they find it helpful.

Chris Bain (HWW) noted that the data had been broken down into male and female categories but queried if any further investigation had been undertaken into specific groups. He also asked how involved the officers were with regards to working with schools and colleges.

The officers explained that they worked with the local university as part of the prevention network, focusing on the mental health of children and young people and self harm.

In response to the data query, officers advised that the information was gathered following an audit of suicides since 2021. This had been broken down by gender, occupational groups, location in county, deprivation base. However, there was not a lot of information regarding ethnicity which, as one of the limitations of the data, was being addressed nationally. Members noted that there was a lot more to do to understand the local picture.

Chris Bain raised a query regarding games on social media, following receipt of a letter he had received as a parent. Officers advised that they were aware of the social media issues and although it was recognised that these were very hard to control, they would be included in self harm policies for schools.

Councillor Marian Humphreys stated that in the North Warwickshire Area there was a very active youth club with 42 children. She queried if this could be an area to target as some youngsters may not feel comfortable engaging with the issues in the school environment.

It was noted that excluded children were a priority and those who found themselves as part of the criminal justice system were at a higher risk.

Having considered the report, the Chair outlined the recommendations, and expressed her support to see regular reports, including the delivery plan. She endorsed a formal presentation of the Strategy and Plan and the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Health and Wellbeing Forum and felt the Strategy should receive formal sign off by the Board either in May or via a Sub-committee if necessary.

Resolved that, having considered their organisational contributions to suicide prevention and identifying any governance routes for approving and sharing the Strategy;

- 1) the content of the Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Strategy 2023 – 2030 is endorsed;
- 2) the delivery of the strategic ambitions and local priorities are supported as set out in the strategy and delivery plan through collaboration with the Coventry and Warwickshire Suicide Prevention Partnership; and
- 3) a formal presentation of the Strategy and Delivery Plan be delivered to the Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Health and Wellbeing Forum at its meeting in March 2023.

7. JSNA Prioritisation Programme

The Board received a report from officers which provided an overview of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Prioritisation Process undertaken to establish a new workplan for 2023/24, along with key findings.

Duncan Vernon (Public Health Consultant) introduced the report and presentation, alongside his colleague Michael Maddocks (Public Health Principal). The presentation covered:

- Background of the JSNA – it's purpose and representatives of the Strategic Group in Warwickshire;
- A timeline of the journey so far since it's beginnings in 2013 through to the Needs Assessments already completed and the culmination of the current work programme;
- The Prioritisation Process Overview detailing the steps taken from the collection of a list of needs assessments, through discussions and finally to sign off;
- An overview of the matrix and scoring levels, showing level of need and vulnerability;
- The proposed workplan including a production timeline and its integration with other work streams;
- Specified and Non-specified timelines side by side; and
- A Final Proposed Workplan, advising of the plan to undertake additional 'JSNA Bitesize' which would be published on the website.

Duncan Vernon explained that the engagement of citizens and patients was key and, in each case, effort had been made to engage broadly, whilst also looking at information from past engagements. This allowed officers to triangulate what the important issues were, whilst working together.

Councillor Holland thanked the officers and queried how this fitted in with the first item on the agenda, relating to Place Partnerships. In response, he was advised that officers worked closely

with the ICB and it was noted that as places developed, the data also evolved with feedback being received and taken on board as the journey progressed.

Councillor Roodhouse queried the data relating to exploitation as he felt it would be higher than that. He also asked for clarity on the category relating to people aged 65+ and the increased risk of dementia. He was mindful of the growing older population and increasing frailty, and loneliness and isolation and wondered if those issues would be taken into account in the review.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) also addressed the points made regarding the over 65 category stating that if you took maternity and paediatrics out of the equation, 80% of acute beds were occupied by people over the age of 65's and in Warwickshire only 20% of the residents were over 65. He therefore, felt that if this proportion of the population could be kept healthier, in their own homes for longer and remain out of hospital it could revolutionise financial envelope that health services were operating in.

Duncan Vernon explained that throughout the JSNA processes officers tried to take a wider perspective on health. He recognised that social isolation was one of the critical points and using the previous JSNA schematic from 2016, would be mapping trends and taking insights from that to see how the situation had changed. He reiterated that building partnerships was critical, working around hospital discharges in Warwickshire, the use of virtual wards and the shift from acute to community support.

The Chair outlined the recommendations in the report, and it was

Resolved that:

- 1) the outlined proposed thematic Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) workplan for October 2022 – November 2024 is approved; and
- 2) the development of future needs assessments is supported through promoting the work of the JSNA and supporting the established partnership approach to producing the JSNA between Health and Wellbeing Board Members.

8. Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Forum

The update from the Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Forum was taken as read and, having received no comments or questions, was noted.

9. Better Care Fund - Update, Planning for 23/24 and Adult Social Care Hospital Discharge Fund

Dame Stella Manzie (UHCW) addressed the meeting and asked whether the Board wanted her, Russell Hardy or Diane Whitfield to comment on the general situation affecting healthcare overall, particularly on the NHS side. She advised that from a University Hospital Coventry & Warwickshire (UHCW) perspective there were obviously big challenges but she wanted to emphasise the huge efforts being made not to cancel elective procedures, some had had to be cancelled but the numbers were relatively small compared to the scheduled procedures in place. She recognised that whilst the situation was a big concern for everyone involved, she assured the Board that all hospital trusts were valiantly trying to ensure they minimised the cancellation of elective care.

Russell Hardy fully supported the comments made and took the opportunity to apologise to Warwickshire citizens for the access challenges they had experienced over the last few weeks. He felt it was important to recognise this and to assure that there were programmes going on to make sure lessons were learned and, despite the challenges, would ensure that next year the system was in a much better place.

10. Assistive Technology and the Integrated Care Record

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) felt that this was a wonderful opportunity. He referred to the system used in Scandinavia whereby all domiciliary care visits were undertaken using Assistive Technology. He recognised that the work detailed in the report was very positive and referred to Danielle Oum as a real advocate of the digital agenda. He concluded by stating that keeping focused on that would be a positive move forwards.

The report was taken as read and, taking on board the comments received, was noted.

11. Warwickshire Hospital Discharge Community Recovery Programme

The report was taken as read and, having received no comments or questions, was noted.

12. Children and Young People Partnership Update Report

The update was taken as read and, having received no comments or questions, was noted.

13. Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee

The Chair referred to the minutes of the two sub-committees that had taken place in September and December 2022. She provided an outline of what had been agreed and the minutes were noted. Councillor Bell advised that the short term funding received for hospital discharges had to be spent between now and the end of March 2023 with a report back to the Board due in the future.

14. Forward Plan

The Chair introduced the item and suggested a few additions to the forward plan. Councillor Bell felt that it would be prudent for the Board to look at the ICB's delivery plan and consider what it meant for the HWBB.

She also proposed that an item on 'Access to Healthcare' be provided at the next meeting, indicating what was being done in acute and primary health care areas. See where we are and what was being done to address issues.

Councillor Bell also felt that, in light of the Director of Public Health's annual report, the Board should look at where this fitted into the HWBB future agenda.

Russell Hardy (SWFT and George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust) addressed the meeting and highlighted that the Better Care Fund had been hampered by delays in the funding arriving. He felt

that as a 'lessons learned' piece, ideally this should be looked at as it would be good to know when funding was arriving and noted it should be in everyone's calendars.

Nigel Minns (Strategic Director for People) concurred that it had been frustrating, highlighting that spending approval had only been received yesterday for the current financial year 2022/23. He advised that officers had to take the stance that approval would be forthcoming and did not delay in allocating spending. He agreed that it would be beneficial if approval could be received before the start of the financial year it was due to be spent in.

The Chair advised that at present the item on the Better Care Fund was labelled on the agenda as an update item but she would keep this under review and would move it to the discussion items section if necessary.

It was agreed that the following be added to the forward plan:

- Access to Healthcare – an overview of what was being done in acute and primary health care areas;
- Integration of the Director of Public Health report and the HWBB agenda;
- Preventing Homelessness in Warwickshire Report - a multi-agency approach – 6 month update

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

The meeting ended at 16:11