

## South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive Assurance Report

<b>To:</b>	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	<b>Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>From:</b>	Dr Ali Tahmassebi Chair, South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive	<b>Agenda:</b>	Item 5
<b>Purpose of the Item</b>	To provide Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board with assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations, and a summary of progress in implementing the Board's Vision and Priorities.		
<b>Summary of Recommendations</b>	That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations</li> <li>• Note the progress made in implementing the Board's Vision and Priorities</li> </ul>		

### 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. To provide Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with updates on progress with the delivery of the Board's Vision and Priorities and assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 To support the Board in the delivery of its priorities a South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive has been established. The South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive oversees and ensures the progress and implementation of the Board's work programme and creates opportunities for the single Health and Wellbeing Board to focus on the priorities.

### 3 PROGRESSING STATUTORY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD FUNCTIONS

- 3.1 The next section of this report sets out details of progress the Health and Wellbeing Executive has made against the Board's statutory functions.

#### 3.2.1 Better Care Fund (BCF) Update

The 2022/23 Better Care Fund plans for Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland were submitted on 26<sup>th</sup> September and formally assured in January 2023.

The 2 main outcomes of all BCF funded schemes should be to 'enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer' and to 'provide the right care in the right place at the right time'. We have reviewed all our BCF schemes to be assured that they contribute to these aims and to determine on-going funding for 2023/24.

The BCF Policy Framework and Planning Guidance for 2023/24 has not been released yet – it is due to be published this month. We are therefore continuing with plans and spending allocations assuming the guidance and conditions remain the same as this year.

The BCF plans for 2023/24 will come to the Live Well South Tees Board for endorsement when they are finalised.

### 3.2.2

#### Adult Social Care Discharge Fund 2022/23

The Government has announced additional funding this winter to support with discharges from hospital to the most appropriate location for their ongoing care. Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland were allocated over £2.4m through this Adult Social Care Discharge Fund. The funding must be used for new or additional initiatives to support with discharges. It is non-recurrent and should be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Working together with system partners, and under governance arrangements in place for the Better Care Fund, we completed our plans for spending this additional money in December and have been submitting fortnightly returns showing activity and spend against the funds.

An evaluation of the schemes is underway to determine which have been successful and could potentially continue into 2023/24, conditional on funding being available. The Government has confirmed that Additional Discharge Funding will be available in 2023/24 but have yet to issue guidance around the use of this.

Plans for spending the Additional Discharge Funding will come to the Board for endorsement when they are finalised.

## 4 PROGRESS AGAINST SOUTH TEES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PRIORITIES

- 4.1** Set out below is a summary of the progress the Executive has made towards achieving the Board's priorities since the last Board meeting and of important matters arising.

### 4.2.1

#### Ofsted / CQC Area SEND Inspections

##### The new framework: what's different?

- First, these will be a **cycle of inspections**. The standard cycle will still be one area SEND inspection every five years – but if local area performance is inconsistent or worse, then there will also be monitoring inspections that will happen sooner. These inspections will be interspersed with engagement meetings “to keep a spotlight on SEND provision.”
- Second, the **purpose of inspection will change** slightly. The new inspections will be broader in scope, to check “the effectiveness of the local area partnership’s arrangements for children and young people with SEND [and] where appropriate, recommend what the local area partnership should do to improve the arrangements.”
- Third, the first set of inspections focused mostly on **education** and **health** aspects of SEND services. The new framework will also look at the **social care** side of SEND, bringing Ofsted’s social care inspectors onto inspection teams for the first time

- Fourth, the new area SEND inspections will look at aspects of **alternative provision** (AP) for the first time, as well as SEND services.
- Fifth — and probably most significantly — Ofsted and CQC have repeatedly stated that with the new area SEND inspections, they want to focus more on how well services work *“to improve the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND.”*

#### How will it work?

- All areas will have a full inspection within **5 years**
- Local areas will get **10 days' notice** – calls on a Monday to DCS & CEO of the ICB
- **3 surveys** – (1) Children/young people (2) parents & carers (3) practitioners
- **6 children** will be tracked in detail – 1 in AP, 2 on SEN support and 4 to cover the category of needs in EHCP's
- **Sampling meetings**/visits to schools, health services, social care, early help etc.
- **On-site** evidence gathering (“sampling visits”) to review the impact of the local area partnership's arrangements on a larger group of children and young people with SEND
- **Visits** to a specific provider or service or information about individual children and young people who use that provider and discuss with practitioners there.
- **Published** report 30 days after the end of the visit.

#### What are the Inspectors looking for?

The inspection teams will be evaluating local area performance against two main criteria:

- **The impact of the local area partnership's SEND arrangements on the experiences and outcomes of children and young people with SEND:** Inspectors will be looking at how well the local area identifies need, meets need, and prepares children and young people for next steps and how children and young people with SEND and their families are involved at an individual level.
- **How local area partners work together to plan, evaluate and develop the SEND system:** This will check how well local leaders and systems work. It will include looking at leaders' ambitions, strategies, commissioning, joint working, and whether leaders meaningfully engage and work with children and young people with SEND and their families, focusing on their 'lived experience'

There are 3 inspection outcomes:

1. The local area partnership's arrangements typically lead to **positive experiences and outcomes** for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership is taking action where improvements are needed. The next full area SEND inspection will be within **5 years**.

2. The local area partnership's arrangements lead to **inconsistent experiences and outcomes** for children and young people with SEND. The local area partnership must work jointly to make improvements. The next full area SEND inspection will take place within approximately **3 years**.
3. There are widespread and/or systemic failings leading to **significant concerns about the experiences and outcomes** of children and young people with SEND, which the local area partnership must address urgently. A monitoring inspection will be carried out within approximately **18 months**. The next full area SEND inspection will take place within approximately **3 years**.

#### 4.2.2

### Integrated Care Board (ICB) Update

#### Tees Valley Plan

Tees Valley partners worked together over the last 12 months to identify

- Common themes in our plans and responses
- Priority areas requiring focused attention
- Tees-wide ICB work-programme

Priority areas map to the themes within each of our Health and Wellbeing Strategies across the Tees Valley.

A workshop was held, and proposal developed to produce a single Tees Valley Plan that is built up from the joint work we are undertaking within and across our 5 places in response to various asks and local need. This draft plan is being finalised and will be shared for consideration in the coming weeks.

The collective priorities and pillars are shown below:

### Priorities and Pillars



#### Place Based Committee:

Discussions are taking place with partners to develop the establishment of a South Tees Place Based Committee. Whilst this will be a Committee of the ICB it will also provide an opportunity to support progression of the Place Based Plan and therefore contribute to the delivery of the HWB Strategy for South Tees. Officers are considering any opportunities to streamline the number of officer meetings that are currently taking place.

#### 4.2.3

#### **South Tees Autism Partnership**

Mark Davis, Chief Executive of Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency, briefed Executive members on the development of and priorities for the South Tees Autism Partnership.

The partnership is comprised of members who have autism as part of their role and/or are committed to making a difference to autistic people and their families. The partnership's priorities are to:

- Continue to work together to support improved outcomes for autistic people and their families, focussing on additionality and connecting to plans and work already in place across the system
- Focus on data to better understand the existing system and tell the story
- Progress work around more inclusive communities with a focus on people's voices and influence.

Executive member welcomed the formation of the partnership and the potential benefits for the neuro diverse community. It was agreed to receive a more detailed update with discussion at a future Executive meeting.

### **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1** That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board:
- Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations
  - Note the progress made in implementing the Board's Vision and Priorities

### **6 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1** No background papers other than published works were used in writing this report.

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