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## **LIVE WELL SOUTH TEES BOARD**

A meeting of the Live Well South Tees Board was held on Thursday, 18 January 2024 at the The Board Room, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, First Floor, 14 Trinity Mews, North Ormesby Health Village, Middlesbrough, TS3 6AL.

**PRESENT** Cllr C Cooke (Co-Chair), R Harrison, R Scott, M Storey, Z Uddin, Cllr L Belshaw, Cllr U Earl, M Adams, K Boulton, K Warnock, C Blair, L Bosomworth and P Rice.

**OFFICIALS** K Shah, L Mason-Crowe, L Cook, E McInnes, S Connolly, A Lynch-Brown

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from E Scollay, Cllr A Brown (Co-Chair), J Sampson and Cllr B Suthers.

16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

17 **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Live Well South Tees Board held on 5 October 2023 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

18 **JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

The Public Health principal, alongside health improvement colleagues, provided a presentation updating Members of the Board on the development journey of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and outlined the key recommendations against the 21 goals. The following was highlighted:

- There are nine missions with twenty-one goals under strategic leads liaising with key partners.
- A data mapping exercise had been undertaken.
- The following key points were highlighted:
  - In terms of school readiness, Redcar & Cleveland Borough is on par with the North East region but Middlesbrough is the second worst performing area for School Readiness in England, with year-on-year

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decreases.

- Key issues relate to speech and language delays and poor parental literacy.
- Recommendations that resources are directed towards building parental confidence, cultural enrichment, and key stage transitions.
- In terms of Social Capital, some of the key issues include challenge with recognition and data collection methodology.
- Frailty is linked to deprivation, with risk factors identified as number of medications prescribed and visual/hearing impairments.
- There are 13,000 people in Middlesbrough and 18,000 people in Redcar and Cleveland living with frailty.
- The focus will be on management, rather than prevention of frailty in partnership with GPs and Adult Social Care professionals.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following questions and comments were noted:

- A Member asked if recommendations are generic across South Tees or are there more specifics to tease out in relation to Redcar & Cleveland. Members were advised that, the data sometimes differs, the issues are the same. The main differences, though – particularly relating to rurality - would be teased out as part of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with each Borough's story narrated through the Strategy.
- A Member asked if some of the goals and objectives relating to homelessness could be include in the broader policy framework.
- A Member asked if there was dental health provision as part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), and Members were advised that, although the issue is touched upon as part of the school readiness goal, more focus on dentistry was needed across the JSNA.
- A Member asked about the impact of the high density of care homes in certain wards on the frailty statistics. The data would be explored, and Members updated at a future meeting.
- A Member asked if it was possible to allocate specific social workers for specific issues in order to streamline casework. Members were advised that this may form part of the strategy recommendations.
- How we engage communities needs to be a fundamental part of

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the JSNA, and policy needs to be informed by the voices of the people

**ORDERED:** The Live Well South Tees Board note the report.

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**SOUTH TEES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT**

The Executive Director for Children and Families, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council, referred Members to the report and highlighted the following points:

- The Partnership is going from strength to strength with learning being used to inform and improve safeguarding.
- Section 11 audits have been carried out and these have been extended beyond the statutory requirements.
- Shifted the governance model so that chair is rotated, and external scrutiny is now in place.

The following questions and comments were noted:

- The rates of looked after children have increased substantially in Redcar and Cleveland. Members were advised that the rates of exploitation of vulnerable children have gone up across South Tees, largely due to criminal exploitation and there are now 4 known crime groups in Redcar. There are also links to school attendance and exclusion. The police have undertaken a problem profile and there is rich data available to help understanding who the children are. SHiFT strategies are in place, alongside a specialised social work team, to address youth violence.
- A member asked about support in transitional stages for vulnerable people and Members were advised that strategic work between children and adults safeguarding teams could be improved, although there is effective working on the ground.

**ORDERED:** The Live Well South Tees Board note the report

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**ORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT SUMMARY AND WATER FLUORIDATION CONSULTATION**

The Consultant in Dental Public Health, NHS England, referred Members to the report which provided an update on the ICB needs assessment and recommendations, and on proposals for a national community water fluoridation consultation. The following points were highlighted:

- Newcastle has shown greater improvement (34%) in tacking tooth

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decay compared to Middlesbrough (21%) as a result of water fluoridation.

- Children's data shows prevalence is linked to deprivation. Data is captured when children are five years old using random samples and carried out at school via examination by a dentist or oral hygienist every two years. A census is carried out every four years with the examination of every five-year-old (with consent).
- A comparison of data between Hartlepool and Middlesbrough shows that fluoridation can address inequalities.
- When looking at adult data there is not much difference, but this is due to continuation showing in the data. E.g. where there has been severe decay recorded at any point this will remain on the data. This is shown in the data for Middlesbrough and Redcar, both are above average for abscesses.
- Access to dentistry is improving but a challenge for those who do not have a relationship with a dentist. There is an Access Recovery Plan in place for new patients and those at risk.
- The Health Secretary recently announced the launch of a public consultation on the fluoridation of water in the region. The consultation will also look to weight responses to give greater voice to local communities. It is recommended that board members engage with communities to reinforce the messaging and there is a need to develop a comms strategy and approach.
- Recommendation that South Tees works closely with the ICB to support fluoridation and promote the consultation. There is hope that the consultation will commence before any general election announcement, but the Department for Health and Social Care have not given a date or timeline.
- There is still a need to invest, expand, and build on public health initiatives. In addition to the fluoride varnishing plan access issues need to be fixed through the Tees Valley plan to increase access through the NHS. Urgent needs communications are going out imminently.
- Members were advised that the impact of fluoridation can take several years and will not be picked up in data straight away. There is, however, a reversal in the process of tooth decay that takes place immediately.

**ORDERED:** The Live Well South Tees Board note the report.

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## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING EXECUTIVE ASSURANCE REPORT**

The South Tees Integration Programme Manager presented the report, which provided an update on progress with the delivery of the Board's Vision and Priorities and assurance that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations.

As part of the ensuing discussion, the following comments and questions were noted:

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- The Q3 summary report is due to be presented to the Executive for endorsement on 9 February 2024 and will be reported at the next meeting of the Live Well South Tees Board in March.
- The planning framework was agreed for the Better Care Fund (BCF) and BCF data was outlined in the report. Of the five metrics, three are on track in Middlesbrough and two are not. In Redcar and Cleveland two are on track and three are not. Management of these metrics is shared across the BCF.
- Consultation relating to smoking and tackling youth vaping was highlighted, and Members referred to the consultation paper attached at Appendix C.
- The South Tees Carers Forum Careers Strategy was summarised, further details included in Appendix D.
- Healthwatch South Tees (HWST) summary included funding to support Redcar and Cleveland. Members were asked to publicise the Star Awards in their local communities. The BME nomination received by HWST recognises positive work done and other local Healthwatch organisations are keen to use HSWT templates.

**ORDERED:** The Live Well South Tees Board note the report.