

South Tees Health and Well-being Executive Assurance Report

To:	Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board	Date:	September 2021
From:	Dr Ali Tahmassebi – Chair South Tees Health and Wellbeing Executive	Agenda:	Item 8
Purpose of the Item	To provide 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.		
Summary of Recommendations	That Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are assured that the Board is fulfilling its statutory obligations • Note the progress made in implementing the Board’s Vision and Priorities 		

1	PURPOSE OF THE REPORT
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- 1.1. To provide 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
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- 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
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- 3.1 The next section of this report sets out progress the Health and Wellbeing Executive has made against the Board’s statutory functions.

3. **Better Care Fund (BCF) 2021/22**

- 3.2.1 The BCF policy framework was issued on 19th August. There is a new focus on National Condition 4 ~ plan for improving outcomes for people being discharged from hospital. Additionally, the non-elective admissions metric is being replaced by a metric relating to avoidable admissions to better reflect the focus of joint health and social care work to support people to live independently in their own home and prevent avoidable stays in hospital.

This national condition 4 requires areas to agree a joint plan to deliver health and social care services that support improvement in outcomes for people being discharged from hospital, including the implementation of the hospital discharge policy, and continued implementation of the High Impact Change Model for Managing Transfers of Care.

The joint BCF plan should focus on improvements in the key metrics below:

1. reducing length of stay in hospital, measured through the percentage of hospital inpatients who have been in hospital for longer than 14 and 21 days
2. improving the proportion of people discharged home using data on discharge to their usual place of residence

Work is already taking place across the South Tees system to improve discharge processes collectively and this is overseen by the Home First Programme Board reporting to the South Tees Executive Governance Board.

- 3.2.2 We are still awaiting publication of the BCF Planning Requirements for 2021/22 and confirmation of planning submission templates and deadlines. The policy framework advises that BCF partnerships will need to submit a planning template, signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board, that briefly sets out key changes to the BCF since 2020 to 2021, taking the COVID-19 pandemic into consideration.

These templates will be completed collectively by the BCF Implementation and Monitoring Group, approved by the South Tees Executive Governance Board and taken to the Health and Wellbeing Executive and Board for endorsement.

- 3.2.3 BCF Section 75 contracts between the Local Authority and the CCG for 2021/22 are being progressed but cannot be finalised until funding arrangements are confirmed nationally.

4 PROGRESS AGAINST SOUTH TEES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PRIORITIES

- 4.1 The Board's agreed vision and priorities are to:

Empower the citizens of South Tees to live longer and healthier lives. With a focus on the following areas key themes:

- a. Inequalities - Addressing the underlying causes of inequalities across the local communities;
- b. Integration and Collaboration - across planning, commissioning and service delivery; and
- c. Information and Data – data sharing, shared evidence, community information, and information given to people.

- 4.2 Set out below is a summary of the progress the Executive has made towards achieving the Board's priorities since the last Board meeting in July 2021.

- 4.2.1 Work continues around the areas highlighted in previous Board meetings – Best Start in Life and Mental Health and Wellbeing. There will be further full updates for the Board meeting in December.

- 4.2.2 The Executive received an update on the 'You've Got This' Programme' and this will be a substantive item for consideration at the September Board meeting.

4.2.3 Progress is being made on the development of the Integrated Care Systems both nationally and locally. There will be a full update on this at the December Board meeting.

4.2.4 The Executive discussed current system pressures due to resource and capacity and highlighted the concerns and uncertainty of what the winter season may bring in terms of the Covid-19 pandemic and its impacts, flu and ongoing workforce shortages.

Pressures are monitored at various regular system wide meetings and partners will continue to work collectively to seek to mitigate issues arising.

The Risk Register for the Health and Wellbeing Board will be updated and reviewed at the next Board meeting in December.

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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