

Agenda Item 11

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

4 April 2019

**Report of the Acting Strategic Director Adult Care and Public Health
Derbyshire County Council**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ROUND-UP REPORT

1. Purpose of the report

To provide the Board with a round-up of key progress in relation to Health and Wellbeing issues and projects not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. Round-Up

‘Improving the public’s health: local government delivers’

A new report from the Local Government Association, titled [‘Improving the public’s health: local government delivers’](#) has been published, which pools together six years of data collected from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Public Health England (PHE) and elsewhere, to highlight where local government-led public health services have nationally been successful and where more needs to be done to address increasing social problems.

Generally speaking, despite councils nationally having their funding cut by 49 per cent in real terms during the data period, “[t]here has been considerable improvement” – of the 112 Public Health Outcomes Framework indicators studied, 80% of them (approximately 90) have improved or shown no change.

Improved outcomes include reducing premature deaths, reducing new cases of sexually transmitted infections and a reduction in adult smoking prevalence. Other public health challenges have increased, however, including childhood obesity (which many councils have prioritised and diverted additional resources to tackle during the data-collection period) and the prevalence of depression.

The Nuffield Trust has released a [public health update](#) focussed on the same indicators, to coincide with the LGAs report. It is comparatively less comprehensive and somewhat more negative in its appraisals.

Warning about public health and social care funding

A [letter](#) to the Times from 55 health leaders, including the Chair of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges, has warned that the NHS Long Term Plan risks failure because of cuts to local authority public health and social care funding. The letter calls for significant and sustainable funding for public health and social care in forthcoming spending review.

According to the letter, nationwide public health budgets have been reduced by £700million in the last four years, and the Long Term Plan includes a further £85million of cuts from this April.

Delivering the vision of a ‘Smokefree generation’.

The All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health has published [Delivering the vision of a ‘Smokefree Generation’: The All Party Parliamentary Group on Smoking and Health response to ‘Prevention is better than cure’](#) (pdf). The report sets out recommendations from the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Green Paper on prevention currently in development. It highlights measures the Government should take to deliver the vision of a smoke-free generation envisaged in the 2017 Tobacco Control Plan for England.

The Group believes that while commitments in the NHS Long Term Plan to provide dedicated funding to help smokers quit are welcome, treatment is only part of the solution. Furthermore, as local authority public health funding has declined annually, the reliance on local action in the 2017 Tobacco Control Plan has become unrealistic. The APPG report concludes, therefore, that additional sources of funding and central government regulations are essential if declines in smoking prevalence are to be maintained and accelerated.

Mental health services: addressing the care deficit.

A new report from NHS Providers, [‘Mental health services: addressing the care deficit’](#), looks at the levels of demand for mental health services reported by frontline leaders and the reasons behind the growing pressures.

The report identifies widespread concerns about benefits cuts and the impact of universal credit. It also indicates that loneliness, homelessness and financial hardship are adding to pressures on NHS mental health services.

Demand for services is continuing to rise at a time the sector is facing significant financial and capacity pressures that risk standing in the way of further progress being made. The scale of unmet need for mental health services, despite this report, is still not fully understood and current commissioning, financial and workforce constraints mean that achieving fairness for mental health remains a difficult task.

‘Beyond the high fence’

[‘Beyond the high fence: from the unheard voices of people with a learning disability, autism or both’](#), is a joint publication by NHS England and [Pathways Associates](#). It was co-produced with people with a learning disability and autistic people who are, or have been, in hospital and offers their views on what more needs to happen to improve quality of care and support people to make a successful return to their communities.

The report is the culmination of a number of meetings with current and ex-patients of secure hospitals, mainly having arrived there through the criminal justice system. A number of their stories are provided to illustrate how the system is perceived by its ‘users’. It also makes recommendations for NHS / MoJ commissioners to consider integrating into their decision-making.

NHSX – new NHS digital unit

A new digital unit has been set up as a joint venture between the Department for Health and Social Care, NHS England and NHS Improvement. The unit will have its own chief officer and will have broad oversight of technology spending, policy and regulation, taking over many of the digital responsibilities currently in NHS England. The unit was sought by the Health Secretary who wanted more direct oversight of the national digital strategy which is seen as being too slow at bringing change.

Currently, much NHS technology relies on systems designed for a pre-internet age. [NHSX](#) will aim to “create the most advanced health and care service in the world to diagnose diseases earlier, free up staff time and empower patients to take greater control of their own healthcare.”

The organisation will use experts in technology, digital, data and cyber security to deliver on the [Health Secretary’s tech vision](#) and the [Long Term Plan for the NHS](#).

Digital GP services

‘GP at Hand’, the digital GP service based in London that is run by company Babylon Health, has controversially been cleared to expand its services into Birmingham. This is thought to be the first time a London based practice will register patients remotely in another city. The Health Service Journal (HSJ) [indicates](#) that the service will have a physical clinic in Birmingham but most care will be delivered digitally. Birmingham and Solihull CCG had previously objected to the expansion due to concerns about fragmentation, and now say they will work to develop locally-based GP services. The BMA said the decision flies in the face of place-based care. GP at Hand has also been accused of cherry picking and undermining the sustainability of primary care but is [strongly supported](#) by the Health Secretary.

Joint venture between GP federation and acute trust

HSJ [reports](#) that a pioneering joint venture between Procure GP Federation and the Royal Surrey County Hospital Foundation Trust has been saved from collapsing due to Procure being unhappy with some aspects of the arrangement, including payments. Guildford and Waverley CCG are now looking to how the community services contract of £14m per year can be more closely-aligned with primary care networks.

The joint venture was the first in the UK that an acute trust had joined forces with a GP federation to provide adult community health services which focus on support and care for patients in the community.

‘Every day is different when you care’

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has started [a campaign](#) to tackle the social care staffing shortage, with the aim of recruiting over 100,000 new employees. Currently 1.45 million people work in social care across the UK, but an extra 650,000 workers are expected to be needed by 2035.

‘International comparisons of health and wellbeing in adolescence and early childhood’

A [joint report](#) between The Nuffield Trust and the Association for Young People’s Health, provides an indication of where health outcomes for adolescents and young adults in the UK could be improved. Despite some successes, the UK’s performance on the 17 key health and wellbeing indicators highlighted in the report often lags behind that of the 18 countries included in the analysis. The report broadly argues that there is much room for improvement in a number of areas.

The ‘Declare Your Care’ Survey

The Care Quality Commission has published [research data](#) indicating that seven million people in contact with health and social care services in the last five years had concerns about their service but didn’t raise them, and 58 per cent of these regretted this.

When people did speak up, two-thirds said that their complaint was resolved quickly, and they were happy with the result. The CQC is urging more people to raise concerns about services.

Notification of Pharmacy Applications

Under the requirements of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 the NHS Commissioning Board must notify the HWB of all relevant applications to provide pharmaceutical services, including the relocation of existing pharmacies. Notification of the following applications has been received:

- Application approved: for inclusion in a pharmaceutical list in respect of a distance selling premises at Studio 5, River Side Studios, Mill Lane, Dronfield, S18 2XL by 'GV Pharma Ltd'. The committee believes the application meets the relevant criteria.
- Notification of closure of Distant Selling pharmacy as of 28th February 2019: BJ Wilson Ltd T/A Wilson's Pharmacy, of 13-14 Stadium Business Court, Millennium Way, Pride Park, Derby.
- Application approved: Change of ownership application for Jhoots Pharmacy of 5 Neighbourhood Centre, Witham Close, Hilton, Derbyshire, DE65 5JR to Jhoots Healthcare Ltd. The service provision will not be interrupted.
- Application approved: Change of ownership application for Pinxton Pharmacy at 78 Victoria Road, Pinxton, Derbyshire, NG16 6NH to NH Pharm Ltd. The service provision will not be interrupted.
- Change of Supplementary Hours: from 28th April 2019, Brimington Pharmacy of 54 Church Street, Brimington, Chesterfield. On Saturdays there will be no supplementary hours, instead of between 9:00am – 12:00pm.
- Change of Supplementary Hours: from 1st April 2019, Etwall Pharmacy of 4-6 Chestnut Grove, Etwall, Derbyshire, DE65 6NG. Mondays to Fridays inclusive there will be no supplementary hours, instead of between 1:00pm – 2:00pm.
- Change of Supplementary Hours: from 8th February 2019, PCT Healthcare Ltd T/A Manor Pharmacy of 1225 London Road, Alvaston, Derby. Monday to Friday inclusive they will provide supplementary hours from 12:30pm – 1:00pm, instead of Monday to Friday inclusive 8:30am – 9:00am, 12:30pm – 1:00pm and 6:00pm – 6:30pm.
- Change of Supplementary Hours: from 8th February 2019, Medina Chemist of 1-3 Lowerdale Road, Normanton, Derby, DE23 6WY. On Sundays they will provide supplementary hours from 10:00am – 6:00pm, instead of 10:00am – 8:00pm.
- Change of Supplementary Hours: on 6th March 2019, 12th June 2019, 25th September 2019 and 11th December 2019 only, L Rowland & Co (Retail) Ltd T/A Rowlands Pharmacy. On the aforementioned dates they will

provide supplementary hours from 8:30am – 1:30pm, instead of 8:30am – 1:30pm and 1:50pm – 6:00pm.

Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan

The latest Forward Plan is attached as Annex 1 to this report. The Plan now reflects the priorities agreed by the Board at its meeting of 12 July 2018. Should any Board member wish to add an item to the Forward Plan please contact Wes Downes by email at wes.downes@derbyshire.gov.uk. Items on the Forward Plan will help inform future Health and Wellbeing Board agendas ensuring a co-ordinated approach to items.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Pharmaceutical notifications are held electronically on file in the Policy and Research Service.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the information contained in this round-up report.

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Health and Wellbeing Board – Forward Plan 2018-19

HWB meeting date and venue	Other items	Patient Story	Healthwatch Reports	HWBS implementation					
				Enablers	Enable people in Derbyshire to live healthy lives	Build mental health and wellbeing across the life course	Work to lower levels of air pollution	Support our vulnerable populations to live in well-planned and healthy homes	Strengthen opportunities for good quality employment and lifelong learning
4 April 2019 Committee Room 1, County Hall	Health Protection Board Update STP update and key messages briefing			Public Health Locality programme Policy Round Up Report and Pharmacy Notifications Performance monitoring on HWBS	Carers update Sexual Health Strategy implementation update	CAMHS update			