



Minutes of a meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held at County Hall, Glenfield on Thursday, 26 September 2024.

PRESENT

Leicestershire County Council

Mrs. L. Richardson CC  
Mrs. C. M. Radford CC  
Mrs. D. Taylor CC  
Mike Sandys  
Jon Wilson  
Jane Moore

Integrated Care Board

Dr Nikhil Mahatma  
Rachna Vyas

District Councils

Cllr. C. Cashmore

Healthwatch

Gemma Barrow  
Harsha Kotecha  
Hardip Chohan

In attendance

Hanna Blackledge, Leicestershire County Council  
Jo Hewitt, Leicestershire County Council  
Simon Pizzey, University Hospitals of Leicester  
Victoria Charlton, Leicestershire County Council  
Mala Razak, Leicestershire County Council  
Rani Mahal, Leicestershire Police  
Ed de Coverly, Melton Borough Council  
Kevin Allen-Khimani, Voluntary Action Leicestershire  
Rachel Dewar, Integrated Care Board  
Rachel Sharman, Leicestershire County Council  
Victoria Rice, Leicestershire County Council  
Ben Simm, Leicestershire County Council  
Glyn Edwards, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust  
Rosemary Whitelaw, Leicestershire County Council  
Aqil Sarang, Leicestershire County Council

Apologies

Jean Knight, Glyn Edwards in attendance as substitute.

16. Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2024.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2024 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

17. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

18. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations were made.

19. Position Statement by the Chairman.

The Chairman gave a position statement which highlighted the large demand throughout the system and emphasised on the importance of vaccination at this time of year. It was encouraged that people use Pharmacy First and the 111 Service. The Position Statement also addressed the following matters:

- Adult Social Care
- NHS System Pressures
- WorkWell
- Healthy Conversations Skills (HCS) Training
- Community Engagement Activities.

Additionally, it was suggested that anybody having difficulties with winter fuel payments to please raise this and apply for the pension credit if eligible.

It was noted that progress was underway with the Work Well programme scheduled to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 and this would come to the Board in due course but it was suggested that it would be beneficial if the progress on this programme was circulated to the Board for information.

20. Gambling Related Harm HNA.

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided an overview of the gambling related harms and the efforts being progressed to tackle and reduce health related harms. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 5' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. The overlaps between gambling related harms and alcohol were recognised and it was noted that it was important to have a platform to demonstrate the ongoing work through a working group.

- ii. It was noted that this work was presented to the Children's and Young Peoples Partnership and that the membership was under review to develop this work forward. There were many overlaps with this work and that it was important to build relationships with the Children's and Young Peoples partnership and the Mental Health Forum.
- iii. Following the national review, it was suggested that the focus of the review covered the growing concern nationally, the statutory levy and obligation to provide funding through the gambling commission.
- iv. It was recognised that gambling related harms impacted the entire family and an action plan was being developed that would be presented to the relevant scrutiny committees to build the support needed.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Board supports the findings and recommendations of the gambling harms HNA;
- (b) That the Board supports the approach to transform the partnership working group into a partnership delivery group to take forward the recommendations.

21. Variation to the Order of Business.

The Chairman proposed to vary the order of business from that set out on the agenda to enable the item Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 – Approach and Governance to be taken next.

22. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025 – Approach and Governance.

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided an update on the likely timescale for the development and publication of the new Leicestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2025 and wanted to seek the Boards approval on the proposed approach, timescale and governance arrangements. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 7' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that the proposals will go through the statutory consultation process and that the publication date was due in October 2025.
- ii. Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire expressed their pleasure to be part of the proposed approach for the next year.
- iii. It was suggested that this was an area that was very well used and it was important for the local public and commissioners to shape the future of the pharmacy.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed timescales with the development and publication of the PNA in 2025 subject to any new national guidance be noted;
- (b) That the proposal to form an interagency Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) wide PNA Reference Group to oversee production of the separate PNAs for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, with the terms of reference and indicative membership attached be approved.

- (c) That under the current proposed timescale (attached) a draft PNA will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for approval to consult at its meeting on the 25 May 2025 be noted.

23. Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

The Board considered a report of the Director of Environment and Transport which provided an update on the progress of the new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) and wanted to seek the Boards feedback on the core document prior to consideration by the Cabinet in November. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 6' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. A Member raised a concern that bus services were cutting on their rural services and that LTP 4 needs to be community lead as urban centres have a various needs which have changed but still need to be accessed.
- ii. A view was expressed that public transport access to local NHS services was a challenge and it was suggested that although the consultation had not yet had representations from all groups this was still being explored. And that NHS Institutions had been included so that this area could be part of their investment planning.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the work undertaken to develop on Leicestershire's new LTP4 be noted;
- (b) That the feedback provided by the Board be presented to the County Council's Cabinet for consideration.

24. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Subgroup Update: CFP.

The Board considered a report of the Director of Children and Family Services which provided a Progress update on the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategic Priorities (JHWS), Best Start to Life. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 8' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that the women's hub pilot and the should link together as both were so useful and could be used to improve the awareness of one another.
- ii. It was noted that the perinatal mental health link was not meeting its current targets and Officers suggested having a conversation as there was a crossover and using existing networks could help improve the hub.
- iii. It was expressed that the Family Hub was part of a referral route and a targeted service which was well embedded on a locality level. It was noted that the comms programme was the largest the department has had.
- iv. A view was expressed that the subgroups should be used to update the Health and Wellbeing Board to publicise what is on offer locally.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made to deliver against the Best Start for Life Strategic Priorities of the JHWS be noted.

25. Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report and Business Plan.

The Board considered an annual report and business plan of the Director of Adult and Communities which highlighted safeguarding matters relevant to the work of the health and wellbeing board an overview of the gambling related harms and the efforts being progressed to tackle and reduce health related harms. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 9' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report, business plan and the key points of relevance to the Board be noted.

26. Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report and Business Plan.

The Board considered a report of the Director of Children and Families which provided the Board with the annual report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children's Partnership for 2023/24 and the business plan for 2023/24. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 10' is filed with these minutes.

RESOLVED:

That the annual report and business plan be noted.

27. Healthwatch Annual Report.

The Board considered a report of Healthwatch Leicester and Healthwatch Leicestershire which provided the Board with the annual report which provided a summary of the activity it has undertaken over the year as a jointly commissioned contract. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 11' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion, it was suggested that the UHL were committed to working with Voluntary Action Leicestershire and Healthwatch Leicestershire and feedback would be provided to colleagues as it was positive to see that there had been action on previous recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

28. Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report.

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Health which provided the Board with the annual report for approval. A copy of the report marked 'agenda item 12' is filed with these minutes.

Arising from the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. It was noted that healthy weight had stabilised nationally and that local data were better than the national average and that the fast array of work carried out in place with partners had supported this.
- ii. Partners across Leicestershire were commended for the delivery and it was suggested that the case studies used in the report made it feel real.
- iii. It was suggested that the content of the report should be used as an engagement and on how the Health and Wellbeing Board presents itself as a place-based board.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft content of the annual report be approved;
- (b) That the commitment from partners in delivering the strategic objectives through the different projects and initiatives be acknowledged;
- (c) That the approach put forward to promote and raise awareness of the annual report be approved.

29. Dates of Future Meeting Dates for 2025.

That the Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board be asked to note the dates of future meetings as highlighted in the agenda pack.

2.00pm - 4.05pm  
26 September 2024

CHAIRMAN