

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

OUTCOMES of the meeting held on Thursday, 5 December 2024 commencing at 2.00 pm and finishing at 4.50 pm

Board Members:

Sam Hart (in the Chair)

Councillor John Howson

Ansaf Azhar

Michelle Brennan

Stephen Chandler

Karen Fuller

Caroline Green

Dan Leveson

Lisa Lyons

Councillor Chewe Edgar Munkonge

Councillor Georgina Heritage

Councillor Rachel Crouch (virtual)

Don O'Neal (virtual)

Professor Sir John Montgomery (virtual)

Grant MacDonald (virtual)

Other Members in Attendance:

Councillor Mark Lygo

Other Persons in Attendance:

Laura Price (Chief Executive of Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action), Veronica Barry (Executive Director, Healthwatch Oxfordshire).

Officers:

Jack Ahier (Democratic Services Officer), David Munday (Deputy Director of Public Health), Jayne Chidgey-Clark (Independent Chair of Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board), Laura Gudjus (OSCB Business Manager), John Pearce (Commissioning Manager, Promote and Prevent), Kate Holburn (Head of Public Health Programmes), Ian Sutherland (Independent Chair of Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board).

These notes indicate the outcomes of this meeting and those responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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	ACTION
87 Welcome by Chair (Agenda No. 1)	
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly welcoming Cllr Rachel Crouch as West Oxfordshire District Council's new representative, to the Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board.	
88 Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments (Agenda No. 2)	
Apologies were received by Cllr Liz Leffman, Cllr Tim Bearder, Cllr Nathan Ley, Cllr Helen Pighills and Cllr Rob Pattenden. Cllr Helen Pighills was substituted by Cllr Lucy Edwards; and Cllr Rob Pattenden was substituted by Cllr Dorothy Walker. It was noted that several Board members would be present virtually.	
89 Declarations of Interest - see guidance note below (Agenda No. 3)	
There were none.	
90 Petitions and Public Address (Agenda No. 4)	
There were none.	
91 Note of Decisions of Last Meeting (Agenda No. 5)	
The minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2024 were approved by the Board and signed by the Chair as a correct record.	

<p>It was noted that the scheduled JNSA update would come to the Board's meeting in March, rather than this meeting.</p>	
<p>92 ICB Update (Agenda No. 6)</p>	
<p>Matthew Tait (BOBICB) provided an update on behalf of the Integrated Care Board and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The implementation of the 'Change' programme is underway following the end of staff consultation. - Several key appointments to positions within the BOBICB were confirmed and it was hoped that the Executive Sponsor for Oxfordshire would be revealed in the near future. - The BOBICB's representation on the Board was discussed moving forward, in terms of both executive and clinical representation. - The Board was updated on recent BOBICB board meetings. - The vaccination programme was well underway for Winter. <p>Ansaf Azhar, Director of Public Health and Communities, stressed the importance of having Place/ICB representation and clinical leadership in Health & Wellbeing Board membership.</p> <p>David Munday, Deputy Director of Public Health, noted that the Forward Plan had been shared with BOBICB colleagues to allow input to ensure items were brought forward in partnership.</p>	
<p>93 Marmot Place Update (Agenda No. 7)</p>	
<p>David Munday, Deputy Director of Public Health, provided an update on the Marmot Place and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marmot Place County launch event took place at the end of November and there was good system-wide representation. - The plan for future programme-wide projects was shared with the Board. - The need to move towards tangible action in future work programmes following the launch event. <p>Dan Leveson, ICB Place Director for Oxfordshire, referenced the importance of this being a long-term project which requires commitment.</p>	

<p>Ansaf Ahzar thanked everyone who attended the launch event, noted that the themes chosen were based on evidence, and looked forward to working across Oxfordshire on this moving forward. It was also raised that Oxfordshire was unique as a Marmot Place, due to the blend of rural and urban areas.</p> <p>Cllr John Howson, Cabinet Member for Children, Education and Young People's Services, noted that the first pillar reflected closely with government announcements around the importance of social mobility earlier on in the education system.</p> <p>Veronica Barry, Executive Director of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, made reference to the importance of community and voluntary organisations working in partnership to drive County-wide enthusiasm from the bottom, up.</p>	
<p>94 Prevention of Homelessness Director's Group Update (Agenda No. 8)</p>	
<p>Karen Fuller, Director of Adult Social Care; Andrew Chequers, Deputy Director of Housing and Social Care; and Richard Smith, Head of Housing – Cherwell District Council, provided an update on the Prevention of Homelessness Director's Group and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A good example of the Districts, City and County Councils working well in partnership together. - The 3 key pathways within the Alliance are: outreach, prevention and supported accommodation. - Noted that there had been supportive statements from the government about not having decreased funding. - Homelessness was a national issue, not confined to Oxfordshire. - Trying to deal with the causes of homelessness to step up prevention was key, but equally the outcome of homelessness was one that requires significant attention. - The important work undertaken in the hospital system with regards to discharges to tackle homelessness. <p>Caroline Green, Chief Executive of Oxford City Council, noted the increase in demand for accommodation through various pathways for single people and referenced to Housing Summit's that had taken place to address some of these issues; bringing together all partners to tackle issues in housing. Referring to paragraph 11, it was acknowledged that there were challenges across the County, and in Oxford City, but that additional resources had been put in place to deal with people at risk of</p>	

<p>homelessness.</p> <p>Dan Leveson noted the health impacts of homelessness, in terms of life expectancy and other conditions, such as addiction, and also raised that there was expected to be some increase in government funding.</p> <p>Caroline Green confirmed that there was an additional £233m nationally available for homelessness prevention, but made clear that it was not known how much each District or City Council would receive as part of that funding until the Local Government Finance Settlement.</p> <p>Cllr Chewe Munkonge, Oxford City Council, asked if there was data available around homeless people without recourse to public funds. Richard Smith confirmed the data was available and would liaise with colleagues at the City Council who could provide greater detail.</p> <p>Veronica Barry raised the issue of cooking facilities for families in temporary accommodation.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the report.</p>	
<p>95 Development of Oxfordshire Way Prevention Strategy (Agenda No. 9)</p>	
<p>Karen Fuller, Director of Adult Social Care; John Pearce, Commissioning Manager (Promote, Prevent); and Laura Price, Chief Executive of Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action, presented the report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provided background on the prevention strategy timeline through a presentation of slides. - Noted the importance of co-production through the Carers Strategy and with voluntary and community organisations. - Stressed the need to work across the community and to be cost-effective and to understand what the community can do itself. <p>Dan Leveson noted that there was lots of prevention not captured in this strategy, and that it needed to be linked with the social determinants of health. It was noted that the closer this was to communities, the more sustainable and better it would be.</p>	

<p>Ansaf Ahzar noted the difficulties of measuring prevention but gave some examples of good measurements such as the physical activity programme.</p> <p>Professor Sir John Montgomery, Chair of Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, raised points about the governance of the strategy and the importance to avoid duplication of governance streams.</p> <p>Board Members raised the importance of a long-term approach to this area of work, noting that short-termism, despite financial contexts, is not beneficial.</p> <p>Michelle Brennan, GP representative, raised the issue of language and not working in silos, in order to ensure that work continued to progress in partnership.</p> <p>Karen Fuller noted that the use of language was important and what it means to other people. It was also reflected that the strategy was a partnership-wide strategy and governance links between adult social care and public health demonstrated good collaboration with different areas.</p> <p>The Board further discussed the prevention strategy and thanked officers for their report.</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>(a) Note the progress on the delivery of priority 10: Thriving Communities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>(b) Comment on the draft Oxfordshire Way Prevention Strategy and endorse the plan to progress to wider consultation.</p>	
<p>96 Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults - Annual Report (Agenda No. 10)</p>	
<p>Jayne Chidgey-Clark, Independent Chair of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board, was invited to present the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Adults Annual Report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neglect and self-neglect remain the main cause of concern, and work is ongoing to see if further interventions can help in this case. - There are a number of learning and development needs identified that are not being learned well enough, following 	

<p>reviews and data analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work is underway to co-design solutions to address these needs. <p>Following discussions with the Leader of the Council, the Independent Chair of the Adults Safeguarding Board stated that there could be an opportunity to present a joint workshop for Councillors sometime in 2025 regarding the work of the Board, the Children's Board and the Community Safety Partnership to reinforce understanding of the work undertaken around safeguarding.</p> <p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board noted the content of the annual report which appeared at the annex to this report.</p>	
<p>97 Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's - Annual Report (Agenda No. 11)</p>	
<p>Ian Sutherland, Independent Chair of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children's Board (OSCB), and Laura Gajdus, Business Manager (OSCB) were invited to present the report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Informed the Board of Oxfordshire's multi-agency safeguarding arrangements with the County Council, the BOBICB and Thames Valley Police. - Multi-disciplinary audits are undertaken in multiple areas to ensure that tests put in place are functioning as they are designed to. - 3 safeguarding issues identified as priorities and continuing to be reviewed are: neglect of children in the family home, minimising risks to children outside the home and children being safer at school. - Updates have been made to information sharing rules. <p>Michelle Brennan noted that the MASH referrals had decreased slightly and wondered if that was a cause for concern. Ian Sutherland responded that some fluctuation is normal and thus, it wasn't an area of particular concern.</p> <p>Michelle Brennan asked if there was any impact of remote consultation on safeguarding issues. Lisa Lyons, Director of Children's Services, confirmed that from a social care perspective, there have not been remote consultations and has always been face-to-face.</p>	

<p>RESOLVED to:</p> <p>Note the annual report of the Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board senior safeguarding partners and to consider the key messages.</p>	
<p>98 Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Update (Agenda No. 12)</p>	
<p>Rob MacDougall, Chief Fire Officer and Director of Community Safety; was invited to present the Safer Oxfordshire Partnership Update and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The vision of the Partnership is to reduce crime and make a safer Oxfordshire. - It is a statutory function of two-tier County Council's. <p>Kate Holburn, Head of Public Health Programmes, was invited to present the report on the Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focuses on priorities that sit within overarching Domestic Abuse Strategy: prevention, provision, pursuing, perpetrator programmes and partnership. - Key achievements include the development of the Safer Accommodation Pathway. <p>Stephen Chandler, Executive Director of People and Transformation, asked what assistance the Health and Wellbeing Board could provide to support the work moving forward. It was explained that constant feedback from the Board would help to support this, and it would become clearer as the reporting process into the Board continued.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the activities and outcomes of the Safer Oxfordshire & Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Strategic Board, reflected in Annex 1 & 2.</p>	
<p>99 Domestic Abuse Safer Accommodation Strategy (Agenda No. 13)</p>	
<p>Ansaf Ahzar, Director of Public Health and Communities; and Kate Holburn, Head of Public Health Programmes, were invited to present the report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a need to refresh the Safer Accommodation 	

<p>Strategy every 3 years, and this report comes at the end of the last 3-year cycle.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased the number of refuge spaces available in the last commissioning round. - One of the gap areas highlighted is around the lack of provision for marginalised groups and barriers to accessing services. <p>Dan Leveson noted the connection between this report and issues around homelessness and housing.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the progress with reviewing the Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy. Statutory duties set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 place a duty on Tier 1 local authorities to assess the need for accommodation-based support and prepare a strategy to provide such support for victims. MHCLG requires strategies to be reviewed every 3 years.</p>	
<p>100 Oxfordshire Combating Drugs Partnership - Annual Report (Agenda No. 14)</p>	
<p>Ansaf Ahzar, Director of Public Health and Communities; and Kate Holburn, Head of Public Health Programmes, were invited to present the report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Statutory obligation following National Drug Strategy – ‘From Harm to Hope’, led by Dame Carol Black. - Cannot fix harm from drug misuse by simply focusing on supply of drugs or drug treatment. - Three areas of focus are: breaking down supply chains, having good treatment services and achieve a generational shift in the demand for drugs. - Defined group of partners that have to be present to help solve issues. - Treatment centres perform better than national average. - Drug usage in Oxfordshire is lower than national average, as is the unmet need. - Drug related deaths overall in Oxfordshire is lower than the England average, but Oxford City is similar to the average across the country. - Specific focus on opioid drug use and working in partnership with ambulance service to support this. <p>Cllr John Howson referenced the level of drug related activities falling in schools and asked if work with young people was</p>	

<p>making a difference. In reply, it was noted that picking people up early is important in being able to make a difference.</p> <p>Cllr John Howson also made reference a more general point about other types of addiction for young people, such as gambling. Ansaf Ahzar agreed and noted work was underway nationally on the harms of gambling as an addiction. David Munday noted that a section in the JNSA was around gambling harm precisely because it was an issue of concern.</p> <p>Caroline Green asked if there was an element of under-reporting of the usage of drugs, and how much of the figures were systemic problems of heavy drug use. Kate Holburn noted that drug use usually is a gradual process that starts from relatively small levels to much higher levels of use.</p> <p>Board Members engaged in discussion around unmet needs. Ansaf Ahzar noted that reducing levels of stigma around drug use would encourage people to seek help where they needed it.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the activities and outcomes of the Oxfordshire Combatting Drugs Partnership, reflected in the Annual Progress Report in Annex 1.</p>	
<p>101 Report from Healthwatch Oxfordshire (Agenda No. 15)</p>	
<p>Veronica Barry, Executive Director of Healthwatch Oxfordshire, introduced the report and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report taken to Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about people's experiences leaving hospital using discharge to assess system. - Feedback event on food services and why they use it was undertaken; giving useful insights into isolation, for example. - A webinar was hosted alongside the Men's Health Partnership focusing on men's health and men's mental health. 	
<p>102 Reports from Partnership Boards</p>	

(Agenda No. 16)	
<p>Councillor Georgina Heritage, South Oxfordshire District Council, introduced the report from the Health Improvement Board (HIB) and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key items on the agenda of the last meeting were tobacco controls, air quality and the Marmot Place initiative. - The HIB was supportive of the government plan to ban vapes, and also distinguished between vapes to reduce tobacco use and vape abuse. <p>Councillor John Howson and Lisa Lyons provided an update on the work of the Children's Trust Board, which was that the first meeting had now taken place and that further detailed work would carry on into 2025. It was deemed an introductory meeting, but it was well-received, and partners were on-board for future meetings.</p> <p>Dan Leveson provided an update on the Place Base Partnership and raised the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity to tackle SEN is outstripped by the demand for services; despite increases in assessment clinics, for example. - Noted the team was shortlisted for two awards, which was acknowledged, praised and welcomed. - It was stated that the leadership for Place Base Partnership was still being discussed following recent changes in ICB. 	
103 Forward Work Programme (Agenda No. 17)	
The Board noted items on the Forward Work Programme.	

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