

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Minutes of the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership meeting held on Thursday 22 December 2022 at Shire Hall, Gloucester.

PRESENT

Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin
Mary Hutton
Kate Tucker (deputising for Charlie Sharp)
Bronwyn Barnes (deputising for Helen Edwards)
Keith Vardy (deputising for Sarah Scott)
Keith Gerrard (deputising for Kathy O’Leary)
Chris Spencer
Gail Pasqual
Tracy Clark
Chris Brown
Riki Moody
Andrew Hughes (deputising for Mark Walkingshaw)
Guy Stenson
Siobhan Farmer
Matt Lennard
Andy Seymour (deputising for Olesya Atkinson)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin, Chair of the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Confirming that the meeting was quorate, Cllr Allaway-Martin explained that the purpose of the meeting was to agree the Interim Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership Strategy for publication.

The following apologies were noted at the meeting.

Kathy O’Leary
Sarah Scott
Olesya Atkinson
Gill Morgan
Darren Knight
Helen Edwards
Charles Sharp
Angela Potter
Alistair Cunningham
Mark Pietroni
Des Gorman
Peter Williams
Nikki Richardson
Mark Walkingshaw
Barbara Prianty

Please refer to the meeting attendance list for details of substitutions.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were reported at the meeting.

3. ONE GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP INTERIM INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY

Under the Health and Care Act 2022, the Gloucestershire Integrated Care System was established as a legal entity as the One Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Partnership in July 2022. As amended by the Act, a requirement of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act, (2007), requires Integrated Care Partnerships to write an Integrated Care Strategy, ('the Strategy'), setting out the direction of how the Gloucestershire Integrated Care System and partner organisations, (NHS, social care, public health and other public, voluntary and community sector organisations), can work together to deliver more joined-up, preventative, and person-centred care, and ensure the people of Gloucestershire live happy and healthy lives.

Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health at Gloucestershire County Council, introduced the report by thanking everyone involved in the development of the strategy and for their contributions to this extensive piece of work. The Director of Public Health clarified that, subject to formal agreement at today's meeting, the strategy would provide the foundation for the partnership to continue its work and move forward.

Reflecting on the extensive engagement undertaken in the past year, including invaluable contributions from both partners and wider stakeholders, it was confirmed that the strategy had taken into account all of the feedback, including the significant challenges presented to the Gloucestershire Integrated Care System in recent months.

The strategy was considered a good starting point from which to move forward, and one that would, inevitably, evolve over time, taking into account any necessary changes in response to new and updated statutory guidance. Current guidance states that 2022 to 2023 will be a transition period during which the Interim Strategy will be refreshed as the work of the partnership develops and matures and in response to subsequent outcomes from public and/or stakeholder engagement activities.

Referring to the ambitions set out as 3 pillars of work within the strategy, (ambitions for the forthcoming 12 month and 5 year periods), and the 3 unifying themes of Employment, Smoking and Blood Pressure, it was explained that, whilst the themes had not necessarily been agreed by everyone, they were, however, areas of work that represented an agreed call for action. The next stage of progressing the strategy, therefore, building on from development meetings held on 20 October and 25 November 2022, would be how the partnership intended to commit to the work identified as the unifying themes.

Minutes subject to their acceptance as a correct record at the next meeting

Seeking comments from those in attendance at the meeting, Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin commended everyone for their invaluable contributions to developing the Strategy and advised that the real work would commence in the New Year. Any actions identified at development meetings held in October and November would be picked up and worked on at the first formal meeting of the Partnership in January. She stated that the strategy was an organic document and would inevitably look considerably different to that considered at today's meeting.

Mary Hutton, Chief Executive of the Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board, commended the strategy and welcomed the decision to reflect the direction of work as 1 and 3 year ambition periods. The next challenge would be how to achieve the ambitions going forward. Noting the intense pressures placed on the Integrated Care System in recent weeks, the Chief Executive stressed the importance of not only concentrating on current challenges, but also the need to focus on long term issues, including the need to address any inequalities within the system and the importance of providing reassurances to the people of Gloucestershire that they would receive necessary and appropriate care, when required. It was agreed that the work during the transition period would be crucial.

Gail Pasquall, partner representative from the Integrated Locality Partnership (Cheltenham), supported Mary's comments, expressing specific concern about older and ethnic groups becoming increasingly anxious about personal health issues and the quality of care they received. Reflecting on the number of schemes available to provide support during the current period of economic uncertainty and challenge, Gail highlighted how many people were unaware of the help available to them and how important it was to seek out what really mattered to them, as individuals. Commending using a joined up approach to addressing inequalities, Gail also expressed an interest in the unifying theme of employment, with particular reference to recruitment and retention.

Matt Lennard, partner representative from the Voluntary Care Sector Alliance, expressed his appreciation for involving the VSCA in the development stages of the Strategy and said that this had made a huge difference. He added that, although the unifying themes were not entirely relevant to the VSCA, he acknowledged that the work to improve and address the issues was important. Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health, reassured members that, in addition to the work relating to the 3 unifying themes, a significant amount of other work would be addressed.

Having considered the comments made at the meeting, Cllr Carole Allaway-Martin sought the agreement of those present that the Interim Strategy be accepted.

A vote was taken and, with the unanimous agreement of all representatives at the meeting, the Interim Strategy was agreed for publication as the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership Strategy.

4. FUTURE MEETINGS

Siobhan Farmer, Director of Public Health at Gloucestershire County Council, outlined proposals relating to the membership and meeting arrangements of the Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Partnership (HWBP), in association with the work of the existing Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).

It was explained that, given the statutory requirement to establish a Health and Wellbeing Partnership in July 2022, it had been agreed from the outset to continue the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board until such time that a review of the membership and terms of reference for both bodies could be made.

Given the similarities that existed between the remit and membership of the Partnership (HWBP), and the Board (HWBB), the Director of Public Health reported that work was currently underway to align the two groups, without the need to relinquish the good work that existed prior to the establishment of the HWBP.

Pending agreement by the Gloucestershire County Council's Constitution Committee on 16 January 2023, the proposals to be considered in more depth at the HWBB and HWBP meetings on 17 January 2023, with the intention that the HWBB meet at 10am, followed by a HWBP (public) meeting at 1.30pm. A short (non-public) HWBP meeting to be held immediately after the public meeting. In addition, a non-public HWBP Strategy development meeting would be held in February.

It was noted that, in order to achieve better outcomes and to avoid the possible duplication of work, the proposals might involve slight changes to the membership and terms of reference of the HWBB. It was also noted that the dates of the HWBB and HWBP scheduled meetings in 2023 might be subject to change for the March, May and September meetings but that the meetings scheduled for 17 January 2023 would stand.

When agreed, the dates of meetings to be made public and shared with members.

CHAIRPERSON

Meeting concluded at 11.35am