

GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

MINUTES of a meeting of the Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Board held on Tuesday 21 July 2020.

PRESENT:

Wayne Bowcock	Dr Teresa Pietroni
Cllr Richard Boyles	Angela Potter
Christine Gore	Nikki Richardson
Cllr Tim Harman	Sarah Scott
Mary Hutton	Dr Andy Seymour (Vice-Chair)
ACC Rhiannon Kirk	Chris Spencer
Darren Knight	Rob Weaver
Cllr Carole Allaway Martin (Chair)	Margaret Willcox OBE
David Owen	Peter Williams

Substitutes: Simon Lanceley (In place of Deborah Lee)
 Jon McGinty (In place of Anne Brinkhoff)
 PCC Martin Surl (In place of Chris Brierley)

Officers in attendance: Andy Dempsey - Director of Strategy and Partnerships
 Dame Janet Trotter
 Siobhan Farmer - Deputy Director of Public Health
 Jennifer Taylor – Lead Commissioner Public Health

Apologies: Cllr Kathy Williams

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Cllr Carole Allaway Martin was elected Chairperson for the council year 2020/2021.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Dr Andy Seymour was elected Vice Chairperson for the council year 2020/2021.

3. ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE IN MEMORY OF THOSE LOST DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Chairperson lead the Board in a minute's silence in memory of lives lost during the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 January were agreed as a correct record.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions were received by the published deadline.

7. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

No public questions were received.

8. COVID-19 RESET AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES

8.1 The Board was aware that the consequences of COVID-19 were not the same for everyone. There was growing evidence of how it had disproportionately impacted different populations, exposing the deep inequalities and stark differences in life expectancy that exist between different population groups and areas of the country. There were growing concerns that the UK's minority ethnic groups were being disproportionately affected, and there was evidence that minority groups were overrepresented in hospitalisations and deaths from the virus. The Board recognised the importance of understanding the underlying factors/issues and identifying its role in driving forward changes to redress this imbalance.

8.2 The Director of Public Health (DPH) informed the Board that the 2020 DPH Annual Report would focus on BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic community) and inequality. The council's Black Worker's Network would be co-authoring the report.

8.3 The Board agreed to the proposal of the establishment of a small working group drawn from interested partner organisations to develop the anchor institution approach. Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester City, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust, Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS), and GFirst LEP indicated that they would be happy to join the working group.

8.4 In response to a question it was clarified that GPs were seeing patients face to face, not at the number before the pandemic, but if required a face to face consultation was available. It was also explained that where a translator was needed face to face was undertaken. It was about the GP and patient working together to decide which option was best for their individual case.

8.5 The Board was informed that at the meeting of Gloucester City Council on 9 July 2020 the council had agreed to set up a Race Relations Commission; members of this Board would be asked to join the Commission.

8.6 The Board agreed that it would be important to understand the power and influence that partner organisations in the county had over procurement and commissioning decisions. Members also agreed that it would be important to bear in mind that health inequalities affected other groups as well as the BAME community.

8.7 It was agreed that it would be helpful to understand whether the organisations represented on the Board had a social value policy in place. It would be helpful to know whether these were aligned.

ACTION: Andrea Clarke

8.8 The Board therefore agreed that it was important to maintain pace on this work, and requested an update on activity to be received at the meeting on 22 September 2020.

ACTION: Jennifer Taylor/Zoe Clifford

9. LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN (LOMP)

9.1 The Deputy Director of Public Health gave a detailed presentation of the Plan.

9.2 The Gloucestershire COVID-19 Outbreak Engagement Board was aware that it needed to ensure that there was representation from the BAME community on that Board.

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

9.3 The Board agreed that it could support this plan, and Board members would look to ensure that their organisation was engaged in this activity. It was also agreed that this work needed to move at pace in order to keep people safe.

10. AGREEMENT OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

10.1 The Director of Public Health (DPH) reminded the Board of the background to the development of this strategy, and the time already invested in its development. It was recognised that this work had been pre Covid-19 and that the work around the priority areas would need to be refreshed to reflect the 'new normal' and learning from the pandemic.

10.2 It was noted that the paper clearly highlighted the variations in populations across Gloucestershire; it would be important to understand how best to deploy resources in each of these areas. There were also concerns as to the availability of resources given the ongoing demands arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

10.3 It was agreed that it would be important once the strategy was agreed to ensure that the work to support the strategy moved at pace.

10.4 The Board agreed the wording of the Gloucestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It was also agreed that a report on each of the priorities be received at the meeting of the Board on 22 September 2020.

ACTION: Priority Leads

11. CHILD FRIENDLY GLOUCESTERSHIRE - UPDATE

11.1 The Director of Partnerships and Strategy gave a detailed presentation of the report setting out the background and context to this programme of work. As joint sponsor of this work, alongside the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, it was necessary that the Board approved each stage of this work.

11.2 Board members were interested to note the outcomes of the survey undertaken with young people and agreed that some of the information was painful to read. Board members gave their wholehearted support to this work.

11.3 The Board agreed to support the continuation of work over the summer period in order to develop areas of work where intervention and support would have a lasting impact; and, to continue to engage with key partners and stakeholders in order to build support and gain their insights.

CHAIRMAN

Meeting concluded at 11.45 am