



Minutes

Name of meeting	<u>ISLE OF WIGHT HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</u>
Date and time	THURSDAY, 23 JULY 2020 COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM
Venue	MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING
Members of the Board	<p>Cllr Dave Stewart (Chairman) – Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic Partnerships Michele Legg (Vice Chairman) – Chair, Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group</p> <p>Cllr Paul Brading – Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Cllr Clare Mosdell – Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health Bob Blezzard – IWALC Simon Bryant– Director of Public Health Steve Crocker – Director of Children’s Services – Isle of Wight Council Sarah Jackson – Hampshire Constabulary Megan Jones – Age UK Michael Lilley – Voluntary Sector Forum John Metcalfe – Chief Executive, Isle of Wight Council Zoryna O’Donnell – Healthwatch Isle of Wight Alison Smith - Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group Laura Gaudion – Assistant Director of Adult Social Services</p>
Officers Present	Marie Bartlett (Lead Democratic Services Officer)
Apologies	Carol Tozer Director of Adult Social Care

1. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2020 be confirmed.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

3. Local Impact of Covid-19

The Director of Public Health advised the board that the report was to look at

the pandemic context, impact on health and wellbeing and the development of outbreak control plans. A lot of work was being undertaken since the virus had come to light in December 2019 and the impact on individual's health and more recently the impact on BAME communities and obesity. There was not a huge number of cases on the Island. The first phase was to contain the virus and then the delay phase to slow the spread which had been largely successful.

There had been no new cases on the Island in the last seven days, testing was being provided for everyone who had symptoms but remained complicated? if there was an outbreak. Testing and tracing was now underway working across all partners to prevent any spread of infection and to manage any outbreaks that may occur.

The impacts of the virus were not fully known. It was believed that the Board could oversee the further impact and where to focus efforts, There had been a disruption to health care services such as a drop in urgent care, impact on low immunisation and non-acute care in general practice. There was an impact on mental health and the long term impact on things people struggle with such as financial hardship, isolation and relationship challenges etc.

The Board questioned the testing programme on the island for both the virus and anti-bodies. They were advised that testing was being undertaken in different settings such as care homes and where there had been outbreaks where spread would be more devastating. There had also been a pilot testing scheme in Southampton for a different type of test being done.

Concern was raised that encouraging visitors to the island may increase the chances of a second wave, and questioned what could be put in place to reduce this happening. It was acknowledged that the message to everyone was still to socially distance and where that was difficult to use face coverings. Also washing hands regularly was still included in the government advice to stop the spread of the virus.

There was some discussion about the wearing of face coverings, and public perception of this. Hampshire Constabulary advised that they would continue to follow guidance and enforce as a last resort.

The impact on people's mental health and wellbeing was raised. It was acknowledged that there was a range of different things affecting people such as financial, worry of going out and not being able to have contact with family. The Director of Public Health recognised the issues and a joined up approach had enabled a plan to be produced. This would be brought to a future Board meeting.

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT the report be noted
- ii. THAT a mental health plan be brought to the meeting in October 2020

4. Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Director of Public Health gave a presentation to highlight where the Board were and how its work could be progress, the role of the ICP and ICS and what they were doing. In looking at the current strategy which reflected the Boards vision it was clear that some of the policies were now out of date and needed refreshing.

Discussions had taken place with the Director of Regeneration around place shaping and how this could be achieved. The outcome of these would be brought to the meeting in October 2020. The Board may need to focus on areas such as partnerships, social determinacies, trauma and air quality which would give it a strong role moving forward. Inequalities and how these can be supported should not be forgotten as well.

There was some discussion around the place plan that had been in operation since February 2020. This was done in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council and had been effective in supporting the community, and given direction for the future.

Concern was raised regarding people working remotely and the phycological effects this had had on some people. The number of people on the island who would find themselves unemployed due to the pandemic would increase as many were employed in seasonal work which had been impacted upon quite heavily. It was proposed that remote working and unemployment should be focused on. Unemployment was seen as a significant issue as this had a knock-on effect with people's mental health.

People had adapted well to working at home, although there was concern regarding the environments staff were working in at home and employers needed to ensure staff were working in the right environments. The Health and Safety implications for staff also needed to be considered. The lack of interaction between colleagues had an impact on how people worked, and it was acknowledged that this would need to recommence at some point.

The Board needed to take a strategic view of what was right for the Island and how the Island could recover from Covid -19 if it was being done in the right way. This would involve bringing together work regarding health and care, rebuilding the economy and building communities across the Island. The Board had a role to champion the health and wellbeing aspect of the system recovery. Mental health needed to be looked at as a separate area. It was acknowledged that substance misuse and how services were commissioned could be looked at.

It would be interesting to see what working practices might look like next year. It was acknowledged that some people had enjoyed working from home but others had been more constrained. Technology has enabled a lot of changes in the way people worked. It was noted that there would always be a need for some services in particular Children's Services to make assessments by visiting people's homes. It was important to get young people's perspective.

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT Place shaping be brought to the meeting in October 2020
- ii. THAT a report outlining where the board were and proposals going forward be brought to the meeting in October 2020
- iii. THAT a report on mental health be brought to the meeting in October 2020

CHAIRMAN