

NORTH YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 22 MARCH 2019

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Theme updates 2018/19 and themes for 2019/20

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Firstly, to update the Board on the progress against themes in 2018/19.
- 1.2 Secondly, to seek Members views as to how the themed approach has worked during its first year and its thoughts on the consideration of themes for 2019/20 (i.e. with effect from the May 2019 meeting of the Board.)

2. Background

- 2.1 Last year the Board agreed to change the way that it conducts its business, moving away from an approach that was primarily transacting formal business towards a Workshop type approach, whereby the Board and invited stakeholders aim to find collaborative solutions to matters that transcend sector and affect county and district authorities.
- 2.2 The themes that were chosen were *Digital, Mental Health and Housing and Health*.
- 2.3 An update on each of the themes has been provided at recent meetings and a further brief update will be provided by theme leads as part of this report.

THEME UPDATES - 2018/19

- 2.4 In outline, good progress has been made against each of the themes. For example:-

Digital (Robert Ling)

- 2.5 Gartner IT Consultants facilitated a Workshop in March 2018 which helped the Board shape its thinking on this issue. In addition to Board Members, it was attended by representatives of Care Providers, Hospices and Airedale NHS Foundation Trust.
- 2.6 The theme is led by Robert Ling, Assistant Director, Technology and Change and has been progressed by a draft Digital Strategy, *My Health, My Tech*, considered by the Board in November 2018, which is currently out for consultation.
- 2.7 Funding of £50,000 from existing budgets has been agreed to fund, depending on the bid ideas submitted, either two grants in the region of £25,000, or four grants in the region of of £12,500, to develop innovative ideas to address challenges of better

connecting rural communities and supporting mental health and wellbeing by reducing loneliness for people who are digitally excluded.

- 2.8 The Board will hold a Dragons Den type Event on 24th May 2019 – the Digital Innovation Challenge – at which shortlisted providers will be invited to make a pitch to the Board on their ideas.

Mental Health (Amanda Bloor and Richard Webb)

- 2.9 This theme is led by Amanda Bloor, Accountable Officer for Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby; Harrogate and Rural District and Scarborough and Ryedale Clinical Commissioning Groups and Richard Webb, Corporate Director for Health and Adult Services.
- 2.10 It was launched by a Mental Health Summit, *Mental Health – Moving in the Right Direction ~ MHRD*, in May 2018. The Summit focused on mental health and wellbeing across North Yorkshire and was attended by almost 100 people working in the statutory, community and voluntary sector, as well as people accessing services or with a special interest in mental health from the public, private and voluntary/community sector and people who use services.
- 2.11 From this, an Action Plan has been produced, as reported to the Board in November 2018. Implementation is on-going and progress will be reported to the Board regularly.
- 2.12 In addition, several initiatives are in the pipeline. These include:-
- submitting a partnership application for North Yorkshire to be a time change hub;
 - delivering a series of events to promote the refreshed self-harm pathway across the county; and
 - agreeing opportunities for additional investment over the long term, through the NHS Ten Year Plan

Housing and Health (Janet Waggott)

- 2.13 The Board facilitated a Workshop in September 2018 which was attended by Housing Associations, Extra Care Providers and District Councils.
- 2.14 Janet Waggott, Chief Executive of Selby District Council and Assistant Chief Executive, North Yorkshire County Council, is leading on this theme. Janet represents North Yorkshire District Councils Chief Executives on the Board.
- 2.15 At its meeting in January 2019 the Board were updated on progress so far, which includes:-
- Janet Waggott agreeing to be the link between the Strategic Housing Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - partners working more closely together to identify supported housing/living needs through structured needs assessment and examining housing stock;

- a workshop to develop an outcome-focused specification by the County Council and District Councils, in partnership, following a Homelessness Prevention Review; and
- implementation of a new Assistive Technology Service

Care Market (Dale Owens)

- 2.16 Whilst there are no plans to expand the themes chosen until further progress is made, given the pressures on the Care Market, a workshop was held in January 2019. Dale Owens, Assistant Director for Care and Support, is leading a group that will agree on the next steps and will report back to the Board further, as part of his update at today's meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF THEMES FOR 2019/20

- 2.17 The views of Members are sought on the themed approach. How do people feel the approach has worked; what has gone well and what could we look to improve or do differently?
- 2.18 The proposal is that the existing themes be continued into 2019//20. The rationale for this is that, whilst some good progress has been made, more tangible outcomes are required before work starts on other themes. In addition, in terms of doing justice to the themes being considered, the current number of themes is, realistically, about the maximum number that can be accommodated. Members views are sought on this suggestion. It is also worth noting that work could arise from a potential Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Work Programme.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the progress against the existing themes and to agree that the four existing themes continue. This recommendation is made on the basis that:-
- whilst good progress, has been made across each theme, more tangible outcomes should be achieved before consideration is given to other themes;
 - four themes would seem to be about the maximum that can reasonably be sustained at one time in order to do justice to each and achieve positive results; and
 - it is possible that further work could arise from a potential ICP Work Programme.
- 3.2 Members are also asked to share their thoughts as to how the themed approach has worked during the past year – what has gone well and what could be improved or undertaken differently?

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Background papers relied upon in the preparation of this report: None