



## Agenda

### Notice of a public meeting of North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board

**To:** Councillors Michael Harrison (Chair), Simon Myers, Janet Sanderson  
  
Amanda Bloor (Vice-Chair), Wendy Balmain, Zoe Campbell, Jonathan Coulter, Stuart Carlton, Ashley Green, Nic Harne, Mike Padgham, Jillian Quinn, Sally Tyrer, Louise Wallace and Richard Webb.

**Date:** Friday, 15th March, 2024

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Venue:** County Hall, Northallerton

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### Business

1. **Welcome by the Chair**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th November 2023** (Pages 3 - 12)

4. **Declarations of Interest**

5. **Public Participation**

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6. **Approval of The Better Care Fund 2023/2025 and the Quarterly Returns for Quarters 2 and 3, 2023/2024 - Director of Public Health** (Pages 13 - 38)
7. **Draft Rolling Work Programme for 2024/2025 - Principal Democratic Services Scrutiny Officer** (Pages 39 - 48)
8. **Any Other Items**  
Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances
9. **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 1.00 p.m.**

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Thursday, 7 March 2024

**North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Minutes of the meeting held via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10.30 a.m.**

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Constituent Organisation</b>
Councillor Michael Harrison <b>(Chair)</b>	Executive Member for Health and Adult Services
Wendy Balmain	Place Director for North Yorkshire, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System
Amanda Bloor	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System
Ashley Green	Chief Executive, Healthwatch North Yorkshire
Ali Jan Haider	Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership – part of West Yorkshire Integrated Care System
Nic Harne	Corporate Director, Community Development, North Yorkshire Council
Bridget Lentell	Service Manager, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (substitute for Zoe Campbell)
Councillor Simon Myers	Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing
Councillor Janet Sanderson	Executive Member for Children and Families
John Pattinson	Chief Executive Officer, Independent Care Group (substitute for Mike Padgham)
Jill Quinn	Chief Executive, Dementia Forward (Voluntary and Community Sector Representative)
Sally Tyrer	Chair, Yorkshire Local Medical Committee (Primary Care Representative)
Louise Wallace	Director of Public Health, North Yorkshire Council
Richard Webb	Corporate Director of Health and Adult Services, North Yorkshire Council

**In Attendance:-**

Councillor Carl Les, Leader of North Yorkshire Council, Shanna Carrell, Equalities Manager, Health and Adult Services Directorate, Paul Coleman, Registrar, Public Health Team, Patrick Duffy, Principal Democratic Services and Scrutiny Officer. Legal and democratic Services, Sharon Graham, Housing Strategy Manager, Community Development Directorate, Heather Pearson, Chair, North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, Dr, Sue Proctor, Chair, North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Andrew Rowe, Assistant Director, Housing, Community Development Directorate and Naomi Smith, Head of Planning, Health and Adult Services Directorate

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**Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book**

### **36. Welcome by Chair**

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting.

### **37. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from:-

- Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director, Children and Young People's Service.
- Zoe Campbell, Managing Director, North Yorkshire, York and Selby, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust.
- Jonathan Coulter, Chief Executive, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
- Shaun Jones, Interim Locality Director, NHS England and NHS Improvement
- Mike Padgham, Chair, Independent Care Group
- Lisa Winward, Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police

### **38. Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Resolved –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023 be approved.

### **39. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **40. Public Participation**

It was confirmed that no public questions or statements had been received.

### **41. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership – Annual Report 2022/2023**

**Considered –**

A presentation by Heather Pearson, Executive Chair and Independent Scrutineer of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP).

The presentation, which is available [here](#), also included the Annual Report.

Heather Pearson advised that *Being Young in North Yorkshire 2021-2024* is the NYSCP Strategy for children and young people living in North Yorkshire. The Partnership recognise the diversity across North Yorkshire and how important it is to harness this when agreeing its delivery plans.

Our children and young people are our future and we want them to thrive in North Yorkshire and achieve the best possible outcomes they can.

The Strategy sets out the Partnership's vision, which is shaped by the feedback from children and young people living in North Yorkshire and sets out its four key themes for children and young people, as follows:-

- A safe life
- A happy life
- A healthy life
- Achieving in life

Heather Pearson further highlighted the following:-

- There has been good progress against the priorities in each of the Themes. For example, under *A safe life*, more young people received support from Early Help Services, with a 28% increase in new cases this year and, under *A healthy life*, there has been an increase in children visiting a dentist, with 53% of children having been to a dentist in the last year, compared to 42% in 2020.
- There has been an 11% increase in the number of children being electively home educated (EHE). The main reasons given for children being EHE were stress and anxiety (22% in primary and 42% in secondary)
- The NYSCP Partnership Awards are an opportunity to showcase the multi-agency work among partners in safeguarding vulnerable children and families. The awards are given to individuals or groups working or volunteering with children and young people.
- Much of the work is undertaken in the sub-groups.
- When partner agencies and individual professionals engage in case auditing, it helps understand:
  - the effectiveness of front-line practice in protecting children and young people;
  - how well the lessons of Case Reviews and other reviews of practice have been learnt;
  - what the impact of locally delivered training has been; and
  - importantly, it allows the Partnership to identify good practice and ask questions about whether things could be done differently to improve the safeguarding system.
- *Deep dives* are undertaken in a number of areas and the learning from these disseminated.
- A lot of work is undertaken with Schools.

The priorities on Multi-Agency Child Exploitation were also covered. North Yorkshire has a really good offer for practitioners in terms of Multi Agency Learning and Training - including *Parental Conflict; Working with Gypsy Roma and Traveller Children and Ukrainian Families as Refugees – challenge and opportunities*. It is good to see the training being utilised by professionals.

Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children and Families, commented on the broad scope that is covered within the Annual Report. She added that it is good to see people recognised by the Partnership Awards.

Councillor Sanderson also referred to children's mental health, which is running through every aspect of the Directorate's work. EHE is a concern and she was pleased to see that this had been picked up in the Annual Report. She concluded by stating that there is great confidence in the Partnership and thanked Heather Pearson and the NYSCP for what they are doing.

Ashley Green, Chief Executive Officer, Heathwatch North Yorkshire, added his thanks. He noted the increase in the number of children accessing dentists but there is still room for improvement. Heather Pearson stated that the position is more positive than in other areas but that this can still be worked on.

Amanda Bloor, Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, advised that the ICB had assumed responsibility for the commissioning of dental services on the 1st April 2023. This was previously with NHS England, and the aim of delegating dental services is to make it easier to deliver joined up and responsive care, delivering high quality primary care services for our population. There are national constraints, but a big piece of work is being undertaken to continue to improve the situation, with a focus on prevention.

In response to a question from the Chair about the three reviews awaiting publication, Heather Pearson advised that these could not be published yet as a result of on-going criminal investigations. She assured the Board, however, that any learning identified from these cases had been shared and acted upon.

**Resolved –**

That the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report for 2022/2023 be noted.

**42. Updates from Integrated Care Systems**

**Considered –**

Oral updates from the two Integrated Care Systems within North Yorkshire.

Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board

Amanda Bloor updated:-

- The Strategic Plan has been submitted. It recognises how the system is working and its relationship with its six *places* and the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- There is a particular challenge around financial risk especially with urgent and emergency care – this is a system issue.
- Much of the work is being led by the places.
- The Integrated Care Partnership is looking at seasonal preparedness across the system and Women’s Health Hubs, in collaboration with partners.
- She and Wendy Balmain, Place Director for North Yorkshire, have been involved in the development of the draft Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWBS) for North Yorkshire - the three priorities for which align perfectly with the wider health system.
- The Centre of Excellence for Tobacco will be important as smoking cessation is the single biggest thing we can do to reduce health inequalities. When the Prime Minister announced his recent initiative to make smoking illegal over a number of years, the system had been able to respond with one voice.
- Locality Teams from NHS England are transferring into the employ of the Integrated Care Board.

Wendy Balmain added:-

- The focus is on urgent care.

- She and the Director of Public Health have appointed to a joint post in Population Health. The post holder will assist Local Care Partnerships in examining the key risks and to redesign services accordingly.
- The North Yorkshire Place Board meets this week to review its priorities – she will report back further on this. The priorities will be fused with the JLHWBS and the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy. Therefore, there will not be any surprises.
- Demand in Primary and Secondary Care is unrelenting and discharges from Hospital remain challenging.
- The Service has been requested to make 30% savings in running costs by 2025.
- A new Operating Model is being consulted upon.
- There are five transformation programmes at place level. One example is a focus of CORE20PLUS5 funding on two deprived areas in Craven.

In response to a question from the Chair, Amanda Bloor advised that the new Operating Model is in the process of being reset from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership

Ali Jan Haider, Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership, advised that much of the update provided by colleagues in Humber and North Yorkshire chimed with what is occurring in Bradford District and Craven. He had nothing additional to add on this occasion.

NOTED.

#### **43. North Yorkshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2030**

##### **Considered –**

A report by Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health, which shared the draft Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWBS) for North Yorkshire and sought approval from the Board to take forward the draft Strategy for consultation.

The report contained three Appendices:-

- Appendix 1 – The draft Strategy
- Appendix 2 – Public Consultation Proposals
- Appendix 3 – An Equalities Impact Assessment

The report and the afore-mentioned Appendices are all available to view [here](#)

Louise Wallace said that she would not refer in any great detail to the slides as Members were aware of the document from previous updates.

She stressed, however, what a crucial document this will be – built around the three priorities of *Think People; Think Place; Think Prevention* – all of which have a number of associated actions designed to make the priorities a reality.

Every effort has been made to use information we are already aware of so as to weave people's voices into the document.

Subject to approval by the Board, the document is now ready to go out for consultation. This will take place between 8<sup>th</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 with a mix of methods to help maximise engagement.

Whilst the document is inclusive, there is a focus on certain elements of the population with particular needs.

The Chair asked if there is anything in the document that is dependent on approval before work can commence. Louise Wallace responded that there is nothing that is dependent on awaiting a key decision. There is though plenty for the future. The key will be to involve as wide an audience as possible to get a sense of how connected the draft Strategy feels to them.

The Chair also referred to marginalised groups and asked if there is anything specific planned for engaging with those groups. Louise Wallace advised that other work undertaken with these groups will be drawn upon and that is why the mixed method of consultation is being proposed.

Ashley Green informed Members that Healthwatch North Yorkshire had supported the engagement side. We need to go to people; rather than the other way around.

Shanna Carrell, Equalities Manager, Health and Adult Services Directorate, commented that hearing the voice of marginalised groups is part of on-going engagement partnership work. There is strong ambition for this, with a step-by-step approach.

Richard Webb, Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services, said he was keen to see us in listening mode and for people's views to help shape the final Strategy. He added that it is good to see the alignment of priorities across the North Yorkshire system.

Councillor Janet Sanderson wanted to know more about the consultation process. Shanna Carrell responded that partners are applying as much creativity to this as possible and highlighted that there will be a variety of methods and formats used, including:-

- Website
- Easy read version
- Copies placed in Libraries
- Face to face drop in events at Libraries
- A comprehensive communications approach

**Resolved –**

- a) That the draft Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report, be approved to go forward for public consultation.
- b) That approval be given to the plans for public consultation, as set out at Appendix 2 to the report, to take place between 8th January and 31st March 2024.

**44. Draft Housing Strategy for North Yorkshire**

**Considered –**

A presentation by Sharon Graham, Housing Strategy Manager, in the Community Development Directorate, outlining the draft Housing Strategy for North Yorkshire.

[Here](#) is the presentation.

Sharon Graham, highlighted the following:-



- The Strategy will help set the strategic direction for the new Council.
- Key challenges include an ageing population (25% of whom are aged 65 or above) and a reduction in the working age population (down by 2.6%).
- Affordability of housing is also an issue, with a reduction in incomes and an increase in property prices threatening to create a *perfect storm*.
- Fuel poverty is another key challenge. For example, how to retrofit properties to ensure that the people who live in them are warm and well.
- There are a number of opportunities and aspirations. These include:-
  - Partnering with the new Mayor and Combined Authority to deliver growth
  - Working with York and North Yorkshire Housing Partnership to deliver shared goals
  - Being carbon neutral by 2034
  - Making the best use of resources
- The vision of the Strategy is *To deliver good quality, affordable and sustainable homes that meet the needs of all of our communities*.
- To achieve this, the Directorate will work across three themes:-
  - Our people (for example, preventing and tackling homelessness)
  - Our places (for example, addressing the rural housing crisis)
  - Our homes (for example, ensuring that new housing supply contributes to our net zero housing ambitions)
- Consultation runs until 11th December 2023 and the aim is to adopt the Strategy in May 2024.

Councillor Simon Myers, Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing, remarked that there is a real enthusiasm in the new North Yorkshire Council to tackle issues. Housing can have an impact on inequality. Therefore, it is important we do what we can to address these inequalities.

He added that people are finding it difficult to keep warm and care workers cannot afford to live in North Yorkshire. The Council intend to use all of the tools at its disposal. He thanked, in particular, Nic Harne, Corporate Director for Community Development, Andrew Rowe, Assistant Director of Housing and Sharon Graham for the hard work that has gone into the Strategy.

Nic Harne commented that North Yorkshire Council provides a single authority for people to talk to and that Housing will *move the dial* on health outcomes. It may be worth being more explicit about including health in the vision or early on in the document.

The Chair asked if the Directorate was looking for the Board to contribute to this Strategy and the Local Plan. Nic Harne confirmed this is the case. The Local Plan is about place and this draft Housing Strategy is about homes at a targeted level.

Wendy Balmain advised that discussions are taking place at a tactical level between the Community Development Directorate and the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. These relate to two key aspects:-

- a) How do we attract and retain key workers?

- b) A review of the Primary Care estate. Much of the accommodation is based in residential-style accommodation which is past its sell by date and which is not conducive to integrated care.

Richard Webb talked about the positive initial work with Housing colleagues within the new Council. He welcomed the draft Strategy. Also noted the recent visit by the National Older People's Housing Task Force.

Richard Webb also mentioned that on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 there will be an online International Recruitment Session. If any colleagues would like to attend, please let him know.

**Resolved –**

That the draft Housing Strategy for North Yorkshire be noted.

**45. North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2022/2023**

**Considered –**

A covering report by Dr. Sue Proctor, Chair of the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), which introduced the Annual Report for 2022/2023.

The covering report and the Annual Report itself can be viewed at Item 10 on this [link](#)

Dr Proctor highlighted a number of aspects such as:-

- During the last year, the SAB has broadened its membership, with Housing now a Member.
- Risks include workforce and responding to Safeguarding Reviews.
- There has been a 42% increase in the number of referrals. Analysis of this indicates that this increase is not reflected in open cases - much of it is due to repeat referrals.
- Based on feedback from partners, the Strategic Priorities for 2023/2024 build on work that has already been carried out and which the SAB wish to progress over the next years, namely:-
  - Reconnect with communities in North Yorkshire.
  - Have safeguarding policies and procedures that are in line with best practice.
  - Work together effectively with partners and organisations.
  - Adapt and respond to changes affecting how we safeguard adults in North Yorkshire.
- The online nature of Safeguarding Week allows for greater engagement.
- Communications work has showcased work undertaken by the SAB nationally.
- The SAB will look at domestic abuse and the vulnerability of older adults and self-neglect and loneliness to identify and support people prior to a crisis situation developing.

- Given structural changes, the SAB is working with localities and connected with the Community Safety Partnership and Local Safeguarding Partnerships. The SAB will support them to help increase the safeguarding of adults across North Yorkshire.

The Chair commented that, whilst the Pandemic had caused so many difficulties, it is good to see that online initiatives have helped.

Dr Sally Tryer, Chair of the Yorkshire Local Medical Committee, welcomed the opportunity for a broader conversation.

Richard Webb mentioned that Dr. Proctor's term of office would be coming to an end soon. He thanked her for being an excellent Chair and for focusing on a twin-track approach around 1) mainstream safeguarding and 2) issues facing people who were most marginalised/excluded.

Ashley Green advised that a key part of Healthwatch's communications is around safeguarding work.

John Pattinson, Chief Executive Officer, Independent Care Group, referred to the dangers of modern slavery. Dr. Proctor said this is a recurring theme for the SAB.

#### **Resolved –**

That the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board Annual Report for 2022/2023 be noted.

#### **46. Proposal to support people with lived experience be involved in and contribute to decision making across North Yorkshire**

#### **Considered –**

A report by Ashley Green which sought approval to this proposal.

Ashley drew the following to Members attention:-

- He had been asked to put together a proposal to explore how people with lived experience could be included in the membership and/or have their experiences shared.
- There are lots of different pieces of work occurring in this area. This report attempted to underline the collaboration and to join up some of the actions and act as a catalyst for this.
- A similar Forum has been set up in Bradford District and Craven and would enable timely insights to the Board
- The aim of the proposal is to build on the original discussions and identified options and ensure that any 'lived experience model' suggested supports both the North Yorkshire Place Board, as part of Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System and the Health and Wellbeing Board, to hear from people across North Yorkshire to improve outcomes in population health and reduce health inequalities.
- This Model would also aim to develop reciprocal relations between the public and relevant organisations to embed co-design and mutuality within its structures.
- The initial discussions identified two possible routes:

- A hub and spoke approach, that would tap into existing community networks for any public insight or involvement that the Board wished to undertake, supplemented by bespoke targeted engagement to address identified gaps.
  - To invite people to Health and Wellbeing Board meetings, that have previously been engaged with as part of earlier discussions, planned work, etc., when a specific matter is brought to the Board.
- The proposal therefore explores how these two routes could be delivered within existing resources and identifies where new or additional resource may be required.

Richard Webb congratulated Ashley on the initiative. It is good to, as the proposal suggests, build on existing processes and evolve these, rather than creating something new.

In response to a question from the Chair, Ashley confirmed that people can choose to be involved as much or as little as they want to be.

Wendy Balmain commented that it can be easy for organisations to work in silos. Bringing together voices of people with lived experience can shape our services.

**Resolved –**

That the proposal, involving the three main elements identified, as set out below, be approved:-

- a) Network  
The establishment of a **People's Voice Network** to bring together public/patient involvement or engagement leads from across health and care, and the voluntary sector covering North Yorkshire.
- b) Engagement  
As well as sharing insight, the Network could advise on **targeted engagement** with local people across the county.
- c) Involvement  
The Network could also help to identify **people with lived experience** if required, who might be willing to participate and/or attend the Board when there was a need to hear from specific communities, and/or ask that they are involved in specific pieces of work, policy development, strategy reviews, etc., being undertaken by the Board or the North Yorkshire Place Board.

**47 Rolling Work Programme – 2023/2024**

The Chair introduced this report and emphasised that the Work Programme is for the Board to edit and add to as they wish.

NOTED.

**48. Any other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered as a matter of urgency**

There was no other business.

**49. Date of next meeting – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 1.00 p.m.**

The meeting concluded at 12:25 p.m.

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**15 March 2024**

**Approval of the Better Care Fund 2023-2025 and the Quarterly Returns for Quarters 2 and 3, 2023/2024**

**Report of the Director of Public Health**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To seek approval to:-

- a) the Better Care Fund Submission for 2023-2025; and
- b) the Quarterly Returns for the second and third quarters of 2023/2024.

**2 BACKGROUND**

The Better Care Fund 2023-2025

- 2.1 The Better Care Fund is a Government initiative which creates a local single pooled budget to incentivise the NHS and local government to work more closely together around people, placing their well-being as the focus of health and care services. It was introduced in 2015 to support local systems to successfully deliver the integration of health and social care.
- 2.2 In North Yorkshire it is, essentially, a partnership between the Council and the three Integrated Care Boards that operate within the Council's footprint, namely:-
- NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB
  - NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB
  - NHS West Yorkshire ICB
- 2.3 Partners have agreed the following headline priorities for 2023-2025:-
- Priority 1 – A comprehensive and integrated health and social care model
  - Priority 2 – A high quality care sector, with sufficient capacity to meet demand
  - Priority 3 – A strong workforce
  - Priority 4 – Prevention and Public Health
- 2.4 For each Priority, the plan highlights asks *What does good look like?* and encompasses a number of key actions that are intended to make these aspirations a reality.
- 2.5 There are a number of national conditions that all Better Care Fund Plans must meet in order to be approved. These are:-

1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
  2. NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to NHS minimum contribution.
  3. Invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services.
  4. Implementing the two BCF policy objectives.
- 2.6 The Council and partners are confident that the submission meets these conditions.
- 2.7 There have been some changes since the previous Plan. Among these, are the planning and funding cycle increased to two years to provide greater certainty around funding and spend, revisions to include additional expenditure and reflect updated spend including uplift, where appropriate and the fact that the Disabled Facilities Grant is now managed by North Yorkshire Council, following the merger of the District and Borough Councils with the former County Council to create a single authority – North Yorkshire Council – on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.
- 2.8 The 2023-25 Better Care Funding Planning guidance was submitted on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to NHS England.
- 2.9 Official approval letter for formal permission to spend was received on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 from NHS England.
- 2.10 The two-year 2023-25 Section 75 to be signed and in place by 31 October 2023, however one ICB is still to sign the joint agreement.

#### Quarterly Returns for Quarters 2 and 3 for 2023/2024

- 2.11 The Quarterly Report is a standing requirement of the Better Care Fund planning and reporting cycle, sitting alongside the submission of the annual Better Care Fund Plan. Quarterly reporting had been paused during Covid-19 and subsequently is now being re-established at Quarter 2, 2023/24.
- 2.12 **Quarter 2**  
The quarterly report template for Quarter 2 was not significantly detailed, with the two main reporting requirements being performance against the mandate Better Care Fund metric and refreshed Intermediate Care Demand and Capacity plan. North Yorkshire Council has not significantly changed the demand and capacity figures as systemwide data is one of the challenges it has and that is not shifted. On-going collaboration between the ICBs and NYC to improve data is taking place with support from the BCF team.
- 2.13 **Quarter 3**  
For the third quarter's monitoring report, activity reporting was introduced where spend and activity along with outputs/deliverables for pre-selected BCF schemes were requested along with a provision to update previous quarter's capacity and demand. North Yorkshire estimated that the spend and activity as set in the Better Care Plan for 2023/24 would be met.
- 2.14 North Yorkshire Council is on track to meet the individual targets set in the Better Care Plan for 2023/24.

### **3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Local Authority and its health partners to produce an agreed, fully costed Better Care Fund Plan and for that to be signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board
- 3.2 In terms of monitoring, it is also a requirement that the re-established Quarterly Returns are approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The following minimum funding must be pooled into the Better Care Fund in 2023-25:-

#### **BCF Schemes – 2023/24**

- Total BCF funding 2023/24 is £77.1m (LY£68.6m).
- The ICBs' BCF Minimum Contribution in 2023/24 is £45.8m (LY £46.1m) of which £18.2m is transferred to NYC for Adult Social Care (LY £17.2m);
- LA's iBCF allocation is £17.3m (LY £17.3m).
- The total ASCDF, (Additional discharge funding) for North Yorkshire is £5.9m; NYC £2.4m and ICBs £3.5m.
- DFG, (Disabled Facility Grant) for NYC is £5.1m

#### **BCF Schemes – 2024/25**

- 2024/25 total BCF funding is £82.9m (2023/24 £77.1m).
- The ICBs' BCF Minimum Contribution in 2024/25 is £51.5m (LY £45.8m) of which £19.2m is transferred to NYC for Adult Social Care (LY £17.2m);
- NYC iBCF estimated allocation is £17.3m (2023/24 £17.3m).
- The total ASCDF, (Additional discharge funding) for North Yorkshire is £8.9m; NYC £4.0m and ICBs £4.9m.
- DFG, (Disabled Facility Grant) for NYC is £5.1m

- 4.2 The programme and initiatives for its success are in part funded through national grants: Better Care Fund, additional Discharge Fund, Improved Better Care Fund and Disabled Facilities Grant (2023/24: £77.1m and 2024/25 £82.9m). The first two come from the Department of Health and Social Care through the ICB, while the latter two are received by the local authority from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. All are dependent on meeting conditions that contribute towards the programme and the targets, and that plans to this effect are jointly agreed between the Integrated Care Board and the Local Authority under a pooled budget arrangement

### **5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 An initial equality impact assessment screening form is being completed – to follow.

### **6 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 An initial climate change impact assessment form is being completed and will be circulated – to follow.

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

- 7.1 The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a programme spanning both local government and the NHS which seeks to join-up health and care services, so that people can manage their own health and wellbeing and live independently in their communities for as long as possible.
- 7.2 Monitoring of the Fund helps ensure the priorities are being achieved

## 8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 The content of the Plan has been agreed with partners and is fully costed.

## 9 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Better Care Fund Plan for 2023-2025 be approved; and
- 9.2 That the Quarterly Returns for Quarters 2 and Quarters 3, in respect of 2023/2024, be approved.

### Author

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS** relied upon in the preparation of this report – Better Care Fund Policy Framework and Planning Requirement 2023-25

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# Better Care Fund (2023-25) Submission Update 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



# National Conditions

The BCF Policy Framework for the two-year period 2023-25 sets out four national conditions that all BCF plans must meet to be approved. These are:

1. A jointly agreed plan between local health and social care commissioners and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).
2. NHS contribution to adult social care to be maintained in line with the uplift to NHS minimum contribution.
3. Invest in NHS commissioned out-of-hospital services.
4. Implementing the two BCF policy objectives.

Compliance with the national conditions will be confirmed through the planning template and narrative plans. Spend applicable to these national conditions will be calculated in the planning template based on scheme-level expenditure data.

## National Conditions (2)

One of the findings from the 2018 BCF review was to provide clearer and more focused objectives for the BCF that address wider system and prevention outcomes through co-ordination of services.

The two objectives for 2023-25 BCF are:

- i. Enable people to stay well, safe and independent at home for longer.
- ii. Provide the right care in the right place at the right time.

The four National Conditions of the BCF have been amended to reflect these two objectives and now requires HWB areas to agree an approach within their BCF plan to make progress against these objectives in 2023-25.

# Submission time-line

Action	Date due by	Achieved
BCF planning requirements published	5 April 2023	✓
Optional draft BCF planning submission submitted to BCM	By 19 May 2023	✓
BCF planning submission from local HWB areas (agreed by ICBs and local government).	19 July 2023	✓
Scrutiny of BCF plans by regional assurers, assurance panel meetings and regional moderation	28 June to 28 July 2023	✓
Approval letters issued giving formal permission to spend (NHS minimum)	18 September 2023	✓
All section 75 agreements to be signed and in place	31 October 2023	☒

## Contributions from:

- ❑ NHS Humber and North Yorkshire ICB
- ❑ NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB
- ❑ NHS West Yorkshire ICB

# Priorities 2023-25:

The NY BCF constitutes a major programme of joint investment between North Yorkshire Council and the NHS via the three Integrated Care Boards (ICB). The integrated delivery of the Better Care Fund remains a key driver for the commissioning and improvement of integrated services across North Yorkshire.

## Priorities for 2023-25:

The head-line priorities for NY are included in a Place Board Plan as follows:

- Priority 1 - A comprehensive and integrated health and social care model
- Priority 2 - A high quality care sector, with sufficient capacity to meet demand
- Priority 3 - A strong workforce
- Priority 4 - Prevention and Public Health

# Priority 1 2023-25 (2)

Priority 1 - A comprehensive and integrated health and social care model

WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE:

- Increase in people living independently or managing safely at home/care setting.
- Increased care provided closer to home, with a sufficiency of supply of community health and social care services.
- Reduced need for acute beds for urgent care and for 24/7 residential and nursing beds.
- Significantly reduced delayed discharges into community care (whether nursing, residential or domiciliary care).
- Acute delivery operating much more in the community, coexisting with primary and social care.
- Partnerships that understand and respond jointly to the needs of their communities.
- People are supported to live in a broad range of housing that meets their circumstances.

# Priority 1 2023-25 (3)

Priority 1 - A comprehensive and integrated health and social care model

KEY ACTIONS:

- Ensure a greater emphasis on self help, prevention and population health management (PHM).
- Develop a model for community health and social care which addresses sufficiency, comprehensiveness and skill mix, as well as integration.
- Develop a consistent model for intermediate care.
- NHS, local authority and other partners to develop integrated models of care, e.g. strong multi disciplinary teams and consistent 'any door' access.
- Develop alternative services in or near Emergency Depts urgent community response, virtual wards
- Strengthened role for the VCSE.
- Supporting Enhanced Health in care homes and joint work through the
- Quality Improvement Team to improve responsiveness and quality.



# Priority 2 2023-25 (4)

Priority 2 - A high quality care sector, with sufficient capacity to meet demand

WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE:

- Increase in people living independently.
- Higher recruitment and retention levels across health and social care.
- A care market sustainable for providers and affordable for commissioners and service users.
- Reduced reliance on acute beds and 24 hour nursing/residential care Home First approach.
- Enhanced community capacity that can flex to prevent avoidable hospital admissions and facilitate timely hospital discharge.

## Priority 2 2023-25 (5)

Priority 2 - A high quality care sector, with sufficient capacity to meet demand

### KEY ACTIONS:

- Shaping the care market through the transformation of Approved Provider Lists consider impact of social care funding levy and cap.
- Recruitment and retention of care staff through attractive pay, training and career development.
- Develop innovative models for domiciliary care
- Undertake fair cost of care exercises for domiciliary care and implement actual cost of care for residential /nursing care to deliver a sustainable care market.
- Work with care providers to implement the national charging reforms for adult social care and the next phase of the NHS discharge pathway.

# Priority 3 2023-25 (6)

Priority 3 - A strong workforce

WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE:

- Sufficient trained and motivated staff to meet demand through:
- Positive narratives about the various different roles and professions.
- Increasing numbers of people being recruited.
- Range of innovative, possibly even joint funded, posts to help bridge gaps and/or break down silos (e.g. part primary care / community, or part health / social care).
- High recruitment and retention levels of all care staff.

# Priority 3 2023-25 (7)

## Priority 3 - A strong workforce

### KEY ACTIONS:

- Develop more balanced/varied roles and better work/life balance, wellbeing support, appropriate rewards.
- Develop innovative approaches to recruitment.
- Develop innovative workforce models.
- Innovative use of technology to support staff.
- Identify opportunities for cross sector working and roles.
- Support international recruitment across sectors.

# Priority 4 2023-25(8)

## Priority 4 - Prevention and Public Health

### WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE:

- Narrowing of the gap in health inequalities between the least deprived areas compared with the most deprived areas across North Yorkshire.
- Increase in overall healthy life expectancy across the County.
- Narrowing of the gap in healthy life expectancy between the people in the least deprived areas compared with those in the most deprived areas across North Yorkshire.
- Having a clear, resourced strategic plan with dedicated staff to implement.

# Priority 4 2023-25(9)

## Priority 4 - Prevention and Public Health

### KEY ACTIONS:

- Commission and provide high quality, accessible prevention and primary care services.
- Support people to maintain good mental health with timely access to effective primary, secondary and specialist services when needed.
- Support people to be physically active across all ages and stages of the life course.
- Influence through the strength of the partnership the wider determinants of health with a particular focus on coastal communities.
- Promote and invest in stronger communities and strategic commissioning of the VCSE.
- Engage with people in a dialogue about self care, early help, loneliness and using digital tools.

# Priority development 2023-25

In respect of BCF specifically, the following areas represent priority areas for development over the next 2 years:

1. Development of Local Care Partnerships supported by locality-based plans;
2. Strengthened multi-disciplinary working and the development of neighbourhood teams;
3. Development of a population health management approach to address health inequalities;
4. Development of a new integrated model of intermediate care that will support both admission avoidance and expedite discharge from hospital;
5. Strategic review of integrated VSCE commissioning as true system partners;

## Priority development 2023-25 (2)

6. Strengthened approach to collaborative commissioning, including comprehensive review of all existing partnership agreements given that both North Yorkshire Council and Humber and North Yorkshire ICB are new organisations;
7. Strengthened care market with closer collaborative commissioning for packages of care between the Local Authority and Continuing Healthcare;
8. Improved systems and processes for prescribing community equipment;
9. Continued support for unpaid carers, including recommissioning of Carers Break Sitting Services; and
10. Review of delivery of the Disabled Facilities Grant and wider services.



## Key changes since previous plan:

- The BCF Plan has been revised to include additional expenditure and reflect up-dated spend, including inflation uplift where appropriate;
- New aspirations have been included for the revised BCF metrics;
- Development priorities and actions have been revised to reflect the current work programme, particularly to reflect Place Board priorities and plan;
- North Yorkshire County Council has merged with its District and Borough Councils to create a single unitary authority, North Yorkshire Council; and
- The Disabled Facilities Grant is therefore no longer passed through and is managed by the new authority.

# 2023/24 BCF budget

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	2023/24
Funding Sources;	
DFG	£5,114,924
Minimum NHS Contribution	£48,759,576
iBCF	£17,328,446
Additional LA Contribution	£0
Additional NHS Contribution	£0
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£2,429,421
ICB Discharge Funding	£3,517,496
<b>Total</b>	<b>£77,149,863</b>

# 2024/25 BCF budget

	2024/25
Funding Sources;	
DFG	£5,114,924
Minimum NHS Contribution	£51,519,368
iBCF	£17,328,446
Additional LA Contribution	£0
Additional NHS Contribution	£0
Local Authority Discharge Funding	£4,032,839
ICB Discharge Funding	£4,928,484
<b>Total</b>	<b>£82,924,061</b>

# Delegated Authority

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To enable the continued support, maintenance and reporting of the Better Care Fund the Health & Wellbeing Board continues to agree that the local authority's Public Health Director has delegated authority to agree plans on behalf of the board.

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# Questions and support documents



Microsoft Word Document

2023-25 BCF Narrative



Microsoft Excel Worksheet

2023-25 BCF Finance Template



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2023/24 Quarter 2 monitoring report



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2023/24 Quarter 3 monitoring report

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**15 March 2024**

## **Draft Rolling Work Programme 2024/2025**

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

#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek comments on and approval to the draft Work Programme for 2024/2025.

#### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Work Programme is considered by the Board at each meeting. It tends to be presented without commentary. On this occasion, with it being the start of a new period for the Work Programme, effective from the next meeting in May 2024, I thought it might be helpful to outline the background/context so that Members can see how it is comprised.

- 2.2 The draft Work Programme for 2024/2025 is appended. It is based primarily on four aspects:-

a) Statutory documents that need to be considered

Examples include the North Yorkshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Better Care Fund which have to be signed off by the Board, according to its Terms of Reference.

b) Previous decisions of the Board

For example, last year the Board considered an update on Health Protection and resolved that an update be provided every year.

c) Updates on key documents/consideration of key Strategies that will have an impact on the health and wellbeing of people in North Yorkshire

These could include the Carers Strategy and the Council's Local Plan.

d) Convention

It has become the accepted practice that key Annual Reports are considered by the Board. For instance, those of the Director of Public Health and the North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

- 2.3 The Work Programme is not set in *tablets of stone* – it evolves according to changed circumstances.

- 2.4 Members of the Board have the opportunity to suggest changes to the Work Programme at each meeting. In addition, it is considered at each Mid Cycle Briefing (attended by the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Corporate Director for Health and Adult Services, the Director of Public Health and Place Director for North Yorkshire), with any

changes being contained in the next iteration which, as mentioned, is considered by the Board at every meeting.

2.5 The Board also, periodically, holds Workshops on matters of mutual interest to partners. These are held on the same day as meetings of the Board and are informal in nature. The last Workshop, concerning Community Development, was held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.

2.6 A list of potential Workshops is set out at the end of the Work Programme. Any views that Members may have as to these, or any additional suggestions, would be welcomed.

### **3 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no legal implications other than the fact that there are certain policies/ documents that must be considered by the Board and it makes sense to map these out on a Work Programme.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There may be financial implications in respect of some of the Items considered by the Board but, in terms of the Work Programme itself, there are none.

### **5 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There may be equalities implications in respect of some of the Items considered by the Board but, in terms of the Work Programme itself, there are none.

### **6 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no climate change implications.

### **7 CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 The Work Programme is a useful document for Agenda planning purposes and Members have the opportunity to input into it at each meeting.

### **8 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 To enable the Board to be aware of the main items that are scheduled for consideration during the next year.

### **9 RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the draft Work Programme for 2024/2025 be approved as it stands currently, but that it be noted it will evolve.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS** relied upon in the preparation of this report – None

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# Health and Wellbeing Board

## North Yorkshire



### DRAFT ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025

**NOTE: Items subject to change. All meetings to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams, unless stated otherwise**

WEDNESDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> MAY 2024			
ITEM	LEAD	REPORT DEADLINE	COMMENTS
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Monday 13th May 2024	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
North Yorkshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Director of Public Health	Monday 13th May 2024	Sign off of the Strategy
North Yorkshire Carers Strategy	Assistant Director, Prevention and Service Development	Monday 13th May 2024	An update on the refreshed Strategy; key dates, etc
Rolling Work Programme	Senior Democratic Services Officer	Monday 13th May 2024	Standing Item

**ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

<b>FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>REPORT DEADLINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
Health Protection	Public Health Consultant	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	When a report on this was presented last year, it was agreed that there should be an annual update
Better Care Fund 2023/2024 – Quarter 4 Return	Director of Public Health	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	To approve the fourth quarter return
Rolling Work Programme	Senior Democratic Services Officer	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Standing Item

**ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

<b>WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>REPORT DEADLINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
Local Plan Update	Director of Community Development	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Presentation
Rolling Work Programme	Senior Democratic Services Officer	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Standing Item

**ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

<b>WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>REPORT DEADLINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
North Yorkshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Delivery Plan	Director of Public Health	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Update on progress against the key priorities in the Strategy
Director of Public Health Annual Report	Director of Public Health	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Report and presentation
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership (NYSCP) Annual Report 2023/2024	Executive Chair and Independent Scrutineer NYSCP and Corporate Director, Children and Young People’s Service	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Presentation
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2023/2024	Chair of Safeguarding Adults Board	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Presentation
Rolling Work Programme	Senior Democratic Services Officer	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Standing Item

**ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2023/2024**

<b>MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>REPORT DEADLINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
Better Care Fund 2025/2026	Director of Public Health	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	To approve the Better Care Fund
Rolling Work Programme	Senior Democratic Services Officer	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Standing Item

**ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

<b>FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025</b>			
<b>ITEM</b>	<b>LEAD</b>	<b>REPORT DEADLINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Integrated Care Partnerships - Updates	Chief Operating Officer, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System  Director of Integrated Health and Care, Bradford District and Craven Health and Care Partnership	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Standing Item  Generally these will be verbal updates
North Yorkshire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Delivery Plan	Director of Public Health	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Update on progress against the key priorities in the Strategy
Consideration of Rolling Work Programme for 2025/2026	Principal Democratic Services Officer	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	To approve the Work Programme for the year ahead

**OTHER *POTENTIAL* ITEMS – NO SET DATE ALLOCATED**

- NHS Operating Framework and Local Government Financial Settlement – update
- Regeneration

***POTENTIAL* WORKSHOPS**

On occasions (on the same day as a Board meeting), the Board holds a Workshop on an area of mutual interest to partners.

Future Workshops might include:-

- Spotlight Session on the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Health of the Nation
- Health and Inequalities
- Coastal/Rural Initiatives
- Local Plan Update (suggested as an Agenda Item for the meeting on 18th September 2024 but may lend itself to a Workshop)

Principal Democratic Services Scrutiny Officer

March 2024

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