

## Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board

**7 December 2022 at 5.00pm**  
**Held at the Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House.**

**Present:**

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC)

Councillor Suzanne Hartwell	Chair and Cabinet Member for Adults, Social Care and Health
Councillor Charn Singh Padda	Cabinet Member for Housing
Councillor Simon Hackett	Cabinet Member for Children and Education
Councillor Bob Piper	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
Councillor Elaine Giles	Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board
Dr Lisa McNally	Director of Public Health
Michael Jarrett	Director of Children's Services and Education

Black Country Integrated Care Board

Dr Priyanand Hallan	Vice-Chair and Sandwell Locality Commissioning Board Representative
Michelle Carolan	Managing Director Sandwell
Dr Sameera Mavi	Sandwell Locality Commissioning Board

Healthwatch Sandwell

Phil Griffin	Chair of Healthwatch Sandwell
Alexia Farmer	Healthwatch Sandwell Manager

Sandwell Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO)

Mark Davis	Chief Executive
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Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

Richard Beeken	Chief Executive
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## **Officers and Invitees in attendance**

Tammy Davies	Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust
Chris Masikane	Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Dr Lina Martino	Consultant in Public Health
Jason Copp	Senior Research Officer, Public Health
Cathren Armstrong	Health Protection Specialist, Public Health
Donna Roberts	Holiday Activity Food Marketing and Engagement Co-ordinator
Samantha Harman	Holiday Activity and Food Programme Manager
Sue Clark	Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board
Deb Ward (remote attendee)	Sandwell Safeguarding Adults Board

### **40/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Giles, Councillor Piper and Mark Davies.

### **41/22 Councillor Ann Shackleton**

The Chair paid tribute to the late Councillor Ann Shackleton, who had sadly passed away on 16th November 2022.

Ann had been a member of the Board, in her capacity as both Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and more recently as Chair of Children's Services and Education Scrutiny Board.

Ann was an advocate for Adult Social Care, wanting the best care and services for the most vulnerable adults in our community to ensure that they were able to lead a fulfilling life. She also felt very passionate about Sandwell's children and young people having the best start in life and a great education and life choices.

### **41/22 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**42/22 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2022 are approved as a correct record.

**43/22 Urgent Additional Items of Business**

There were no urgent additional items of business.

**44/22 Sandwell Parents For Disabled Children Presentation**

The Board received a short presentation demonstrating the work that had been carried out by Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children (SPDC). Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children engaged with the parent carer community to provide help and support to ensure that all disabled children, young people and their families had access to a range of positive play and leisure opportunities enabling them to be safe, healthy and happy.

The SPDC provided a monthly programme of activity and events including breakfast and chat sessions, well-being sessions, exercise activities, support sessions and short breaks. Partnership working was in place with other services across the borough to ensure comprehensive provision. The Board heard personal accounts from parent carers on the struggles they faced as carers. The SPDC was described as life-life for carers, providing crucial guidance and support during difficult times.

Through the use of the National Lottery funding, the group had engaged an artist to help with the creation of a piece of art that represented what it was like to be a carer. The piece was on display at the Council House for the month of December and would be on display at various other public buildings thereafter. The image would also feature on the cover of the Sandwell Carer's Strategy.

**45/22 Sandwell Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23**

Retrospective approval was sought for the Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23.

The Sandwell Better Care Fund programme provided vital funding and protection for Adult Social Care and Community Health services, enabling the Council to support the most vulnerable individuals and communities as local health and care systems continued to manage the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, alongside the growing pressures resulting from increased demand and demographic challenges.

On 18 November 2022, the government had published an addendum to the BCF Policy Framework for 2022/23 to incorporate within the BCF Pooled Budget a further allocation of funding to support adult social care hospital discharges through this winter. This required a joint social care and health plan for utilising the funding.

The additional allocation for the Adult Social Care Hospital Discharges Funding announced on 18 November 2022 would be distributed to Sandwell through two routes. The first was an allocation to the Council of £1,539,040 via a grant and the second was a share of the £5,974,142 allocated to the Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB).

The BCF Plan for 2022/23 had been developed in collaboration with partners from the Council, Black Country ICB, Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals Trust and Sandwell Council for Voluntary Organisations.

**Resolved:-**

- (1) that the Better Care Fund Plan 2022-23 is approved;
- (2) that, where time does not allow for the Health and Wellbeing Board to meet prior to submission deadlines, the Director of Adult Social Care is authorised to approve future Better Care Fund related documents, including joint plans for using pooled budgets to support integration, governed by

an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006.

**46/22 Harvest View - New Integrated Social Care and Health Centre**

The Board noted an update on the development of Harvest View. The facility provided a six-week structured support and rehabilitation programme, with specialist support from both social care and health services, for Sandwell residents leaving hospital and needing support to re-gain their independence, or those who required support and structure to avoid a stay in hospital.

The facility was fully funded by the Better Care Fund.

The facility had 80 ensuite rooms, spanning three floors, with communal spaces inside and out. The ground floor catered for those suffering from dementia, with specialist equipment and design. The middle floor provided nurse-led care, and the top floor was a social care residential unit.

All social care staff were employed by the Council's Adult Social Care directorate and all nursing staff were employed by the Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Hospitals Trust. GP cover was provided by Your Health Partnership. Admissions and discharges were planned and recorded through an integrated hub, with involvement of the resident's family carers, and the key focus being on person-centred care.

Harvest View had opened on 24 November 2022 and had received excellent feedback from service users. There were currently 19 residents staying there.

The Board welcomed the update and cited it as an excellent example of joint commissioning, that deserved national recognition as the first facility of its kind.

**47/22      A Multi-Agency Social Emotional Mental Health  
Competency Framework for Staff Working with Children  
and Young People in Sandwell**

The Board noted an update on the development of a Multi-Agency Social Emotional Mental Health Competency Framework for Staff working with Children and Young People in Sandwell.

The Framework would be aimed at all staff, including caretakers, teachers, community transport drivers and youth workers and would encourage collaborative working to support children and young people across Sandwell.

The Sandwell Wellbeing Charter Mark had been supporting schools to adopt a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing since 2018. The Charter Mark had now been extended to support Early Years Settings and Community Voluntary Sector Organisations to adopt a whole-organisation approach to mental health and wellbeing. This work had identified a need to improve learning and development opportunities for the whole place-based workforce, not just those in education settings, to support the emotional health and wellbeing of our children and young people in Sandwell.

The Framework set out separate competencies for those working with children and young people at different ages - early years, primary school, secondary school and college - with clear enhancements included where necessary for children and young people with additional needs. Consideration was also being given to applying the Framework in community hubs. The competences were not new and were aligned to the Safeguarding Partnership's competences. The expectation was that they would be embedded in one to one and appraisal processes.

The purpose of the Framework was not to make everyone an expert in children and young people's mental health, but to give confidence to increase their ability to recognise need and signpost, and reduce the number of risk-averse referrals into mental health services.

It was proposed to disseminate the framework from January 2023. It would be reviewed on an annual basis.

**Resolved** that the Multi-Agency Social Emotional Mental Health Competency Framework for Staff working with Children and Young People in Sandwell is approved and disseminated to relevant organisations.

#### **48/22 Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Strategy**

The Board received the Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2022 which had been developed in conjunction with the Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Partnership (SDAP).

The Strategy had been informed by the 2022 Sandwell Drug and Alcohol Needs Assessment, which had reviewed local drug and alcohol needs, and aligned to the Government's 10-year plan "*From Harm to Hope*". Three core elements of the plan were to break drug supply chains, deliver a world class treatment and development service and reduce the demand for recreational drugs. It was noted that although the two strategies were very similar, an extra "alcohol strand" had been added to the local strategy to specifically address the circumstances faced in Sandwell. Local partnerships utilising proactive oversight of the strategy was key to addressing the concerns.

It was highlighted that due to pro-active treatment services already based in the borough, the severe increases seen in other areas had not been experienced in Sandwell. Two national awards had already been received for Sandwell's approach to vulnerable drinkers and the borough's excellent approach to community care. Young people's hospital admissions were well below the national and regional average, however, alcohol related deaths and unmet drug and alcohol need required further development and attention.

A local needs assessment had been completed during April-June 2022 with over 30 partner organisations. Focus groups were held for young people and adults with living experience of drug and alcohol abuse. Wider consultation had also taken place obtaining a further 420 Responses. Many people had been

identified who were either too unwell or ashamed of the stigma associated with asking for assistance with drugs and alcohol.

The SSDAP would be the main driver of the Strategy with oversight of governance arrangements. Targets and outcome monitoring would be set, and additional working groups would be created. A single town model would be used to better understand hotspots in the borough.

Although more work was needed around prevention, it was highlighted that young people's services did already undertake education and prevention work throughout primary schools. The Police also worked with a range of partners to drive early help.

The Board welcomed the Strategy and endorsed the associated Action Plan and delivery plans.

#### **49/22 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) - Approach**

Approval was sought to the proposed approach to the production of Sandwell's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

The production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was a joint statutory duty for local authorities and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs); discharged through the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The key principle is for the Local Authority, NHS partners, the voluntary sector, the community and service users to work together in the local area.

The aim, in co-operation with NHS partners, the voluntary sector and community service users, was to research and agree a comprehensive picture of local health and wellbeing needs and develop local evidence-based priorities to improve the public's health and wellbeing. The strategy would remain adaptable to ensure that quick changes could be made in response to the ever-evolving cultural and economic landscape.

The proposed approach for Sandwell followed two parallel activities. The first activity was the data analysis approach, this



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would provide overarching data for key topic areas. The second activity was a “deep dive”, that would examine need in more detail for specific topic areas.

**Resolved** that the proposed approach to the development of Sandwell’s Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is approved.

Meeting ended at 8.03pm.

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