

HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD
14/09/2021 at 3.00 pm



Present: Councillor M Bashforth (Chair)
Councillors Chauhan and Moores

Harry Catherall	Chief Executive OMBC
Donna Cezair	CEO, FCHO
Gerard Jones	Managing Director Children and Young People
Stuart Lockwood	OCLL
Dr. John Patterson	Clinical Commissioning Group
Katrina Stephens	Director of Public Health
Tamoor Tariq	Oldham Healthwatch
Mark Warren	Director, Adult Social Care

Also in Attendance:

Sarah Whittle	Neighbourhoods
Christine Wood	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Birch, Leach and Sykes, Superintendent Rachael Harrison, Dr Keith Jeffery, Claire Smith, Laura Windsor-Welch.

The Chair introduced Harry Catherall, recently appointed Chief Executive of Oldham Council, and advised of a new member to the Board, Superintendent, Rachael Harrison who would be replacing Chief Superintendent, Chris Allsop.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Tamoor Tariq declared an interest by virtue of being an Elected Member of Bury Council and Bury Health and Wellbeing Board.

Councillor Chauhan declare an interest by virtue of his employment as a Local General Practitioner in Oldham.

3 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2021**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd June 2021 be approved as a correct record.

In relation to item 7 of the minutes of 22nd June 2021, the Board was advised that national guidance regarding Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) had still not been published and that it would not be possible to bring forward the timeline for completing the PNA.

In relation to item 8 of the minutes of 22nd June 2021, it was suggested that an action plan would be appropriate to address issues that had been raised within the report. It was agreed that the issues raised within the report would form part of an action plan to be addressed by the Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder.

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OLDHAM SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD: 2020/21 ANNUAL REPORT AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2024

Consideration was given to the Oldham Safeguarding Annual Report 2020/21 and the 2021-24 Strategic Plan. The Board was reminded that the Oldham Adult Safeguarding Board (OSAB) was a statutory partnership set up to safeguarding adults at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, or exploitation. As part of the statutory duties, the Board was required to produce an Annual Report setting out future ambitions and actions to help keep people safe in Oldham.

The Board was advised that, during the previous eighteen months, the OSAB had introduced a series of measures designed to remodel adult safeguarding arrangements across Oldham. The new arrangements were designed to strengthen and improve multi-agency working through a combination of new safeguarding structures, greater alignment with the Children's Safeguarding Partnership and integrated safeguarding structures across Community Health and Social Care.

The Board was reminded that the role of the OSAB was to assure itself that organisations and agencies across Oldham were working together to protect and enable adults to live safely. This meant helping people to make decisions about the risks they faced in their own lives as well as protecting those who lacked the capacity to make these decisions.

The Board was advised that the three main statutory duties of the OSAB were to:

- Produce a Strategic Plan setting out the changes the Board wanted to achieve and how organisations would work together.
- Publish an Annual Report setting out safeguarding concerns it had dealt with in the last year as well as plans to keep people safe in the future.
- Undertake a Safeguarding Adult Review in line with Section 44 of the Care Act where it believed someone had experienced harm as a result of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

The Annual Report provided information on the number and type of safeguarding concerns reported in Oldham, along with actions taken to adopt learning from the Safeguarding Adult Reviews. Central to this had been the collection and sharing of first-hand experiences by adults 'at risk' and family members who had experience of safeguarding issues and services in Oldham.

It was reported that a total of 2038 safeguarding referrals had been made in 2020/21. Of these, 408 had become the subject

of a formal safeguarding enquiry. Data had shown that the number of referrals had doubled in the previous two years. The report acknowledged that this may be due to a combination of improvements in the recording data, Covid-19 campaigns designed to encourage people to report safeguarding concerns and lockdown restrictions which had seen an increase in reports of domestic and financial abuse. Whilst the number of overall referrals had increased, the number of serious safeguarding enquires remained relatively consistent during the previous four years.

It was further reported that nine Safeguarding Adult Reviews had been completed in 2020/21, which was consistent with the previous year. The main types of abuse had been self-neglect, acts of omission and domestic abuse which could include psychological abuse, violence, physical abuse and financial abuse.

The Board was advised that the OSAB Strategic Plan had been shaped by the Government's new legislative programme, learning from Covid-19 and the correlation between Oldham's demographic profile and local safeguarding trends. Factors such as levels of poverty, the numbers of people living with mental health issues, homelessness and alcohol related deaths disproportionately impacted on adults with care and support needs and were key factors within Oldham's Safeguarding Adults Reviews.

As a result of the above, the Strategy had set out a challenging programme of work, designed to prevent and reduce future safeguarding incidents and implement an effective 'all age' safeguarding offer. This work would take place within far-reaching changes proposed in the Health and Care Bill, including the creation of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), new legislative requirements within the Mental Health Act White Paper and the introduction of the Liberty Protection Safeguards. The strategy recognised that changes of this scale and complexity needed integration that looked beyond the NHS and social care, to fully involve the wider statutory, voluntary and community sectors as equal contributors.

It was reported that the strategy was designed to focus on action and the 2021/22 Annual Plan on a Page set out the Board's work programme for the current year. The one-page summary was being actively promoted and shared across agencies to highlight the aims of the Board and promote the wide range of resources and information available through the Board's website and fortnightly joint Children's and Adults Safeguarding bulletins.

In terms of the evaluation of the strategy, it was noted that assurance relied on insight gained from Oldham's multi-agency safeguarding data and quality assurance processes. However, during 2020/21, OSAB recognised that data sets used for the reporting of adult safeguarding incidents by partners, required improvement.

As such it was highlighted that prevalence data needed to consider wider data sets and for example to consider activity across primary care and GP practice. The Board was advised that the above comments would be conveyed to the Safeguarding Board with a suggestion that the report be updated to reflect the above comments.

RESOLVED that the Safeguarding Adults Board 2019/20 Annual Report and 2021-24 Strategic Plan be approved, subject to the amendments in relation to prevalence data and benchmarking.

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GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING SYSTEM

The Board considered a report providing an update on the NHS White Paper entitled 'Integration and Innovation: Working Together to Improve Health and Social Care for All' and the associated plans being put in place in Oldham and Greater Manchester.

The Board was reminded that, since the publication in February 2021 of the White Paper, colleagues across Greater Manchester (GM) and Oldham had been planning the transition of a Greater Manchester Integrated Care System (GM ICS) on 1st April 2022.

The Board was advised that an ICS Design Framework had been published by NHSE in June 2021, which had provided further information about the changes. On 6th July 2021, the Health and Care Bill for this White Paper had been introduced to Parliament and received its second reading in Parliament on the 14th July 2021. This had outlined that ICS's would be included in the creation of a statutory Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), which would be a joint committee, and an Integrated Care Board (ICB) (previously referred to as the ICS NHS body/board). The NHS Confederation had produced its own briefing note on the Health and Care Bill here.

It was reported that in GM, under the Devolution Agreement, we had been working as "more than an ICS" for the last five years – with strong working partnerships between health and social care and the voluntary sector, and that the creation of a statutory Integrated Care Partnership and Integrated Care Board would formalise these arrangements. The new statutory nature of an ICS would allow for building on the ambitious and ground-breaking ways we had been working over the last five years and continue to evolve to deliver even better health and care for the people of Greater Manchester.

It was further reported that the GM ICS would operate on three levels to deliver a new five-year vision and plan:

- Neighbourhood
- Locality
- Greater Manchester

The Board was advised that, whilst duties would transfer to ICS's, it was anticipated that the GM ICS would deliver its functions partly via locality place-based boards and teams within each GM locality, including through neighbourhood structures.

The Board was further advised that a GM Statutory ICS Transition Programme had been established, led by a Board meeting fortnightly, to oversee the transition to the new ICS arrangements. The Board was made up of representatives from all organisations which would become part of the new NHS body, as well as NHS providers and Local Authorities. There were fourteen workstreams, each with a GM system lead. Work was underway to agree the critical path for the next nine months. There was a recognition that GM staff were still managing the COVID-19 response and recovery.

It was reported that the recruitment process of the Chair of the GM ICS had commenced and was due to conclude around the first two weeks of September and the ICS Chief Executive role would commence recruitment early September and conclude at the end of September. The GM Executive Team would take place over the next two to three months. The intention was for the GM ICS, including localities to operate with shadow arrangements ahead of the statutory change on 1st April 2022.

It was further reported that the Oldham transition arrangements would be managed by a Transition Programme Board on behalf of the CCG Governing Body and would therefore oversee the time-limited ICS change programme. Its core purpose would be to oversee at least four key work areas that would work in tandem with the GM approach:

- System/Place-based Governance Accountability and Strategic Planning Functions
- People and Culture
- Finance and Use of Resources
- Provider Collaborative

The Board was advised that, during August, national guidance had been released in respect of the Employment Commitment for those NHS staff impacted by the ICS change. This meant that the majority of Oldham CCG would be covered by an employment commitment to continuity of terms and conditions. This commitment was designed to provide stability and remove uncertainty during this transition. For those not covered by this commitment, the guidance also detailed the support that these individuals would receive during the HR process to be followed. There was an expectation that all CCG employees would 'lift and shift' into the GM ICS on 1st April 2022, with any remaining/ongoing work to determine exact roles and structures continuing after this date.

A discussion took place in which the challenge and massive impact on Oldham was recognised. The importance of the voluntary sector and partnership arrangement being in place was also recognised.

The accountability to residents of Oldham and the need to recruit talented young people to work in the Borough was also highlighted. The Board was reminded that Oldham was the greenest Borough in Greater Manchester and the importance of integrated working was also recognised.



RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

16th November 2021
14th December 2021 (Development Session)
25th January 2022
22nd March 2022

All meetings commence at 2pm.

The meeting started at 3pm and ended at 4.45pm.