

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
10 SEPTEMBER 2020  
2.00 - 3.45 PM**



**Present:**

Councillor Dale Birch, Bracknell Forest Council  
Philip Cook, Involve  
Councillor Dr Gareth Barnard, Bracknell Forest Council  
Cynthia Folarin, Bracknell Forest Council  
Rachel Morgan, Bracknell Forest Council  
Melanie O'Rourke, Bracknell Forest Council  
Jonathan Picken, Bracknell Forest Safeguarding Board  
Mark Sanders, Healthwatch  
Fiona Slevin-Brown, East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Dr William Tong, East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group  
Timothy Wheadon, Bracknell Forest Council

**Apologies for absence were received from:**

Alex Gild, Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust  
Martin Kittel, East Berkshire CCG  
David Radbourne, South Central Sub Region NHS

**43. Election of Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Dale Birch be elected Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the municipal year 2020-21.

**44. Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Philip Cook be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the municipal year 2020-2021.

**45. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**46. Urgent Items of Business**

There were no urgent items of business.

**47. Minutes from Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the meeting held on 27 February 2020 were approved as a correct record.

**48. Matters Arising**

Arising from the previous minutes, the following points were noted:

- Jonathan Picken advised that there was ongoing a child safeguarding review and an extended piece of work would be done and reported back to the group.
- **Action: Better Care Fund to be put on forward plan**
- **Action: Terms of reference for the group to be examined.**

49. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

50. **Community Impact Assessment - output**

Abby Thomas, the Assistant Director for the Chief Executive's Office presented to the Group the findings of the Community Impact Assessment. The impact assessment looked at how the Coronavirus pandemic had affected residents and the community and would be used to inform the future response. The report was evidence led and based on data collected from multiple sources up until the end of June 2020.

Key points raised from the presentation were:

- Bracknell Forest had a lower than average risk factor and was broadly similar to the South East.
- DAT referrals had increased since July.
- Bracknell Town Centre wards had higher levels of residents shielding.
- Partners had been utilising digital technology to a greater extent and it was acknowledged that this could become a barrier to residents accessing services.
- Over 1400 residents were currently receiving regular support
- Residents faced increased financial hardship. Families had been particularly impacted, and the use of foodbanks had increased.
- The next Community Impact Assessment would include the results of a resident's survey and several new data sources.
- Potential future challenges include local lockdowns, and local increases in Coronavirus cases and the end of furlough scheme

51. **NHSE Phase 3 restoration and recovery system response**

Fiona Slevin-Brown from East Berkshire Clinical Commissioning Group addressed the group on the NHS phase 3 restoration and recovery system response.

It was explained that there had been a need to step down some service provision so that care could be focused on responding to the Coronavirus pandemic. The NHS was working to restore services as much as possible whilst preparing for the pressure on services during the winter ahead. There would be an enhanced flu vaccine campaign and there was a need to prepare for EU exit too. It was acknowledged that there were a lot of competing priorities and the NHS was working hard to increase capacity as well as keep people well and at home.

The key focuses included an accelerating return to pre-coronavirus service levels and a new 111 service.

The document was available publicly.

Following questions it was confirmed that other key local partners were consulted as part of the response and it would be investigated how views were sought from the voluntary sector. It was noted that the ICS strategy also linked to other key partners.

52. **Agency Updates**

**Jonathan Picken** confirmed that the Safeguarding Board had signed off the annual report which would be circulated to partners.

**Melanie O'Rourke** reported that winter planning was currently underway and included a 7-day service which helped people out of hospital. The construction of Heathlands had now started.

**Fiona Slevin-Brown** updated the group that the main focus would be preparing for winter and continuing the good work with partners.

**Rachel Morgan** confirmed that school attendance was high, and all schools were open. There would be a focus on catching up, particularly for students who did not have as much home schooling. There had been an increase in child protection cases and a focus on children with SEN. There had also been a rise in parents wanting to educate children at home.

**Mark Sanders** reported that Healthwatch would no longer be delivering the service in Bracknell as a new provider called Help and Care had been appointed.

**Philip Cook** reported that volunteering had been having a positive impact on wellbeing for residents. The group were asked if there were any volunteering opportunities for residents as there currently weren't many opportunities then there were concerns that people would lose interest. **(Action: all partners to consider if they have any volunteering opportunities)**

**Tim Wheadon** reported that currently the number of Coronavirus cases was continuing to change. It had been confirmed that currently 6 young people had positive coronavirus tests and a local ice cream premises would be closed for 14 days for deep cleaning as there were links to the venue. There was an expectation that in the next few days there would be an increase in local figures. The Council were able to quickly identify and respond to the outbreak. It was also noted that testing capacity was currently limited.

**Cynthia Folarin** reported that in addition, two care homes had coronavirus outbreaks which had affected 2 individuals and the care homes had received further testing and support.

**CHAIRMAN**