



## Minutes

### Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) Integrated Care Partnership Board 2.00 pm, 25 April 2024

**Meeting venue:** Ledbury Room, The Gatehouse, Hareclive Road, Bristol BS13 9JN

#### Attendance list:

**Partnership Board Leadership Group:** Councillor Helen Holland (Chair), Bristol City Council (BCC); Councillor Jenna Ho Marris, North Somerset Council; Councillor John O'Neill, South Gloucestershire Council; Jeff Farrar, Chair, BNSSG Integrated Care Board (ICB); Shane Devlin, Chief Executive, BNSSG ICB; Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer, BNSSG ICB; Ros Cox, Associate Director (Partnerships), BNSSG ICB

**Community and VCSE Voices:** Chris Head (WERN); Mandy Gardner (VANs); Aileen Edwards (Second Step); Kay Libby (Age UK Bristol); Alison Findlay (Southern Brooks); Fiona Cope (North Somerset Citizens Advice); Rebecca Mear (VOSCUR)

**Constituent Health and Care Organisations:** Hugh Evans, Executive Director: Adult and Communities, BCC (Adult Social Care); Amanda Cheesley, Chair, Sirona Care & Health; Charlotte Hitchings, AWP; Chris Sivers, Director of Children Services (South Glos);

**Locality Partnerships:** Huda Hajinur (BICE); Sharron Norman (BNW); Tharsha Sivayokan (S Glos); Steve Rea (South Bristol)

**Other attendees (including standing invites):** Georgie Bigg (Healthwatch); David Smallcombe (Care & Support West); Ian Hird (Scrutiny Advisor BCC); Claudette Campbell (Democratic Services BCC); Becky Balloch, Head of Communications and Engagement, BNSSG ICB

**Presenters:** Heather Williams, Chief Executive, Knowle West Health Park; Rebecca Sheehy, Chief Executive, Bristol After Stroke

**Apologies for absence:** Laura Welti, Michele Romaine, Stephen Beet, Mark Coates, Alun Davies



## **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and led introductions.

## **2. Minutes of previous ICP Board meeting held on 29 February 2024**

The minutes of the previous ICP Board meeting held on 29 February 2024 were confirmed as a correct record.

## **3. Public Forum**

It was noted that public questions had been submitted by Barbara Harris on the subject of Discharge to Assess.

It was also noted that written responses had been provided to these questions and had been included as part of the published agenda papers for this meeting.

## **4. South Bristol Locality update**

### **a. Update on South Bristol locality partnership health profile/data**

The Board received an overview of the South Bristol locality partnership health profile, with reference to the most recent analysis of health, wellbeing and wider determinants in South Bristol, comparing the data with Bristol and England overall:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/files/documents/4803-south-bristol-locality-partnership-health-profile-2022>

### **b. Working in the community from a VCSE perspective and challenges faced**

(Presentation from Heather Williams, Chief Executive, Knowle West Health Park)

Main points raised/highlighted:

1. Feedback was provided on key challenges faced by a number of organisations working within the South Bristol Locality Partnership area.

2. Poor health can impact across generations – in some families in deprived areas, poor health and health inequalities can become expected/normalised.

3. Demand issue: VCSE groups are regarded locally as the 'go to' organisations when service gaps emerge; expectations have risen for the voluntary sector to fill gaps, bearing in mind the limits on statutory organisations' funding and issues faced in meeting ongoing service user demand. Given these factors, it is important for partners across sectors to share intelligence on identified gaps.

4. Effective partnership approaches to tackling issues are crucial, recognising that there are varying needs across different communities.

5. Funding remains a key challenge for VCSE groups, including a lack of power to designate funding locally. Much of the available funding is short term, or flat rate or restricted in how it can be used – this can impact on the ability of organisations to use funding in a way that would best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

6. VCSE groups and charities also continue to face ongoing financial pressure through significant cost increases. The cost-of-living crisis impact continues to be far reaching – many voluntary organisations, for example, face rent increases for use of premises.

7. A key ask from the sector to the ICP/ICB is to nurture support through the system for a 'prevention first' health approach.

#### **c. Bristol After Stroke (BAS) update**

(Presentation from Rebecca Sheehy, Chief Executive, Bristol After Stroke)

Main points raised/highlighted:

1. BAS operates across Bristol and South Gloucestershire, providing an integrated approach/service across acute and community stroke services.

2. Detail was provided on the positive outcomes following the reconfiguration of stroke services.

3. Through partnership working, the integrated community stroke service, based on the National Stroke Service Model, is integrating early supported discharge, longer term community rehab and life after stroke.

4. BAS referrals have increased from 300 to 800+ this year. BAS has found that areas of deprivation have the highest level of stroke incidence; BAS receives 36% of their referrals from South Bristol.

5. The service involves assessment and review of the needs of patients after 6 weeks; the aim is to fully assess the impact of a stroke for individuals and assist in finding appropriate after-stroke support – for example, included in the programme are communication workshops to support people who have suffered a stroke and have difficulty speaking, linking individuals to speech and language therapists.

6. BAS has received very positive feedback from users/user representatives.

#### **d. Support in the community for older people – LinkAge / Bristol Ageing Better Alliance**

(Presentation from Kay Libby, Chief Executive Officer, Age UK Bristol)

Main points raised/highlighted:

1. LinkAge projects are focused on connecting people with each other and keeping active.

2. Key challenges faced in improving older people's wellbeing, particularly in relation to South Bristol include:

- Lack of referrals for supported daytime activity for older people.
- Lack of meaningful support/respite for carers.
- Transport: limited community transport and lack of bus services in some areas.
- Dementia: perceived lack of a consistent strategy across BNSSG and lack of understanding of dementia in primary care (feedback from service users).
- Care homes: less activity, engagement, stimulation in *some* homes.
- Ongoing impact of cost-of-living crisis, keeping people warm.
- Challenges in moving to more suitable accommodation as people age.
- Reduction in local facilities, e.g. banks, chemists.
- Digital exclusion.
- Integrated services - need to develop truly integrated services and capture the benefits of wellbeing support alongside clinical outcomes.

3. It is important to note that joined-up service provision in relation to older people's wellbeing needs to balance intervention with prevention. The aim should be to develop truly integrated services that capture the benefits of wellbeing support alongside clinical outcomes.

4. It was noted that details of Age UK Bristol's work with older prisoners at HMP Bristol would be circulated.

The Chair thanked the presenters for their insightful overview of service provision in the South Bristol area in terms of tackling population health issues and health inequalities, noting the importance of partners taking all ongoing opportunities to work together to address community needs.

## **5. Health and Wellbeing Board Updates**

It was noted that written updates from the Chairs of the respective Health and Wellbeing Boards had been included as part of the published agenda papers for this meeting.

Key points highlighted:

1. North Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:

- The refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy had started with initial engagement covering the Council's Executive, Corporate Leadership Team and wider Leadership Development Team. A multi-agency Strategy Board was overseeing plans for wider community engagement, including a stakeholder engagement workshop on 8 July. Locality Partnerships, North Somerset

Together and a wide range of community forums would be engaged to help build a new version of the strategy, due to be published in the Autumn.

- A special arts, culture and health workshop was being held on Tuesday 21 May at the Front Room theatre in central Weston-super-Mare. The event would be led by Super Culture and would showcase the benefits of using the arts and culture to both articulate and support better wellbeing in the community.

## 2. Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board:

- A recent joint development session held with the One City Homes Board had included workshop discussions focused on:

- \* the ICB health infrastructure strategy and the ongoing work to understand pressures and priorities, with a particular focus on opportunities in South Bristol and Bristol's inner city.

- \* Healthy homes, focused on plans to tackle issues of damp, mould, and fire safety in Bristol's council housing/accommodation.

## 3. South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Work was starting to develop the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2025-29. The initial plan was to develop a strategy for system leadership and integration which would coordinate delivery through the partnerships and strategies which report into the HWB and promote the use of the JSNA in planning at a local and ICS level for population need.

## 6. ICB update

It was noted that a written update from the Chair of the ICB had been included as part of the published agenda papers for this meeting.

Key points highlighted:

- At their March meeting, an update had been received on the progress made by the ICB in addressing health inequalities. The paper considered by the Board differentiated between healthcare inequality and health inequality, summarised the commitments made in the Integrated Care System strategy and identified where there were gaps in oversight/governance to be addressed.

- Noting comments at this meeting, the ICB was mindful of the need to further develop the health preventative agenda.

## 7. Charing arrangements

Partners thanked Cllr Helen Holland for chairing the ICP Board during 2023/24. Noting that Cllr Holland would be retiring as a councillor after 33 years' service and would not be seeking re-election at the forthcoming Bristol City Council elections, partners also acknowledged Cllr Holland's work on this Board since its inception and her wider contribution to Bristol as a city and to the wider region throughout her service.

It was noted that Cllr John O'Neill (Chair of the South Gloucestershire Health and Wellbeing Board) would take the ICP Board chair for 2024/25.

**Meeting conclusion**

The Chair thanked all attendees for their attendance and participation and then closed the meeting.

Next meeting date: 2.00 - 5.00 pm, 27 June 2024