

Healthwatch Sheffield Strategic Advisory Group business meeting

Date & Time: 07/01/25, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

Location: Online

Present: Verni Tannam, Lucy Davies, Mark Gamsu, Tim Furness, Judy Robinson, Janet Harris, Trish Edney

Apologies: None

Meeting notes: Mina Clarke

Item	
1	Welcome and apologies None
2	Declarations of interest None
3	Matters arising from the previous meeting
	<p>The previous minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Sheffield Partnership Board Involvement Paper Helen Sims to send out email to set up task & finish group to take this forward.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy to meet with Dan Spicer to discuss <p>Feedback from SDUC work Lucy and Trish still waiting to clarify what work has already been done on this topic in Darnall.</p> <p>MP Visit Holly Robson to complete a write up of the session and to share with MPs. A review of social care has been announced.</p>
4	Fair and Healthy Sheffield Plan – Dan Spicer, Policy & Improvement Officer, Strategy & Partnerships Team, Sheffield City Council
	<p>Dan Spicer was invited to this session of the SAG to discuss some points of clarification around the Health and Wellbeing Board's Fair and Healthy Sheffield Plan. Dan gave a verbal presentation around where the Plan started, its aims, and how the Board intends to progress the Plan as well as opportunities for Healthwatch and public engagement to shape outcomes.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The board's role is statutory and treated as a strategic partnership in Sheffield, but has responsibilities rather than formal powers. The Fair and Healthy Sheffield Plan is not a full rewrite of the previous strategy, with the central aim mirroring that of the 2019/20 strategy. Changes</p>

include adopting thinking set out by Marmot's work on the wider determinants of health inequality, the Plan covering a longer time period than previously, and explicit references to health and social care.

Contents of the Fair and Healthy Sheffield Plan

The Plan consists of eight [building blocks](#) and four [radical shifts](#). The radical shifts recognise that within the current context, organisations will have to work differently in order to achieve the priorities set out by the Plan. The Plan will be reviewed every few years with a clear role for HWS to influence what priorities look like.

Implementation

Meaningful delivery and change of the Plan will require organisations to embed the Plan in how they work, with the Health and Wellbeing Board providing oversight and accountability. The Board has three principal ways of working: guiding action, calling people together, and influencing others. The Board would like to maintain a degree of flexibility to respond to ongoing work and changing conditions throughout the lifecycle of the Plan. The Board has four formal meetings a year, but holds a small number of informal events throughout the year e.g., policy deep dives, or running a city conference around a particular challenge. The priorities set out under each of the building blocks will guide what goes into planning core meetings and events.

A conference will be held at the end of March on the links between poverty and health and how the city will address this. The Board are trying to build greater accountability into the way they engage internally around the Plan. There is a specific ask of partner organisations to take it to their boards for them to endorse it and commit to way of working to further the Plan. Measuring success is still a work in progress. The Board wishes to further consider the role of voice and engagement in setting its priorities within the Plan.

Discussion

How success is measured

This includes analysis of previous attempts to understand what has worked or not worked. Most public health outcomes are long-term, and it was suggested that the Board consider including short-term, incremental steps as well as larger indicators.

How to support organisations that are at different stages in their ability to implement the Plan

There may be challenge lies in terms of lack of engagement with the Plan. Organisations (especially the NHS) have to manage external pressures driven by national metrics, alongside the more local picture. Healthwatch has a unique capacity to use its independent voice. Consider taking an incremental approach with organisations – i.e., they sign up to what they feel is doable within their organisation.

	<p>How to improve patient / public involvement</p> <p>There needs to be consistent, constructive challenge from the outset of initiatives like this, with public engagement weaved throughout.</p> <p>Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucy to arrange meeting with Sarah Dew (Strategy and Partnerships Director, STH) • Arrange follow-up meeting for around the time of the Health and Wellbeing Board's Fair and Healthy Sheffield Plan's review
5	<p>A Neighbourhood Focus on Health and Care – a priority update</p>
	<p>As part of its priorities, Healthwatch Sheffield chose a focus of 'a neighbourhood view of health and care'. Community Outreach Leads, Winnie Lutakome and Husam Hassan, came to the SAG to discuss their current work in Tinsley as part of this priority.</p> <p>Tinsley was chosen for this project as a direct result of the priority consultation where a group of women asked for the area to be considered as part of the work. Tinsley also faces considerable challenges due to higher levels of deprivation, lack of service and community infrastructure, and its geographical separation from the rest of Sheffield which impacts areas such as transport and access to services. Through community outreach and 1:1 interviews, the key issues arising from the work so far include access to GP services, language barriers and limited interpreters, and the transition to digitisation of services.</p> <p>HWS has been awarded £10000 by the Great Places Housing Association to support activity and events in the Wybourn and Richmond Park Estate area of Sheffield – these will be the next areas for geographical focus.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Having a physical presence in Tinsley has been the most effective way to speak with people. Limited community infrastructure means it has been hard to make arrangements to visit groups, so the team have spent a lot of time out and about across the area. They have also been in touch with Darnall Wellbeing to ask about their work in the area, and make connections through them.</p> <p>Evidence Collection & Action</p> <p>To action change, the evidence from Tinsley will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled into a comprehensive report • Developed into actionable recommendations • Used to advocate for decision-makers to visit Tinsley to directly engage with community members • Used to prepare a concise summary outlining the intended use and dissemination of the collected information for the community members

6	Healthwatch Sheffield Strategy refresh
	<p>We are refreshing our strategy. The current strategy was circulated amongst members.</p> <p>There will be a strategy development workshop where HWS will consider what new elements should be included in the strategy, what parts of the plan need updating, and what level of the strategy should be taken to the public for feedback. Two areas of focus were suggested for the workshop: strategic aims and values. The headline information from this session will be taken to the contract launch event. The outcome of the Dash Review into patient safety may impact the strategy (National and local Healthwatch are being looked at as part of this review).</p>
8	Any Other Business
	None
9	Date of next meeting and forward plan
	<p>Strategy Development Workshop: Tuesday 4th February 2025, 10.00 – 12.00, in-person</p> <p>Contract Launch Event: Friday 14th February 2025, 10.00 – 12.00, in-person</p>