

Healthwatch Sheffield Strategic Advisory Group business meeting in public

Date & Time: 1/8/23, 5 – 6 pm


Location: Online

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

Meeting notes: Mina Clarke

Item	
1	<p>Welcome and apologies No apologies were received</p>
2	<p>Declarations of interest</p>
	<p>Although not a conflict of interest, it should be noted that Tim Furness is a member of the VAS board</p>
3	<p>Matters arising from the previous meeting</p>
	<p>The previous minutes were agreed as a correct record.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Healthwatch 10-year anniversary Healthwatch will be having a “birthday brunch” to celebrate its 10-year anniversary on the 21st of September between 10 am – 12 pm. As well as this being a social event, Healthwatch Sheffield are keen for the celebration to be an opportunity for attendees to learn about the work of Healthwatch. Relevant members of staff and volunteers will be present to discuss projects, and it would be beneficial to have a member of SAG present so that people can find out about their role.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members to consider their role at SAG and how they contribute to Healthwatch in preparation for the birthday brunch
4	<p>NHS South Yorkshire 5-year plan</p>
	<p>The SAG considered a draft document of their comments on the NHS South Yorkshire 5-year plan from the previous meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were multiple comments regarding data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is a need for improved data and monitoring around ethnicity in Sheffield; this data is vital to inform approaches to better tackle health inequalities. ○ A commitment to gathering better data is needed, and in order to achieve the development and support of staff to share this priority must take precedence, whilst acknowledging the realities of working on the frontline. • The Plan lacks specificity and measurability:

- Whilst many of the outcomes are measurable, there are no numerical targets and few specific outlines of the differences to be achieved
- Greater **clarity** around the aims of the Plan is needed:
 - The priorities of the strategy are unclear – in particular the language can be ambiguous e.g., ‘Admissions for falls in older people’ could mean both quicker, or fewer admissions
- **Partners:**
 - The Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) has a number of roles (e.g., advocacy, crisis management, community anchor groups). The VCS helps to set the standard for healthy communities.
 - Considering this, the Plan could be clearer about these functions, and how the voluntary sector could support its delivery.
 - In order for this Plan to succeed, boundaries between local government, the NHS and VCS may need to be redrawn.
- **Finances** of the ICB:
 - The Plan doesn’t acknowledge the reduced financial capacity of the ICB and how this will inevitably impact the capability of the ICB.
 - Greater priority needs to be given to how the ICB will be transparent with the public about how this will affect the deliverability of the of the forward plan in particular.
- Involvement of **frontline staff** in the Plan:
 - There is a risk of disconnect between the ambitions of the Plan, and the experiences of frontline workers.
 - The response from staff is uneven across the region – how much have health professionals been involved in the development of the Plan?
- The use of **national targets** throughout the Plan:
 - Several of the broad areas outlined by the plan are driven by national targets – without assessing the local picture, the Plan risks neglecting specific regional needs
- General comments:
 - The Plan must **contextualise** its priorities and aims within the current state of health and social care
 - **Affordability** in this context specifically refers to affordability of access to healthcare and financial pressure which impact on health
 - The **complexity and diversity** of Sheffield needs to be recognised within the strategy
 - The sections influenced by the engagement work Healthwatch undertook need to be **clearly distinguished**
 - There is minimal reference to **co-design and collaboration** throughout the Plan
 - A potential area for focus is changing the perception of different roles within services
 - The Plan could be enhanced by the inclusion of what has been learned from practice, and how we might replicate success
 - A proportion of the Plan is concerned with actions we might already expect local services to deliver

	<p>These comments are summarised in the Healthwatch response to the 5-year plan:</p>  <p>HWSForward plan commentsFINAL.pdf</p> <p>The members considered how best to distribute the comments on the Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Healthwatch – there are currently no plans for a joint response, and would be dependent upon capacity • Non-executive directors on the ICB board • Sheffield HCP • Groups and individuals that participated in the Healthwatch engagement work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publishing the comments on the website would facilitate transparency with those that participated as well as acknowledge their contribution. ○ An additional direct response to those that participated would also be necessary. • The members also feel a meeting with the non-executive members of the ICB board would be beneficial
6	Any other business
	None
7	Date of next meeting and forward plan
	21 st September 2023, 10 am – 12 pm (10-year celebration)