

# Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

## 22 September 2022

**Commenced:** 6.00pm

**Terminated:** 7.35pm

**Present:** Councillors N Sharif (Chair), Owen (Deputy Chair), Affleck, Bowden, Cooper, Drennan, Patrick, Warrington

**Apologies:** Councillors Newton, Pearce

### 10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by members of the Scrutiny Panel.

### 11. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel held on 28 July 2022 were approved as a correct record.

### 12. POPULATION HEALTH

The Panel welcomed Debbie Watson, Director of Population Health; and James Mallion, Assistant Director, to receive an overview of strategic priorities for local health outcomes and inequalities, considering the broader impacts of deprivation and poverty.

Members received an overview of health outcomes in Tameside, with data highlighting local challenges related to the healthy life expectancy of residents and wider health determinants. The indices of deprivation shown included a breakdown of ward boundaries and Lower Super Output Areas (LSOAs). It was reported that across a deprivation decile of 1 to 10, with 1 being most deprived and 10 being least deprived, over 50% of Tameside's LSOAs are position within groups 1 to 3.

Mr Mallion advised that life expectancy and wider factors of population health are complex by nature. The majority of personal health is influenced by a person's start in life, the place they live, their education, job and income. While the health and care system is important, this contributes around 25% to the overall health outcome.

It is therefore important to assess and review certain outcomes deemed avoidable, unfair or systemic. This is especially pertinent at the point of death, with approximately 1 in 4 considered avoidable. Inequalities can arise in a number of areas:

- Health status – life expectancy, long-term conditions, mental health
- Access, quality and experience of healthcare
- Behavioural risks to health such as smoking, alcohol
- Wider determinants that include education, employment, housing, access to green space

The Panel heard that the GM Population Health Framework details a set of core characteristics along with locality conditions and functions. The intention is for more of the work undertaken across Tameside to follow regionally agreed population health principles that aim to tackle health inequalities and address the wider determinants of health.

A self-assessment against the framework will be completed through the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). Priorities set within the framework include;

- Leadership and culture
- Mobilising and involving people and communities
- Sustainable investment in Population Health
- Health protection and tackling inequalities
- Shaping healthier environments

Ms Watson advised that a number of the priorities are already present in Tameside, with some identified as being more of a challenge and will take time and resources to become effective and established.

Poverty is a particular challenge in Tameside, with the borough located in the top 20% most income deprived areas nationally and with approximately 1 in 3 children living in poverty. Key areas of focus will assess how rises in the cost of living may adversely affect a range health outcomes, with the need to project principles of equality, equity and justice.

The HWB will have greater oversight of the wider social, environmental and economic factors that impact on health and will start to work more closely with a range of partners in relation to housing, employment and many more. There is also a need for the board to link with the Integrated Care System, to how decisions are made in close proximity to local communities. Based on work with partners, three local priorities will allow the HWB to progress. These are:

- Poverty
- Work & Skills
- Healthy Places

The Director and Assistant Director responded to a number of questions on:

- Delays to the availability of health system data. Reassurance provided on tracking of local data by services, outside of national reporting timescales.
- Strategic priorities to address and minimise the impacts of the cost of living crisis and other external factors on the health resilience of individuals and households.
- Partnerships and health improvement programmes that target our most vulnerable residents.
- Priorities for the allocation of resources and additional funding opportunities to support programmes.
- Lasting and associated impacts of Covid-19 on health. Examples provided around local approach to learning disability health checks and primary care access.

### **13. CHAIR'S UPDATE**

The Chair updated members on the following matters.

- Chair invited members to express an interest in joining a working group to review Learning Disability Health Checks in Tameside. It was agreed that the Chair and Deputy Chair to join all working groups, with the addition of Councillors Affleck, Bowden, Drennan and Patrick.
- All Scrutiny members were invited to attend a training session on 5 September, delivered by Ian Parry from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.
- All Scrutiny members have received an invitation to attend a Mid-Year Budget session on 3 October. Two sessions are available 3.30pm and 5.45 pm.
- The next meeting of Overview Panel is on 26 September at which recent Scrutiny activity will be reported.

### **14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the next meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel will take place on Thursday 3 November 2022.

## **15. URGENT ITEMS**

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

**CHAIR**