



**Tees Valley Area ICP Evaluation Update
Strategic ICP Meeting 21 June 2023**

This evaluation update is to capture the highlights and key proposals in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and outcomes from the two Area ICP meetings.

1. *Longer and healthier lives for all*
2. *Fairer health outcomes for all*
3. *Best start in life for our children and young people*
4. *Improving health and care services*

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Summary Update – Key Themes & Priorities highlighted (*Previous 2 area meetings*)

1.0. Introduction

- 1.1. Tees Valley Area ICP has met on two occasions with both meetings well attended and a with a clear willingness from all parties to work together on common areas to improve outcomes for the local population. The Area ICP is a key forum to develop and strengthen relationships between professional, clinical, political and community leaders and for partners to share intelligence, identify common challenges and objectives and share learning.
- 1.2. The Tees Valley Area ICP has a large membership given the size of the geographical footprint, five local authorities and number of partner organisations operating across the area, however an agreement has since been reached across Tees Valley Chief Executives to agree nominated representatives from each of the five local authorities.

2.0. Meeting held on 31st March 2023 (Middlesbrough)

- 2.1. Dr Dan Jackson delivered a presentation on the '*Role of ICPs within Integrated Care Systems and their relationships to Health and Wellbeing Boards and Place-Based Partnerships*'. This was well received and a helpful overview explaining how the role of the Area ICP, ICB Place Committees and Health and Wellbeing Boards align.
- 2.2. The Integrated Care Strategy and opportunities for joint working on the social and economic determinants of health was discussed in the meeting, with Peter Rooney present to update on how the strategy was developed. It was acknowledged to achieve the goals detailed within the strategy, we must work together to build up and support the health and care workforce, use combined resources and involving communities in understanding people's needs and experiences.
- 2.3. Mr Christopher Akers-Belcher provided an update on key themes from the public and it was agreed that a report from Healthwatch would be a standing item for all meetings to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services. The role of Healthwatch was explained to members and some of the key themes specific to Tees Valley were discussed. A recent Healthwatch report looking at Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHSFT Community Transformation was subsequently



shared with the membership, and it was agreed a presentation would be delivered at the next meeting regarding the revised Community Mental Health Model.

- 2.4. The group acknowledged the joint work already underway in the Tees Valley, for example work around health inequalities and suggested that these could be discussed in the next meeting. It was felt that the introduction of the new ways of working and associated Area ICP and ICB Place Committees will be an effective way of working together to discuss and agree approaches to collectively talking the wider determinants of health.

Next Steps

- Following the first meeting, all presentations were circulated to the membership and the minutes of the meeting were also agreed with the membership ahead of sharing with local Health and Wellbeing Boards for information.
- The ICB Corporate Governance Team continued to link in with other partners not yet represented in the membership e.g. local Police Forces, Fire & Rescue and Education.
- Work will begin to identify common themes from each of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) in the ICP Area and discuss at the next meeting.

3.0. Meeting held on 2nd June 2023 (Stockton-on-Tees)

- 3.1. Mr Christopher Akers-Belcher on behalf of the Tees Valley Healthwatch Network provided an update on key themes from the public; including sharing in advance of the meeting four quarterly reports (Darlington, Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees, and South Tees) detailing the current work and priorities in the respective areas and some examples of 'Word on the Street'. A recurring theme across all places was around GP access and access to NHS dentists. Acknowledging that work was continuing, both regionally and locally, in respect of the delivery plan for recovering access to primary care it was agreed that once the plans were agreed this should be brought to a future meeting. The plan would likely be agreed in September 2023.
- 3.2. Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHSFT colleagues delivered a presentation on the revised Community Mental Health Model and how they have worked collectively to deliver a new mental health community-based offer which allows for collaborative pathways across the system it operates within. Examples of some of the community transformations were given in the meeting, including the community pharmacy hub in Hartlepool and the role of care navigators in each hub. A Middlesbrough case study was shared which outlined that in February 2023 the waiting list stood at 5months to be seen, as of June 2023 this was now down to 16 days.
- 3.3. Mr Mark Adams, Director of Public Health, and member of the ICB Healthier and Fairer Programme, delivered a presentation providing an update on the work of the group to date and the individual workstreams; prevention, health inequalities, NHS contributions to wider determinants and Population Health Management.
- 3.4. The group then discussed the collective work undertaken by Directors of Public Health across the Tees Valley. The presentation outlined what Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) were and how evidence from the JSNAs and other research could be used to add value at a Tees Valley level. The group discussed statistics regarding demographic makeup of the Tees Valley, levels of deprivation and life expectancy. Some joint working areas to improve life expectancy were highlighted and these will help shape a work programme for the group going forward.



3.5. An update on work to date on the Tees Valley Plan was also provided. The Tees Valley pillars along with the national NHS priorities and place priorities, are mapped to each place's Health and Wellbeing Strategies, and the NENC Integrated Care Strategy.

Plans for Next Steps & Future Agenda Items

4.0. The first two meetings of the Tees Valley Area ICP set the scene and focus now moves to next steps. The following future agenda items were suggested, and a programme of work will be developed:

- Recovering Access to Primary Care Plan (*when agreed around September 2023*)
- The 'at scale' work to improve life expectancy highlighted in the JSNA Analysis presentation:
 - Mental Health (Suicide Prevention Joint Post)
 - Joint learning from approaches during COVID response
 - Health Checks – approach to identifying risk factors
 - Local alcohol work – a good example of a local focus sharing learning
 - Substance Misuse (Joint Drug and Alcohol related deaths work)
 - Local NHS Trusts – joint working across different geographies.
- Tees Valley Plan
- Voluntary Sector Overview.

4.1. Work will continue to liaise with partners not yet represented in the meeting.

Next meeting: 8th September 2023, Redcar Civic Centre