



## Tees Valley Area ICP Evaluation Update

**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 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.

#### **2.0. Meeting held on 2 February (Darlington)**

- 2.1. The meeting was well attended with those present representing the full range of partners from across the NHS, Local Authorities, Primary Care Networks, Healthwatch and the voluntary sector.
- 2.2. The group received the South ICP Area Healthwatch Report prior to the meeting. Rebecca Morgan, Healthwatch Sub-Regional Co-ordinator attended to provide an overview of the report and informed the group of the common work plan items conducted and themes from residents at present. The work plan items which have been carried out were Growing Older – Planning Ahead consultation, ICB Involvement Strategy Review, ICB Dentistry Review and GP “Mythbuster” resource template.
- 2.3. Dave Gallagher, Executive Area Director (Tees Valley & Central) presented the group with an overview of Primary Care dental access recovery, and the development of an oral health strategy. The presentation included information on the following:
  - Current challenges for dentistry provision and how these would be tackled
  - The progress made so far in terms of recovering dental access
  - The importance of building Practice / workforce resilience
  - The impact on children's oral health



- Ways of improving oral health; and the role of Local Authorities in achieving this
- Importance of water fluoridation as an effective public health intervention for improving oral health

The current challenges are largely attributable to the NHS dental contract remaining unchanged since 2006; and the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the risks of transmission. It is anticipated that the dental contract will be reviewed in light of the current dentistry provision and access issues. The group agreed it was positive to hear of the investment being made towards addressing this issue.

- 2.4. Kathryn Warnock, South Tees Integration Programme Manager / Head of Commissioning & Strategy, NENC ICB and Carol Martin, South Tees Strategic System Lead - Transfer of Care, South Tees Hospital Foundation Trust attended the meeting to deliver a presentation to the group on the work undertaken to improve the transfer of care and discharge for patients. This has been supported by the joint working of the South Tees Integration Programme Board across health and social care. It was noted the implementation of this process has resulted in huge improvements.
- 2.5. The group received the Tees Valley Anchor Network Report prior to the meeting. Mark Adams, Director of Public Health, Middlesbrough Council / Redcar & Cleveland Council discussed with the group the proposed development of an Anchor Institutions Network within the Tees Valley. The key purpose of the network is to bring together anchor organisations across the Tees Valley to maximise their impact in enabling sustainable, prosperous, and healthy communities. The group supported the proposal noting that there is a need to establish next steps and to clarify the actions and implementation requirements. This will be brought back to the group at a future meeting.
- 2.6. The group received the Tees Valley ICP Workplan Proposal prior to the meeting. Sarah Bowman-Abouna, Director of Public Health, Stockton Council and Martin Short, Director of Place (Darlington) presented an update to the group on the proposed key areas of collective work for the Tees Valley ICP. The themes outlined were four socio-economic determinants, as follows:
- Transport
  - Work and health
  - Care and health workforce
  - Anchor institutions, which would link into the previous anchor institutions network discussions

It was proposed and agreed that the Tees Valley Area ICP meeting could be utilised as way of holding themed workshops to facilitate discussions around these areas. The September meeting will be focused on transport.

- 2.7. The Chair advised any further proposed agenda items to be emailed to Dave Gallagher and/or Rebecca Herron for inclusion on the forward plan.

### **3.0. Meeting held on 9 August (Middlesbrough)**

- 3.1. The meeting was well attended with those present representing partners from across the NHS, Local Authorities, Healthwatch and the voluntary sector.
- 3.2. The group received the South ICP Area Healthwatch Report prior to the meeting. Christopher Akers-Belcher, Regional Coordinator of the NENC Healthwatch Network attended to provide an overview of the report and informed the group of the common themes from residents at present, these themes will inform the local Healthwatch workplans. The emerging themes identified were a listening event which was held in



June on the hospitals Trusts Group model for North Tees and Hartlepool and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts; the regionwide survey on the provision of NHS dentistry services and access to primary care services

- 3.3. The group received the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) Transformation – our Journey to Change presentation prior to the meeting. Brent Kilmurray, Chief Executive, TEWV Chief Executive, reflected on the journey so far, and the transformation for community services, urgent care transformation, mental health services for older people, adult learning disabilities transformation and children and young people transformation. It was noted that this was a huge piece of work and updates would be brought to future meetings
- 3.4. Geraldine Brown, Stockton Borough Council, reported on the vision statement for the Teesside Health Innovation Zone, which is planned to deliver integrated and fit for purpose clinical facilities; education, skills and workforce – local people in local jobs; innovation – innovative care and health delivery; business growth – a network of care and health businesses. It was agreed that workstream plans could be discussed at future Area ICP meetings to align them accordingly.
- 3.5. The group received an update presentation on the Tees Valley Anchor Network from Mark Adams, Joint Director of Public Health, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland. Mapping activities had been carried out across the Tees Valley Foundation Trusts and Local Authorities. Alongside this an Anchor network event took place in June 2024. Executive Anchor Leads have been identified across organisations, with the proposed areas of focus being identified as:
- Action on Education
  - Action on Employment
  - Action on the Economy
  - Action on the Environment
- The Group will receive updates on Anchor developments at future meetings.

#### **Plans for Next Steps & Future Agenda Items**

- 4.0. The last two meetings of the Tees Valley Area ICP have focused on identifying the priorities where at scale work would be beneficial and creating those integrated relationships, the focus now moves to next steps.

The Directors of Public Health workplan will be the main focus for thematic workshops.

The following future agenda items were suggested:

- GP access – ICP overview
- Anchor development
- Health innovation team development

**Next meeting: November 2024, TBC**