



**Tees Valley Area ICP Evaluation Update  
Strategic ICP Meeting 7 December 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*

**Tees Valley Area ICP Chair**

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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.

**2.0. Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September (Redcar and Cleveland)**

- 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 an update on both feedback from Healthwatch and overview of the voluntary sector. The Tees Valley Infrastructure Partnership (TVIP) recognises the need for a single voice and brings together the five voluntary development agencies across the Tees Valley together with rural and regional infrastructure bodies. The role of the TVIP is to support and champion the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) and wider civil society in promoting community wellbeing and to provide a framework for stakeholders to engage with the VCSE across the Tees Valley.
- 2.3. Following a request from the previous meeting, the group received an overview on the ongoing work and plans to recover access to primary care. The main focus of the Primary Care Access Recovery Plan (PCARP) is to empower patients to manage their own health, implement modern general practice access, build capacity, and cut bureaucracy. All 78 Tees Valley practices have been asked to look at patient experience of contact and ease of access and demand management.
- 2.4. Craig Blair, Director of Place, discussed with the group winter planning and noted that the Tees Valley Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) system remains under significant and sustained pressure. The delivery plan for recovering UEC and the ambitions were discussed and how the local infrastructure supports this work.



- 2.5. Shona Duncan attended the meeting to deliver a presentation on the work of the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA). The TVCA was set up in 2016 as a result of a devolution deal with the government with the view of working together with constituent partners to achieve greater economic growth in the Tees Valley. In relation to the skills and employment devolution deal the TVCA has responsibility for the devolved adult skills budget. The TVCA supports local residents to secure jobs, stay in work and progress their careers, including one to one support to help people overcome barriers to work such as skills or health problems. Examples of the TVCA adult skills support in relation to health were shared with the group.
- 2.6. A discussion took place on items for future meetings, with the earlier meetings setting the scene and the focus now needed to move to develop a work programme on how we can play a part in improving the health and wellbeing of the population of the Tees Valley. Suggestions were:
- Taking forward the 'at scale' work to improve life expectancy highlighted in a previous Directors of Public Health presentation.
  - Dentistry
  - Healthwatch Youth Focus North East
  - Women's Health Strategy
  - An update on joint working of NTHFT/STHFT
  - Serious Organised Crime.

### **3.0. Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November (Middlesbrough)**

- 3.1. The meeting was well attended with those present representing the full range of partners from across the NHS, Local Authorities, Healthwatch, Police and Crime Commissioners Office and the voluntary sector.
- 3.2. 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 themes from residents at present, these themes will inform the local Healthwatch workplans. The emerging themes identified were access to dentistry and pharmacy closures.
- 3.3. Andrew Rowlands, Head of Commissioning, attended the meeting to provide the group with the refreshed Tees Valley Places Plan 2023/24 following stakeholder feedback. The places plan for Tees Valley has been developed to outline the key areas of joint work and their delivery, to improve health and wellbeing. The plan is expected to be a 'living document', having been developed in step with the NENC Integrated Care Strategy, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies, Council Plans for each local place, JSNAs, and the joint 5 year-forward plan.
- 3.4. Paul Smithurst, Regional Fundraising Manager, East and South East, SSAFA attended the meeting to deliver a presentation to highlight the work SSAFA does across the region and to enhance awareness of SSAFA regional hubs to our partners. SSAFA presented their proposed programme of support which includes:
- Working with the GP leads for the PCN's
  - Co-ordinate and deliver a programme of works to be set up and implemented to raise awareness within acutes of what is available for veterans
  - To liaise with the acute trusts to ensure that when an individual is admitted into an acute setting they are asked if they are a veteran
  - Identify and support veterans when they either first present themselves at A & E or when they are ready for discharge within outpatients or discharge lounges



- 3.5. James Bromiley, Associate Director of Group Development, North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust (NTHFT) provided a verbal update on the joint working arrangements between NTHFT and South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. There has been excellent progress in the development the partnership agreement, which includes:
- the development of six clinical boards
  - joint corporate services
  - joint management structures and joint decision making.
- 3.6. Lisa Oldroyd from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and Jo Duffy from Cleveland Police attended the meeting to present to the group the impact Serious and Organised Crime has on the population of Cleveland's health such as:
- Mental and physical health
  - Complex psychological impact,
  - Physical injuries,
  - Victims of modern slavery presenting in poor health (no health records if trafficked into the country).
  - High and/or rising hospital admissions/health service requirements.
- 3.7. Siobhan Brown, Director of Transformation (System), attended to invite the group to participate in the Women's Health Strategy work. There will be a collaborative established and all input is welcome.

#### **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 following future agenda items were suggested, and a programme of work will be developed:
- Dentistry
  - Healthwatch Youth Focus North East
  - Directors of Public Health Workplan including Serious and Organised Crime
  - 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.
  - Supporting the delivery of the Tees Valley Plan
  - Child Poverty.
- 4.1. Work will continue to liaise with partners not yet represented in the meeting.

**Next meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024, Darlington