

## **ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

### **Board Meeting**

**Minute of the ANGUS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP Board held remotely on Thursday 3 August 2023 at 10am.**

**Present:**       **VOLUNTARY ACTION ANGUS**  
Hayley Mearns, Chief Executive Officer - Chair

**ANGUS COUNCIL**  
Mark Armstrong, Depute Chief Executive

**SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
Mark Lowe, Group Commander

**INTEGRATED JOINT BOARD**  
Councillor Julie Bell

**POLICE SCOTLAND**  
No representative

**SCOTTISH ENTERPRISE**  
Apologies from Jamie Bell

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
Alison Henderson

**SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**  
No representative

**NHS TAYSIDE**  
Emma Fletcher, Director of Public Health

**ANGUS HEALTH SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP (AHSCP)**  
Sally Wilson, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership

**DUNDEE AND ANGUS COLLEGE**  
Julie Grace, Vice Principal, Curriculum and Partnerships

**ANGUS COUNCIL OFFICERS ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**  
Kim Ritchie, Strategic Policy & Planning Officer  
Jacqui Semple, Manager Risk & Resilience

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**  
Elaine Cruickshank, NHS Tayside  
Terry Irvine, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership  
Blair Finlay, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership  
Ross Smith, Angus Alive  
Lynne Haxton, Angus Alive

**1. Welcome, Introductions and apologies for absence**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were given on behalf of:

Alison Smith, Director Vibrant Communities & Sustainable Growth

Margo Williamson, Chief Executive, Angus Council

Jackie Buchanan, Director of Legal and Democratic Services, Angus Council

Gail Smith, Chief Officer, Angus Health & Social Care Partnership

**2. Minute of previous meetings and matters arising**

The minute from meeting held on 17 May 2023, agreed after amendment to Julie Grace job title, changed to Vice Principal, Curriculum and Partnerships.

Final Community Plan and Comms plan was shared with members prior to the meeting. Members were asked to forward any final comments to Kim.

**3. Angus Mental Health & Wellbeing Network**

Terry Irvine, Service Lead for Adult Community Mental Health Services provided an overview of update report.

New Mental Health strategy launched 29<sup>th</sup> June. Living Life well Plan has been cross checked with new strategy to ensure Angus plan is meeting all needs. Plan will be shared at the next IJB, following this to the CPP.

Living Life Well Implementation Plan has been updated and report issued to last IJB was provided to members. Most actions have been met. Some delayed due to delay in national reports.

Angus Mental Health and Wellbeing Network meet every 2 months. Currently working in partnership with barbers in Forfar area due to high level of suicides in the area. Campaign, Are you ok? Posters and cards are available for men to take away providing access to support available.

Suicide Prevention Action Plan has been updated and will be on the agenda at the next IJB for approval. Once approved will be shared with the CPP.

Evonne Boyd, SDS asked if there were any further details of the suicides in the Forfar area. Terry responded with further detail, 11 deaths by suicide in Angus in 2023 slightly higher than usual. More younger males, connections identified with men working in construction and associated with football clubs.

Communication plan across Tayside was introduced to ensure same messages were going out. Penumbra and Hillcrest Futures attending football training to offer support, information shared with coaches and parents.

Training tool kit developed for Suicide Prevention training sessions have been delivered and staff have been attending a number of events highlighting support available. Letters were also issued to schools highlighting where support is available.

Cllr Julie Bell referenced the Tayside work and asked for an update on the work to ensure information recorded were the same across Tayside. Work going well, Terry involved with Tayside group and Suicide Review Group, regular reports shared from Public Health and close links with Jane Brae.

Mark welcomed links with national strategy highlighting recognition to all ages approach to mental health and wellbeing. Integrated Childrens Services Group and Connecting Tayside are looking at integrated approach

to emotional health and wellbeing and highlighted the importance of linking their work with adult services. Terry informed meeting projects underway including 11-16 year olds through work with Kirsty Lee and Audrey Osborne. Development Officer also linked with a number of Childrens Services.

Emma Fletcher provided reassurance of the structured process in place to coordinate actions across Tayside. Dr Jane Brae providing advice and support across Tayside and commented how well the Angus HSCP team have been in responding to reduce risk in the community.

Board agreed to support recommendation in the report to work in partnership to meet action 1A of the Angus Living Life Well Plan.

#### **4. Angus Preventative and Proactive Care Programme**

Blair Finlay, Programme Manager ran through presentation providing update on the programme.

Prevention and Proactive Care first priority of IJB Strategic Commissioning Plan.

Vision for programme shifting balance of care, looking at how we can work more preventatively to Reduce health and inequalities. Steering group in place with three main funders and other partners including VAA. Input and support provided by universities and Public Health Scotland. Focus on non-medical interventions using an evidence based approach.

Data shows health inequalities starting to worsen. Life expectancy stalling and gap expected to get worse between richer and worse off in society.

Programme working alongside Public Health colleagues looking at data through risk tool SPARA identifying patients likely to be admitted or readmitted to hospital, in areas SIMD 1 and 2 around 4,000 patients. Pilot project within Arbroath, 400 patients. Pathway developed through social prescribers to reach patients. Test pathway in Arbroath to reach patients that are not physically active or socially connected. Interventions will be monitored and evaluated.

Nature Prescribing Calendar has been developed and will go live in August. Calendar identifies simple steps to get out in nature, targeted at those who are not physically able to take part in exercise classes taking first steps to get connected with nature.

A review of the Angus Alive B Active Live Well Programme took place to make sure it's in line with new Physical Activity Standards Scotland.

Health walks have been commissioned in partnership with Angus Alive and Paths for All led by volunteers in Angus.

Live Better, Longer Stakeholder Engagement Event held in May with over 100 attendees. 5 facilitated workstations. Evaluation identified people need more information and awareness, more accessible for people. Access in terms of cost also highlighted, stigma, transport etc. Aim to continue co-design work.

Aiming to do work with education colleagues to work with primary school and high schools to develop preventative type app through support with Abertay University.

Next steps – Pilot Social Prescribing project at end of August  
Continue to do stakeholder engagement and co design.  
Nature Prescribing launched in August available over all GP practises.  
Health and Wellbeing Pilot planned for Arbroath looking at exercise referral from GP, free 12 week programme.

Cllr Julie Bell highlighted need to underpin nature prescribing work with Outdoor Access code. AA continuing to look at this through visitor management and encouraging people to act appropriately,

## **5. Sport and Activity Framework**

Ross Smith and Lynne Haxton, Angus Alive provided an update on the Sport and Activity Framework.

Update on year 2 of framework. Partnership document including key partners, NHS Tayside, Sport Scotland, D&A College, Angus Council and Angus Alive. Build around 6 Active Scotland outcomes created during covid pandemic to allow partners to share resources and maximise impact. Framework launched July 2021. Guided by 6 Active Scotland outcomes with priorities identified to guide delivery.

D&A College have done a lot of work to change courses based on needs of community making options more flexible.

Facility developments within football, asset transfer at Skilz academy pitch in Arbroath. Scottish FA facility fund available to Forfar Athletic to re surface pitch at Station Park.

Work with senior pupils with higher education going through Sport Leadership Academy to gather national qualification. Officially launch Learn to Swim project earlier in year with Duncan Scott there on the day.

Ladyloan without Limits Project working with kids disengaged from after school projects.

Work ongoing with Strathmore Cricket Club work with Kirrie Connections and supporting people living with dementia and using sport as a tool for change.

Strategic Planning partnership manage framework. In person launch in November 2022 including mini workshops with national governing bodies to gather their feedback. Followed by a short survey gathered from partners to help inform the refresh of the framework. Update provided with refreshed priorities and a second in person event was delivered in April this year.

Framework delivered through four working groups. Each group has membership attending quarterly meetings to deliver on the action plan and how they can support outcomes. Underpinning principals identified linked across all working groups.

## **6. Integrated Childrens Services**

Mark Armstrong ran through presentation provided with agenda on the work of the Integrated Childrens Services Partnership from a Tayside and Angus level.

5 priority themes of integrated partnership. Corporate Parenting Board has now been included in Community Planning Structure to bring all work under one place.

Early and Effective Help – Working closely with Preventative and Proactive Care Programme to make sure work in relation to children feeding into wider project. Need to make sure different systems are working effectively together. Key aspect UNCRC and how we ensure children's rights are completely embedded across all Childrens Services. Draft report has been produced.

GIRFEC – National Guidance refreshed recently. Work ongoing to ensure effective programme of multi-agency staff training to make sure practitioners are integrated and joined up as possible.

Whole Family Wellbeing – Specific ring-fenced money from SG £1.3 to support this work. Work started almost a year ago looking at how the programme would be developed through inclusive partnership approach to identify focus and how to target resource with VAA to ensure greatest impact and add value to existing work. Three workstreams identified, workstream one led by VAA building on experience around HART model developed during the pandemic. Flexible family support, pre-birth to five children, programme specific to improving involvement of dads in relation to their children. Work stream 3 linking in with existing activity through Transforming Services work to develop coordinated approach to maximizing grant funding.

Mental Health and Wellbeing – Tayside wide Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Children and Young People, local level implementing and connecting work streams. Ring fenced money from SG to support delivery of programme. Importance of ensuring focus on strengthening links between young people and adult mental health services taking whole population approach.

Child Poverty - 2021/22 Report submitted. 2023/24 Action plan currently being developed. Pentana dashboard has been developed for all partners of the Child Poverty working group. Work fully integrated with Child Healthy Weight Strategy using a Whole Systems Approach led by Public Health using learning from Dundee pilot project.

Child Poverty Service Design – Lived Experience of Child Poverty project profiled as an example of good practice. Helped partners, DWP, Revs & Bens to get different perspective about service users experience of using the services.

Cost of Living Roadshows held across Angus supported by partners attended by 2,000 local people. Work ongoing to track how household experiences are managing with increased cost of living and impact this is having on needs people are presenting.

SAVVI Project ongoing looking at how we use data to target households and individuals to provide support needed and use data effectively to drive service delivery.

Leading the Promise – Significant priority within Angus. Promise plan published, specific set of ambitions and outcomes. Participant Assistants, care experienced young people are delivering peer support and challenging governance systems around how we engage with care experienced people. Ongoing project involving brothers and sisters to ensure siblings are kept together.

What can the partnership be doing as strategic needs assessment?

Blair Finlay to share research by Michelle Young PHD findings around Trauma Informed access to services and equalities with Mark.

Whole Family Wellbeing workstream needs input from Housing. Mark confirmed housing linked with child poverty and Integrated Childrens Services work.

Apply gender based budgeting approach through Tay Cities work to help address a number of issues around child poverty.

Lynne Warburton keen for joint working to get Trauma informed practise in place for staff and homelessness service.

Strategic Needs Assessment would be valuable piece of work. Strengthen AHSCP work. Essential for partners to understand the local area.

## **7. Homelessness Prevention**

Lynn Warburton, Team Leader provided update on New duties On Prevention of Homelessness.

New duties on public bodies and landlord to prevent homelessness particularly by asking and acting on a risk of homelessness and responsibilities in relation to strategic and joint planning, changes to existing homelessness

legislation to ensure homelessness was prevented earlier including proposal to extend duty to take reasonable step to prevent homelessness up to 6 months where previously it was two months. New housing bill due after the summer recess this year.

Changes mean different things for different organisations acting within own powers and duties to consider in needs to refer the household on to local authority homelessness assessment. Considerations moving forward current resources within housing and homelessness services, are they sufficient to meet the rise in demand for housing options advise and prevention work. Housing Strategy needed to look at this and ultimately like to establish short life working group to prepare and consider where the opportunities existing. Prevention work going on across the board in terms of referrals. Opportunity to make changes now and plan for that coming in. Anyone interested in joining short life working group or any nominations would be welcome.

Julie Bell – Do you have people with lived experience involved in that working group? First stage at the moment, this will be focus of a lot of the things we are starting to look at in terms of other strategies and this prevention work to address gap within housing services and strategies links into anyone with lived experience needs to be progressed. Agreed back in August 2022 to transfer housing options function from Angus Council to Angus Health Social care Partnership. Mid-April the new team which is called the Homeless Prevention Solutions Team took over all new homeless cases in the south of Angus, with in a two-month period they had meet with around 180 people in terms of housing options advise or presenting as homeless. New team taking on all new homeless cases in Angus and responsibilities for allocating temporary accommodation. Temporary Accommodation will remain part of Housing remit within Angus Council to keep housing separate from support and assessment side of housing options. Team will take over on the homeless out of hours service in November. October full role out of service, temporary accommodation hours, all new home applications and also overseeing the historical case that have been sitting with housing officers within the housing service. Service will go fully live in October. Next couple of months looking at promoting the service and promotion work, team leader Greg Aitchison meeting different stakeholders and different teams to chat about the new service and how the pathways will work coming into the homeless service.

## **8. Regional Transport Strategy**

Jonathon Pandmore, Tactran ran through presentation, The strategy encourages coordination of activity across partners to ensure that improvement programmes provide a genuine alternative to car use through integrated solutions. Recognises that alternative models for bus provision need to be investigated. Identifies the parameters for and promotes the coordination of measures to discourage car use. Promotes a step change in low and no emission vehicle use. Provision of services to communities.

Cllr Julie Bell highlighted issues with transport in rural area, people dependant on vehicles. Rural areas left with no population. How safe to people feel on public transport? Operating public transport with low population, lack of safety can be exacerbated. Pilot of demand responsive transport – any good models out there that might suit rural communities? Lot to explore. Demand Responsive Transport more effective way to serve rural areas – what will work best for the area – difficult to have one model that works for everyone.

**8. AOB**

No matters arising.

**9. Close of Meeting**

Chair closed the meeting thanking everyone for their presentations.