

ACTIVE, CONNECTED AND PROSPEROUS BOARD

MEETING, 22nd MARCH, 2022

In Attendance

Councillor Cox – Leader of Bolton Council

Councillor Baines – Bolton Council

Councillor Peel – Bolton Council

Mr. T. Oakman – Chief Executive, Bolton Council

Ms. S. Johnson – Deputy Chief Executive, Bolton Council

Ms. D. Yates-Obe – Chief Executive, Bolton CVS

Ms. R. Tanner – Director of Adult Services, Bolton Council and
Managing Director of the ICP

Ms. B. Brown – Director of Children's Services, Bolton Council

Dr. N. Ratnarajah – Chair, Bolton CCG

Superintendent S. Parker – Greater Manchester Police

Ms. S. Martin – Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Reverend Canon Bracegirdle – Chair, Bolton Faith Leaders
Forum

Mr. M. Kane – Corporate Manager - Performance &
Partnerships, Bolton Council

Ms. P. Applegate - Department for Work & Pensions (DWP)

Mr. D. Bagley – Chair, Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

Ms. S. Gilman – Consultant in Public Health

Ms. L. Donkin – Consultant in Public Health

Ms. A. Fallon – Consultant in Public Health

Ms. M. Savania – Public Health Practitioner

Mrs. V. Ridge – Democratic Services, Bolton Council

Ms. J. Shaw – Personal Assistant, Bolton Council

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of:

Mr. J. Lord - Chief Executive of Bolton at Home
Ms. N. Sharpe – Deputy Chief Executive of Bolton at Home
Ms. F. Noden – Chief Executive Bolton NHS Foundation Trust
Dr. H. Lowey – Director of Public Health, Bolton Council
Ms. C. Norman – Chief Executive, MSV Housing and Bolton
Community Homes Partnership
Mr. R. Gauld – Chief Executive Bolton Octagon
Mr. B. Webster – Principal Bolton College
Mr. C. Pinder – GM Fire and Rescue Service
Ms. S. Long – Chief Office, Bolton Clinical Commissioning
Group
Mr. P. Mason – Bolton Wanderers Community Trust
Ms. E. Brook – Assistant Director Strategy and Partnerships –
Bolton Council

Councillor Baines in the Chair.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Active, Connected and Prosperous Board held on 23rd November, 2021 were submitted and agreed as a correct record.

6. PROPOSAL FOR BOLTON COUNCIL TO SIGN-UP TO THE 'PREVENTION CONCORDAT FOR BETTER MENTAL HEALTH' IN BOLTON

The Executive Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and the Director of Public Health submitted a report which proposed that Bolton Council, in partnership with the Active, Connected and Prosperous Board, agreed to sign-up to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health as a key component of our collective efforts across Bolton to improve mental health and wellbeing.

By way of background, members were advised that a key recommendation from the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health (2016), which was subsequently endorsed by Government, was that the then Public Health England should develop a national Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health programme to support all Health and Wellbeing Boards.

It was stated that the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health was underpinned by an understanding that taking a prevention-focused approach to improving the public's mental health had been shown to make a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society. Furthermore, the consensus statement, which was detailed in the report, described the shared commitment of organisations to work together, through local and national action, to prevent mental health problems and promote good mental health. The concordat also promoted evidence-based planning and commissioning to increase the impact on reducing health inequalities.

Members were advised that the Prevention Concordat acted as a framework to support cross-sector action to deliver effective local planning around prevention of poor mental health whilst also improving mental health for the whole population. The framework was based on five steps which were as follows, viz:-

- Needs and assets assessment;
- Partnership and alignment;
- Translating need into deliverable commitments;
- Defining success outcomes; and
- Leadership and accountability.

In terms of the benefits of signing up the Prevention Concordat these were summarised as follows, viz:-

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- Commit to an annual prevention and promotion action plan; link up to workstreams and local stakeholders on the prevention agenda;
- Refresh plans for Covid-19 with a key focus on inequalities, discrimination and stigma;
- Be part of a growing community of practice- webinars, updates and case studies;
- Easy access to the latest data and resources;
- Link to national professional, academic and voluntary sector expertise in public mental health; and
- Strengthen the work to support workforce wellbeing.

The report also informed members that Bolton had a newly emerging three-year Population Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention programme and this comprehensive programme provided a platform to engage and deliver the Prevention Concordat's ambitions and thus enable equality of mental health for all.

In terms of going forward, members were advised that to sign up to the Prevention Concordat a local Prevention Concordat Action Plan must be completed whilst also signing up to the Consensus Statement which was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report. To enable this to happen, officers would work with Centre for Mental Health, to deliver an interactive webinar (Community Conversations) which would support development of a local Prevention Concordat Action Plan based on the findings from Bolton's Big Wellbeing Survey and stakeholder engagement. It was also stated that the Population Mental Wellbeing and Suicide Prevention Steering Group would oversee the delivery and evaluation of the prevention concordat action plan and the plan would align and merge with the overall multi-agency population mental wellbeing and suicide prevention programme action plan.

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Resolved – That the proposal for Bolton Council to sign up to the 'Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health in Bolton' in partnership with the Active, Connected and Prosperous Board, be approved in principle and the proposed work in which to support this be noted.

(The meeting started at 3.00 p.m. and finished at 3.20 p.m.)