

**An update of the work of the Health Improvement Board  
Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board  
13 July 2017**

### **Membership**

There have been some recent changes to the membership of the HIB.

- Councillor Ed Turner stood down as Vice Chairman after the meeting in April and his role has been taken up by Councillor Marie Tidball. Ed's positive contribution, as Chairman and Vice Chairman, over four years was acknowledged by everyone. Marie was welcomed to her first meeting in June 2017.
- Ian Davies has stepped down as a strategic officer representing District Councils and his place has been taken by Diane Shelton of West Oxfordshire DC. Ian has made a big contribution to the agenda and discussions at the board, most recently bringing links to the Bicester Healthy New Town programme and as a champion of the prevention agenda.
- The June meeting was the last that Val Johnson will be attending as she is retiring from the City Council. Val has been tireless and very effective in her work for the Board since it was first formed and will be missed greatly.

### **Recent meetings**

Since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Health Improvement Board (HIB) has held two meetings in public and convened 1 workshop to discuss fuel poverty work.

A summary of the business of these meetings is given below.

#### **1. Meeting of the Health Improvement Board, April 2017.**

The HIB discussed the following topics at this meeting:

- Priorities for the year ahead which are to be included in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Having reviewed relevant data from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and looked at performance in current work the members agreed to scope new topics and develop work plans in the year ahead on mental wellbeing and healthy older age. They also agreed to further improve the focus on tackling health inequalities.
- A report on the commissioning plans for domestic abuse services highlighted the need for robust governance arrangements as joint commissioning plans unfold. The members of the HIB expressed interest in taking on a governance role. This role was confirmed at the June meeting after consultation with a wider group of stakeholders.
- The Board members were pleased to note the improvement in successful outcomes for people in treatment for drugs and alcohol and that the targets had been met. The manager of Turning Point was congratulated on the hard work that has been done to achieve this.

## **2. Workshop on Fuel Poverty, June 2017**

Fuel poverty has been a long standing issue that is regularly reported back to the HIB. A workshop was held to explore in greater depth what opportunities and challenges there are in developing this work county wide.

The morning included excellent presentations on local initiatives led through the Affordable Warmth Network. This network includes the District Councils, Public Health, the CCG and the National Energy Foundation as a provider of information and other services. A great example of good practice from Islington was presented and will be an inspiration for our local work.

Discussion Groups identified ideas for the next phase of work and these will be considered by the AWN who will return to a HIB meeting in September with action plans.

## **3. Meeting of the Health Improvement Board, June 2017**

Decisions were made in June on the following topics

- The Domestic Abuse Strategic Group will report to the Health Improvement Board on their work in jointly commissioning services in Oxfordshire. Thames Valley Police will be invited to attend HIB meetings when this issue is being discussed as a means of ensuring all the right partners can be involved.
- The draft plans and outcomes for 2017-18 were agreed for inclusion in the Joint HWB Strategy
- It was agreed that the learning from the work in Barton Healthy New Town programme was valuable to partners in district councils. The HIB will ensure that more information will be shared with relevant officers and members soon, along with learning from Bicester Healthy New Town.
- A preliminary report on Exercise on Referral Schemes highlighted the need for more detailed information and a gap analysis and this will be collated for a future meeting.
- It has also been agreed that a representative officer from the Children, Education and Families Directorate at the County Council will be invited to attend the meetings as a co-opted member.

Jackie Wilderspin, June 2017