

Divisions Affected - All

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

29th June 2023

CHAIR'S REPORT OF THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD 15th June 2023

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RECOMMENDATION

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the content of the most recent Health Improvement Partnership Board meeting on the 15th June 2023 and the Board's contribution to the implementation of Oxfordshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Background

2. The Health Improvement Partnership Board (HIB) has identified 3 priority thematic areas to focus on;
 - (a) Tobacco Control
 - (b) Mental Wellbeing
 - (c) Healthy Weight and Physical Activity
3. Action on these priority areas is supported by an approach which is focused at addressing health inequalities and taking a preventative approach in all we do.
4. The most recent meeting of the HIB was on 15th June 2023. The Board received updates on Domestic Abuse (DA), Make Every Contact Count (MECC), and Social Prescribing. A summary is provided below and full reports are available at:
<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=7298&Ver=4>

Key Reports

5. **Domestic Abuse-** The update focused on the overarching DA strategy for Oxfordshire and the specific Safer Accommodation strategy that sits within it. Information was received on how the Lived Experienced Advisory Group function and feeds its valuable insight into how services are shaped and delivered. The LEAG group is small and would welcome new members to diversify it. The Board was pleased to learn that both female and male victims

of DA are supported and the process for assuring the quality of commissioned services is rigorous.

6. **Make Every Contact Count-** The HIB welcomed the local mapping of MECC activity to date and the formative implementation plan. It was noted that the OUH has embedded this approach within the “Here for Health” service and all member organisations were asked to consider what further opportunities there are within their services and teams to expand the work further, including within commissioned services. The MECC partnership for Oxfordshire is in the process of inviting funding bids from partnership members for small grants to support the rollout of MECC. The value of monitoring and evaluation was also agreed to be key, while acknowledging that it is difficult to quantify.
7. **Social Prescribing-** Partners from the Integrated Care Board presented an overview of how social prescribing is organised and funded in Oxfordshire, the types of issues that are supported and the number/ demographics of residents being referred. Funding for the link workers that underpin social prescribing ends next year. It is expected to be renewed but its effectiveness needs to be evaluated using data from the local programme. It was noted that more needed to be done to ensure social prescribing is accessed from those from more socioeconomically disadvantaged communities and those from some minority ethnic groups. The plan for development was noted and the Board was keen to understand more in future regarding high impact users, and uptake of services people are signed-posted to or that are prescribed.
8. **Healthwatch-** The quarterly update from Healthwatch was received from Robert Majilton Healthwatch Ambassador. The specific reports in this update were on visits to OUH hospital and long COVID. The 4th July annual impact report launch event was also noted and HIB members invited to attend.

Future meetings and Chair of HIB

9. As planned, the board undertook a workshop in March 2023 to develop a forward plan of agenda items for the 2023/24 year that address the priorities of the board and the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The HIB will continue to focus on the priority areas listed in paragraph 2 and has specific work programmes or initiatives under each which will be a focused on at forthcoming meetings.
10. The Chair of HIB for the next 2 year cycle has been agreed to be Cllr Helen Pighills from Vale of White Horse Council. There has not been any changes to City or District representatives as a result of elections in May 2023, but Cllr O'Connor is now the County Council Cllr representative as the new portfolio holder for Public Health and Equalities. The HIB recorded its thanks to Cllr Lygo who had previously held this role and was a strong champion of so much of the Board's work.
11. The next meeting of the HIB will take place in September 2023

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