

Appendix 1: Health Overview & Scrutiny Recommendation Response Pro Forma

Where a joint health overview and scrutiny committee makes a report or recommendation to a responsible person (a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider [this can include the County Council]), the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide that the committee may require a response from the responsible person to whom it has made the report or recommendation and that person must respond in writing within 28 days of the request.

This template provides a structure which respondents are encouraged to use. However, respondents are welcome to depart from the suggested structure provided the same information is included in a response. The usual way to publish a response is to include it in the agenda of a meeting of the body to which the report or recommendations were addressed.

Issue: Oxfordshire Healthy Weight Scrutiny Item

Lead Cabinet Member(s) or Responsible Person:

Cabinet Member for Public Health, Inequalities, and Community Safety (Cllr Nathan Ley)

For a response to be provided to all the recommendations outlined below (Excluding recommendation 6 which is aimed at the BOB Integrated Care Board)

Deadline for response: Tuesday 14th November 2022

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Response to recommendations:

NOTE from public health regarding the frequency of updates/responses to these recommendations: Most of the changes required for excess weight are require actions over a long term.

HOSC will therefore receive a progress update on these recommendations in 6 months-time, and a full update with a full report at a formal HOSC meeting in approximately one years-time.

Recommendation	Accepted, rejected or partially accepted	Proposed action (if different to that recommended) and indicative timescale (unless rejected)
<p>1. To ensure adequate and consistent support as part of secondary prevention for those living with excess weight; and to improve access to, as well as awareness of, support services that are available for residents living with excess weight.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>We currently commission two healthy weight services at Local Authority level, one that works with adults and another working with children. We also link closely with partners (NHS) who offer services at tiers above and below our own with a view to offering a seamless pathway. We identified some gaps in service as part of the recent Health Needs Assessment (HNA) on Healthy Weight. The current contract is coming to an end and we are planning to commission an ‘all age service’ with some additional elements to meet the gaps identified in the HNA. We are also planning a review and refresh of opportunities to raise awareness of support that is available.</p>
<p>2. To ensure effective support for ethnic groups that are more likely to develop excess weight, and to raise awareness amongst these groups of the support available to them.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	<p>The current healthy weight service has specific programmes for ethnic groups who are more likely to develop excess weight. This includes innovation pilots working in mosques, women only sessions, and tailoring content to be specific (e.g. on food types) The new service will build on this learning/modelling and is likely</p>

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		to have community development as a delivery component within key priority areas and populations, including ethnically diverse.
3. To work on providing support to the parents, carers, or families of those living with excess weight, and to help provide them with the tools to help manage children's weight.	Accepted (word children added)	To work on providing support to the parents, carers, or families of children living with excess weight, and to help provide them with the tools to help manage children's weight.
4. To explore avenues of support for residents who may struggle to afford healthy diets in the context of the cost-of-living crisis.	Comment	This should be an action/link for Food Strategy work across Oxfordshire, which is led by Laura, Rushen, Senior Policy Officer at OCC– each District Council has been commissioned to undertake work for their District.
5. To ensure that consideration of the ill-effects of being underweight is also built into the language adopted, and the services being commissioned, as part of promoting Healthy Weight overall within the County.	Reject	This didn't inform part of the discussion at the meeting which was focussing on excess weight. Whilst this is a very important issue we need to remain focussed on tackling excess weight. There are significant differences between the causes, behaviours and actions that can be taken associated with underweight as opposed excess weight, and none of the preventative, environmental actions or services commissioned for excess weight link to underweight. To set context while over 30% of children in year 6 and 60% of adults in Oxfordshire are living with excess weight around 1% of children experience underweight.
6. In light of recent findings relating to the risks of excess weight medication (GLP-1 receptor agonists), it is recommended that the BOB Integrated Care Board review the availability of these medications and any associated risks; and to update the Committee on this.		ICB response

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<p>7. To orchestrate a meeting with HOSC, to include senior Planning/Licensing officers, Chairs of Planning Committees of the District Councils, lead officer responsible for advertising/sponsorship policy, as well as the relevant Cabinet Member to discuss the planning and licensing around the presence of fast-food outlets in certain areas around the County and the advertising of HFSS products.</p>	<p>Accepted</p>	
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