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Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, 1st October 2020

Report from	Health Improvement Partnership Board
Report Date	29 th September 2020
Dates of meetings held since the last report: 10 th September 2020	
HWB Priorities addressed in this report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A coordinated approach to prevention and healthy place-shaping. <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the resident's journey through the health and social care system (as set out in the Care Quality Commission action plan). <input type="checkbox"/> An approach to working with the public so as to re-shape and transform services locality by locality. <input type="checkbox"/> Plans to tackle critical workforce shortages. ✓ A Healthy Start in Life ✓ Living Well ✓ Ageing Well ✓ Tackling Wider Issues that determine health 	
Link to any published notes or reports: Papers for the May meeting were published and can be found here: https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=6166&Ver=4	
Priorities for 2020-21	The priorities are subject to review when the impact of COVID-19 on the local population is better known <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keeping Yourself Healthy (Prevent) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Physical Inactivity / Promote Physical Activity • Enable people to eat healthily • Reduce smoking prevalence • Promote Mental Wellbeing • Tackle wider determinants of health - Housing and homelessness • Immunisation 2. Reducing the impact of ill health (Reduce) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent chronic disease though tackling obesity • Screening for early awareness of risk • Alcohol advice and treatment • Community Safety impact on health outcomes 3. Shaping Healthy Places and Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Environment and Housing Development • Learn from the Healthy New Towns and influence policy • Social Prescribing • Making Every Contact Count • Campaigns and initiatives to inform the public

1. Progress reports on priority work to deliver the Joint HWB Strategy (priority, aim, deliverable, progress report)

a. Housing and Homelessness- Housing Support Advisory Group

Priority	Tackle wider determinants of health – housing and homelessness
Aim or Focus	The Housing Support Advisory Group reported on the response to COVID0-19 and support to the local homeless population
Deliverable	Partnership work and joint reporting across all local authorities to support and protect homeless people during lockdown.
Progress report	<p>The full report on this item can be found here:</p> <p>https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/documents/s52837/Item%2012%20-%20HIB%20Homelessness%20Update%20August%202020.pdf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) directed all housing authorities to accommodate anyone known to be rough sleeping by 27th March 2020, regardless of priority need or immigration status. Over the whole period a total of 452 people were accommodated as described in the report. It has implied a big effort with a great rate of success though there were few people who chose to stay out, not accepting the offer of accommodation and some people had to be evicted from hotels despite most hotel managers were very supportive of this measure. There were also supported by the police. • MHCLG expects housing authorities to achieve move-on for all rough sleepers accommodated during Covid-19. To support the move-on process, MHCLG invited bids under the Next Steps Accommodation Programme with a deadline of 21st August 2020. All Oxfordshire district councils have submitted bids. They are waiting to hear from this by the end of September. • Oxfordshire is working very much on a county wide approach involving all district councils, City, OCC and OCCG and this is the approach that it is going to be taken when the providers contracts are in place by 2022. • It has been remarkable the amount of services that have been involved in this operation helping to provide accommodation, linking with health, substance misuse services among others. Social housing registered providers have taken risks that would not have taken otherwise, and the role of voluntary services have been very important. • There is a concern when the court services open how many families would be at risk of evictions. So far they have mainly deal with single homelessness but it is not sure how

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	the situation would look for families. They are planning to have the necessary protections measures in place.
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b Report from Active Oxfordshire

Priority	Reduce Physical Inactivity / Promote Physical Activity
Aim or Focus	To receive a report on progress in the set up and development of strategic plans by Active Oxfordshire, the sport and physical activity partnership for the county.
Deliverable	Active Oxfordshire have agreed to deliver the target to reduce physical inactivity in the county by 0.5% per year.
Progress report	<p>Full report on this item can be accessed here: https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/documents/s52827/Item%2013%20-%20HIB Reducing%20Inactivity Active%20Oxfordshire 10.09.20 %20FINAL.pdf</p> <p>The most recent Active Lives Data¹ reported prior to the coronavirus pandemic demonstrated very clearly the improvement in physical activity (PA) levels for Adults (16+) that have been sustained over the last 3 years now. Oxfordshire is now the least inactive county in England for adults.</p> <p>The impact of COVID 19 and the Active Oxfordshire's response were particularly highlighted.</p> <p>During lockdown, regular advice from the Government and Scientific experts encouraged us all to take regular physical activity. Indeed, our CMO, Professor Chris Whitty reiterated this advice during lockdown and continues to support the uptake of activity not only for physical but also for mental health benefits. National data² that has been collected since lockdown and continues to be collected, tells us that whilst activity levels in the early weeks of lockdown were relatively steady, as our society is trying to reopen with social distancing and safety measures in place, regular adult physical activity remains at its lowest since lockdown started. In addition, this data tells us that activity levels for children may have fallen to the extent that only 19% of children are now meeting the CMO's guidelines. Even given our levels of performance previously, this could mean that in Oxfordshire over 60,000 children are currently inactive and at risk of poor health and wellbeing as a consequence.</p> <p>The Current Priorities of Active Oxfordshire are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the quality of life by promoting health and wellbeing • Reduce health inequalities across the County, exacerbated through this pandemic • Seek to support people in their recovery post-COVID • Support those more vulnerable individuals / communities during and beyond the pandemic

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save our public services from the spiralling costs of treating avoidable illness and ongoing needs <p>Active Oxfordshire will submit recommendations for consideration of the Board.</p>
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The Board also received updates on

- **COVID-19 in the County:** Ansaf Azhar provided a verbal update on the ongoing work that is taking place in response to the pandemic. The preparations for the return of the students is of concern to local residents. The Universities are preparing to mitigate the risks of return and both Universities have testing services in place.
The information on new enforcement details are welcome but the details of how this was to be delivered were still not released at the time of the meeting.
- **Director of Public Health Annual Report:** Ansaf Azhar presented his first annual report and while the county as a whole was doing well on health and wellbeing indicators, 10 wards that were among the 20% most deprived in the country with the same indicators showing a completely different picture. These inequalities have been put in evidence during the COVID 19 outbreak that has impacted the communities in a very different way. Upstream prevention is needed.
- **Drug and Alcohol Partnership Strategy:** Kate Holburn presented the *Drug and Alcohol Partnership Strategy 2020 – 2024*. Most of the work on the strategy was done towards the end of the last year and the group was going to finalise it when COVID 19 came along and could not be brought to the HIB meeting in May. The current document has added recent COVID 19 related data and further partners feedback. For instance, it has been revealed that less people are using alcohol but those who do are drinking are doing so at greater levels. Consequently, more alcohol has been purchased after COVID 19 particularly in lesser deprived areas.
- **Update Report on Fuel Poverty and poor Housing Conditions**
Alison Vickers presented a report on behalf of the Affordable Warmth Network. Progress has been made on the ambitions to address fuel poverty. The AWN has made significant progress with health and social care partners with a number of these now key referral partners. The Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) freephone advice line is now supporting 568 residents a year, up from 400 last year. The AWN is looking to continue this growth with support and referrals from the health and social care sector to improve the lowest rated housing stock across the country

2. Note on what is being done in areas rated Red or Amber in the Performance Framework

The performance framework published for this meeting showed that, of the 16 indicators reported:

*8 indicators are **green***

*6 indicators are **amber***

*2 indicators are **red***

- Increase the level of Cervical Screening (Percentage of the eligible population women aged 25-49) screened in the last 3.5)
- Increase the level of Cervical Screening (Percentage of the eligible population women aged 50-64) screened in the last 5.5 years

These indicators were discussed at length with commissioners from NHS England at the previous meeting in depth and the commissioners will continue to work with the national team and local partners to address what is recognised as a National issue. Cervical screening is a priority in the recovery agenda and will be brought back to the Board

The impact of COVID 19 has started to be seen in the indicators, particularly on the uptakes of health screenings, flu vaccinations, NHS health checks among others. Part of the recovery plan is to improve preventive services on the back of this. Critical working needs to be done.

3. Forward plan for next meeting

19 th November 2020	Due to the COVID 19 pandemic the agenda has become congested. The Board will be reviewing prioritisation of the items which will have an impact on the forward plan. The intention is to review the priorities of the HIB and that the Forward Plan strongly reflect that set of priorities. In this sense, it is very important to focus on inequalities and the COVID 19 situation.
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