

Divisions Affected - All

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

5th October 2023

CHAIR'S REPORT OF THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD 7th September 2023

Report by David Munday, Deputy Director of Public Health,
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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 7th September 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 7th September 2023. The thematic focus of the meeting was on Mental Wellbeing. A summary is provided below and full reports are available at:
<https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=7299&Ver=4>

Key Reports

5. **Keystone Mental Wellbeing Hubs**- The HIB received a presentation from the Oxford Heath NHS Foundation Trust about these community-based hubs. There are hubs now open in Abingdon and Banbury and one soon to open on Cowley Road area of Oxford. The board welcomed the scope of services and holistic community-based support that these hubs offer and considered what further opportunities for integration and promotion of the hubs might exist.

6. **Suicide Prevention**- An update on suicide prevention work happening in Oxfordshire was provided. It was noted that the local Real Time Surveillance system means that whilst ONS publish official statistics on prevalence of suicide any changes to local rates and issues of clustering or contagion can be identified and responded to quickly. An outline of the support provided to people bereaved by suicide- be them family, friends, work colleagues or on the rare occasion of a teenage death school mates- was welcomed, especially important as it was noted how bereavement by suicide is itself a risk factor for completing suicide. The multi-agency approach to suicide prevention was noted and underlined by Vale of White Horse's recent sign-up to the [Zero Suicide Alliance \(ZSA\)](#)
7. **Active Communities Strategy** of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils was presented with a focus on the activities that have occurred locally as part of this during the summer holidays. Community engagement with this was high and it offered a good example of how schemes like this can run successfully. It was noted that as work is currently happening on an update to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy that the importance of Physical Activity as a way of improving mental and physical health will need to be reflected in the strategy's priorities.

Future meetings and membership of HIB

8. 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.
9. The HIB welcomed Dr Sam Hart as the new GP Clinical Lead representative from the ICB. This replaces the post previously held by Dr David Chapman as the Clinical Chair of the Oxfordshire CCG. The HIB expressed their thanks to Dr Chapman for his input to the HIB over the previous years
10. The next meeting of the HIB will take place on 16th November 2023

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