

## **Divisions Affected - All**

### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT OF THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

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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 17<sup>th</sup> November 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022. On 17<sup>th</sup> November a range of topics were covered that address these priorities. A summary is provided below and full reports are available at <https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=7042&Ver=4>

## **Integrated Care System Strategy Development**

5. An update was provided by the Dep Director of Strategy for the Integrated Care Board on behalf of the Integrated Care Strategy Steering Group. The Board agreed with the thematic areas of the emerging strategy which closely reflect the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Oxfordshire. The guiding principles for the strategy were also welcomed, but a desire for further detail on proposed activity within each thematic area was expressed. Questions were raised over how effective consultation with wider stakeholders and the public would be, given such a short window within the development time scale

allocated to this. The importance of representation from both tiers of local government in Oxfordshire within the development group for this strategy was emphasised and board members expressed a keen desire to engage with and supports the next steps of strategy development and consultation.

## **Mental Wellbeing**

6. An update on the work undertaken by the Oxfordshire Prevention Concordat for better mental health in the last year was provided. the work is structured around four strategic priorities;
  - (a) informed partners
  - (b) insight and evaluation
  - (c) confident professionals
  - (d) resilient communities
7. The board was reminded that all partners signed up to this concordat in 2019 and it is an excellent example of system-wide partnership working to deliver improved outcomes for local residents. The challenges that COVID-19 has posed to public mental wellbeing were expressed and the board agreed the proposed action plan for 2023. The importance of securing ongoing funding and financial sustainability for current projects was noted.

## **Healthwatch Ambassador Report**

8. The HIB welcomed Robert Majilton as the new Healthwatch Ambassador board member. The quarterly update from Healthwatch was received and the progress being made on engagement with NHS England and the BOB ICB commissioners responsible for local dental services was widely appreciated. The ability to register at an NHS dentist in Oxfordshire has been an ongoing issue, and although not immediately resolved, the connection with those responsible for the service is a promising development.

## **Healthy Weight and Physical Activity**

9. Oxford City Council presented the formative work being undertaken as they start the process of recommissioning the local leisure service in Oxford. The board agreed that there are a range of beneficial health outcomes associated with increasing physical activity and that this was an important moment in the re-commissioning process to consider more broadly the remit and scope of the leisure service, and how it can deliver maximum population benefit.
10. The potential for the current physical leisure centre estate in Oxford to support further action to tackle inequalities in health was noted. The board agreed further work to take insight from recent community profiles in these areas and scoping out which services could potentially be co-located within physical activity hubs should be undertaken. It was noted that this approach may well have potential for replication in other parts of the county and the HIB would

welcome other updates on case studies from city and district partners to help with sharing ideas, initiatives, and good practice.

## **Brighter Futures in Banbury**

11. Cherwell District Council presented the 2021-22 annual report from the brighter futures in Banbury project. This programme of work is centred around the wards in Banbury that are within the 20% most socio-economically deprived in the country. The associated negative health outcomes in areas like this are well documented. The brighter futures programme provides a holistic approach to addressing the drivers of these health inequalities and benefits from a broad partnership approach which is co-produced with the local community.

## **Future meetings**

12. The next meeting of the HIB will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023. The board members agreed to a workshop in January 2023 to develop a forward plan of agenda items for the 2023 calendar year that address the priorities of the board.

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