

Divisions Affected - All

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

7th December 2023

CHAIR'S REPORT OF THE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP BOARD 16th NOVEMBER 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 16th November 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;
 - 2.1. Tobacco Control
 - 2.2. Mental Wellbeing
 - 2.3. 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 16th November 2023. The thematic focus of the meeting was on Tobacco Control and Healthy Place Shaping, the latter being an enabling workstream that cuts across the 3 priority areas of the HIB. A summary of the meeting is provided below and full reports are available at: <https://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=7300&Ver=4>

Key Reports

5. **Healthy Place shaping-** The HIB received an update in two parts;
 - 5.1. Healthy place shaping evaluation and needs assessment- HIB received a summary of a recent evaluation of healthy place shaping work in Oxfordshire. This covered the 3 main areas of work- the built environment, community activation, and new models of care undertaken by an independent public

health consultancy. The Board welcomed the findings and recommendations to ensure ongoing effectiveness of the work. The findings of a healthy place shaping needs assessment were also presented. It was noted this gives the HPS work specific areas of focus in its three work strands for the next stage of work. It was noted that at its heart the HPS work is about prevention and improves outputs and how people live everyday and was of great value. The importance of the housing elements of the work to ensure warm and damp-free homes was noted and the work happening to ensure grant support for vulnerable people relating to this was maximised.

5.2. Air quality update- An updated was received on the new [Oxonair](#) webpage and its functionality. The site has been built in collaboration between several partners, including District and County Councils as well as NHS colleagues, and was launched in September. The board agreed it was an important tool to communicate and raise awareness of air pollution with visitors and residents across Oxfordshire noting the significant impact poor air quality can have on health. The ability of the site to issue poor air quality alerts was welcomed as this can be of real value to vulnerable residents most at risk of poor health from low air quality and can also help NHS organisations predict and respond to increased demand for services during poor air quality episodes.

6. **Tobacco control**- The HIB received and update in three parts;

6.1. Smoke free pathways in NHS provider organisations- This outlined progress made so far with implementation of smoking cessation support in NHS provider settings. The board was pleased to hear that agreement has been made to ensure Nicotine Replacement Therapy was now available in local maternity services to support pregnant women to stop smoking. Further work is planned to ensure a consistent offer among inpatients.

6.2. Tobacco Control Alliance action plan update- An update was received on the 4 pillars of the Tobacco Control Alliance action plan- Prevention, Enforcement, Smoke-free places, and Support to quit. The progress on smoke-free social housing work was noted and discussion about the role of vapes as a way of helping people stop using tobacco, but not being used by children and young people. The recent announcement in the Kings Speech about this and about raising the legal age of tobacco sale was also noted. More action at a national level to reduce the impact of tobacco use was welcomed by the HIB and each organisation on the board agreed to review the current government consultation on the policy.

6.3. Stop for Life targetted community outreach- A summary of the targetted outreach and support work undertaken by the smoking cessation provider was presented to HIB. Board members found this very informative to better understand how the service operates and see the success and positive impact of the service.

Future meetings and membership of HIB

7. 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.
8. The HIB welcomed Cllr Joy Aitman into her role as the vice-chair of the board and it was noted that Cllr Nathan Ley will take up a seat on the board as the new portfolio holder for Public Health, Community Safety and Equalities at the County Council.
9. The next meeting of the HIB will take place in February 2024

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