

Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

November 2016

Health Inequalities Commission/Final Report

For: Discussion and Agreement of a Monitoring Process

Executive Summary

The report of the work of the Commission into Health Inequalities in Oxfordshire was commissioned by the Health and Well being Board in autumn 2015 . The Commission presents a Headline document which provides a summary of the recommendations, and the full report which gives more background information including evidence provided to the Commission .

Background

The Commission was established at the request of the HWB to support ongoing efforts to reduce health inequalities in the county and identify further action which could be taken . Health is inextricably linked to social determinants of well-being and the scope of the report is beyond the health services . The Commission drew on the work of Sir Michael Marmot and other leading figures, utilizing a lifecourse approach to inform its recommendations for reducing local health inequalities across the social gradient as well as at different life stages. In making its recommendations, it has drawn upon local experience and sound evidence for effective action, collected through a public call for evidence, and open evidence hearings in different parts of the county and supported by the CCG and OCC's public health team . The findings have as far as possible been triangulated with local, national and international policy directions including the Five Year Forward View and the Sustainability and Transformation processes, and local data sources such as the JSNA, DPH annual reports and other local reports. The recommendations in the report are made from the perspective of taking local action which can make a difference in the short and medium term.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to

1. Receive and note the findings and recommendations of the Health Inequalities Commission
2. Consider how other sectors and communities not represented on the Board can be engaged in a meaningful discussion /action on health inequalities.
3. As part of this , to particularly consider encouraging investment in community based programmes which increase residents' income and/or reduce their expenditure, such as debt, benefits or employment advice.
4. Discuss and agree a strategy for the HWB to monitor and assess progress against these recommendations

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