

**An update of the work of the Health Improvement Board
Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
November 2017**

Summary

Since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Health Improvement Board (HIB) has held one meeting in public. Two workshops are planned in the coming months, along with a meeting to facilitate forward planning.

1. Meeting of the Health Improvement Board, September 2017.

The HIB discussed the following topics at this meeting:

1. The Director of Public Health presented his annual report. This stimulated discussion on a range of priorities and informed members of the Board on current issues. Board members were particularly keen to keep a watching brief on Oxfordshire's two Healthy New Town initiatives, to support the sharing of good practice. It was agreed that a workshop would be held to explore how health and planning can be further aligned.
2. The annual report from the Public Health Protection Forum was presented and was followed by detailed information on air quality in the County.
3. A report on Suicide Prevention led to a discussion on prevention initiatives and promotion of well-being. The Health Improvement Board agreed to host a workshop at which a range of partners can contribute to a county-wide framework to illustrate that mental well-being is everyone's job.
4. In a related item, Penny Thewlis from Age UK made a presentation on Loneliness to the Board, building on the progress achieved at the Loneliness Summit in July. Board members are keen to see more information about loneliness and wellbeing included in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
5. An overview of the Exercise on Prescription schemes in the county was collated and presented by Ed Nicholas, an officer from Oxfordshire Sport and Physical Activity (OxSPA). He had worked with District Councils and leisure services providers in producing this paper. It was agreed that OxSPA would lead coordination and development of this work with partners.
6. The Affordable Warmth Network presented their plans for the year ahead, based on the outputs of the workshop held by the HIB in June 2017. These plans were approved by the Board.

All the papers for this meeting of the Board can be viewed here:

<http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=899&MId=5512>

The following meetings will be arranged in the next few months:

1. A meeting of members of the Board to discuss forward plans
2. A workshop on work to promote Mental Wellbeing and the role of all partners on this topic. A wide range of stakeholders will be invited to contribute to a framework detailing work to improve wellbeing.

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- 3.** A further workshop on Planning and Health, building on a learning event held in 2016 which was attended by local authority planners and representatives of health and public health organisations.

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