An update of the work of the Health Improvement Board Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board November 2016

Since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Health Improvement Board (HIB) has held 2 meetings in public and convened a workshop on Housing Related Support with a range of partners.

A summary of the business of these meetings is given below.

1. Health Improvement Board meeting, 7 July 2016.

Board members reviewed the end of year performance on all the priorities they oversee and discussed the final draft of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS) prior to its presentation to the Health and Wellbeing Board. A target for successful move-on for young people leaving supported housing was agreed and is now in the performance framework. This is a new addition to the range of housing related targets in the JHWBS, all of which enable Board members to monitor housing and homelessness related activity across the county.

The Board also discussed the revised Healthy Weight Action Plan which has been expanded following the successful workshop in April. The plan covers healthy eating, increasing physical activity, environment issues that promote active travel and a focus on workplace wellbeing.

Councillor Jeanette Baker was welcomed as the new representative of West Oxfordshire District Council.

2. Housing Related Support workshop, July 2016

The members of the Health Improvement Board were joined by local councillors with responsibility for housing and officers from District Councils and the CCG to discuss plans for future commissioning of housing related support. Agreement was reached on a way forward.

As a result of this work an implementation plan is being developed jointly and will be agreed in November, after which conversations with providers about new arrangements can begin. A legal agreement for the new partnership arrangements is being drafted to come into effect from April 2017.

3. Health Improvement Board meeting, 20 October 2016

A very full agenda included discussion on the Government's Childhood Obesity Plan so that our local Healthy Weight Plan can be considered in the light of national policy. The Board also received annual reports on Health Protection, Air Quality and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership. They then discussed the content of the Director of Public Health Annual Report.

A report on the work of partners engaged in developing the Bicester Healthy New Town was presented to the Board and was welcomed. A report on the Barton Park Healthy New Town will come to a future meeting.

Future meetings

Future plans for the Health Improvement Board include the following:

- A workshop to discuss the issue of Fuel Poverty and explore options to expand and sustain the work that addresses this locally.
- The Board and invited colleagues will also continue to make detailed plans for commissioning Housing Related Support
- The Board members have expressed interest in convening a workshop to discuss the recommendations in the Health Inequalities Commission report.

Jackie Wilderspin, November 2016