



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 20TH JULY 2017

REPORT OF UNIFIED PREVENTION BOARD

PREVENTION ACROSS LEICESTERSHIRE AND THE ROLE OF THE UNIFIED PREVENTION BOARD.

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to reinforce the strategic direction to be taken by the Unified Prevention Board (UPB) in delivering the prevention approach for Leicestershire, and how the work of the UPB flows into the work of each partner organisation.

Recommendation

2. The Health and Well Being Board is therefore asked to:
 - a. Consider the proposal within this document
 - b. Approve the proposal as outlined in this report.
 - c. Note the strategic direction of the UPB and the outcomes agreed.

Background

3. The Unified Prevention Board (UPB) was created as a sub-group of the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board. It oversees the development and delivery of prevention activities underpinning the health and wellbeing strategy for Leicestershire and more recently ensuring the objectives of the new Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) prevention work stream are closely aligned with the Leicestershire prevention strategy, and are jointly delivered locally as needed across Leicestershire.
4. The work of the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership is moving at pace, and it is important to ensure that prevention is considered across these workstreams as well as our existing partners, in order to maximise the use of resources and minimise the risk of duplication.
5. Over the last twelve months progress has been made with partners agreeing a single set of outcomes for the UPB, against which progress can be measured; however focus has tended to remain upon a group of singular programmes of work rather than setting out a unified model from which a set of joint commissioning intentions can be generated to inform future decisions.
6. It is therefore important to review the role and responsibility of the Unified Prevention Board in the evolving landscape to ensure that is fit for purpose and delivers a unified approach to prevention activities promoting health and wellbeing across Leicestershire in the medium term, and ensuring that the principles of “making every contact count” become embedded at every point of contact.

7. At the Unified Prevention Board meeting on the 12th July, the board considered several options for the approach to be taken, these included continuing with the current approach as well as standing down the UPB. The Board strongly believe however that there is a strategic need for the UPB, and that, following the work done to date, the role and remit should be strengthened to enable delivery of a universal approach to prevention across all partner agencies.

Proposal

8. The proposal therefore is to clarify and ensure that the Unified Prevention Board is the point through which the strategic direction of tiers 0 and 1 prevention activities linked to health and wellbeing are approved (see Appendix A for definitions). This will enable all partners to contribute to development and delivery of tiers 0 and 1 in Leicestershire and ensure that partners focus on best use of the Leicestershire pound. Appendix A illustrates the structure being recommended.

9. The National Social Prescribing Forum, based at The University of Westminster, have agreed the national definition as being:

“Social Prescribing is a means of enabling GPs and other frontline healthcare professionals to refer patients to a link worker - to provide them with a face to face conversation during which they can learn about the possibilities and design their own personalised solutions, i.e. ‘co-produce’ their ‘social prescription’ - so that people with social, emotional or practical needs are empowered to find solutions which will improve their health and wellbeing, often using services provided by the voluntary and community sector.”

It is recommended that this definition be adopted in developing a Leicestershire Social Prescribing Model, and that links to national strategy and development are maintained through the UPB.

10. The aim of the unified prevention strategy therefore will be to deliver a model consisting of a place based approach that will offer a core and core-plus, consistent offer for the residents of Leicestershire across partners and geographies while ensuring solutions are tailored to local needs. Recommendations for the place categories are:
- a. Home
 - b. Community
 - c. School
 - d. Workplace
11. It is recommended that the Unified Prevention Board takes direction from both the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Strategic Transformation Partnership to ensure that the core prevention activities within both (the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and the Five Year Forward View) are incorporated within the Unified Prevention Strategy for Leicestershire.
12. Prevention at tiers 2 and 3 will be directed through the Sustainability and Transformation Plan, via the Prevention workstream.
13. The UPB will receive reports from other region wide operational groups, such as Community Safety Partnership and Integrated Locality Teams on progress and

effectiveness of the prevention strategy, and will also request actions/points from these groups to ensure cohesion.

14. It will be the role of the Board, and the members of it, to ensure dissemination across partners to enable consistency of delivery and approach, including through district councils and locality teams.
15. The role of the Unified Prevention Board will be to provide strategic direction and ensure key deliverables. Where further input is required, this will be managed through the creation of specific task and finish groups.
16. The Board will require partners to provide assurance on the delivery of prevention tiers 0-1, including measuring progress against the outcomes (Appendix B).
17. Governance Arrangements
 - a. A forward plan will be maintained for specific topics and themes of interest to partners related to the work of the UPB. Due to the complex nature, it is recommended that the Unified Prevention Board adopt a quarterly focus on each of the four outcomes to enable in depth discussions and progress to be monitored.

i.	August – October 2017	Keep Well
ii.	November 2017 – January 2018	Keep Safe
iii.	February 2018 – April 2018	Stay Independent
iv.	May 2018 – July 2018	Enjoy Life
18. The UPB will also be the place where new ideas, evidence and innovation for tiers 0-2 can be brought for discussion and shaping across partners and we will also take a structured approach to these opportunities.
19. Plans for the coming year will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that they are current and appropriate for delivering this remit.
20. An “ask and offer” template will be developed across partners and workstreams to ensure consistency and visibility across areas.
21. To strengthen communication between the UPB and STP delivery work streams, newsletters and items of interest will be circulated with UPB papers, and the UPB will issue an update to be provided to these groups.

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List of Appendices

Appendix A The Leicestershire Approach to Prevention
Appendix B The four outcome pillars as agreed by UPB

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