

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 27th SEPTEMBER 2018**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****STRENGTHENING LINKS BETWEEN THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD AND THE LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD****Purpose of the report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress that has been made to strengthen links between community safety and health and wellbeing.

Link to the local Health and Care System

2. On 8th December 2016, the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) received a presentation on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The presentation detailed the proposed outcome based approach to deliver the five key priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017 – 2022.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that
 - a) That the progress to date be noted;
 - b) That the ongoing work described in the report be noted.
 - c) That the five priority areas for joint focus: drug misuse, alcohol misuse, mental health, domestic abuse and sexual violence (including child sexual exploitation) be supported;

Background

4. Following a presentation of the key priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017 – 2022, the LSCSB considered how to achieve a stronger working relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Board. This paper details the progress that has been made to date.

Update on achievements to date

5. A jointly led (public health and community safety) workshop was held in September 2017 where local health and crime data was presented to community safety partners and a discussion on potential joint priority areas took place. Feedback was also sought with regards to gaps in information/services and elements of work that could be done differently. Key themes from the feedback included:

- i. Difficulties in accessing data, particularly at district level and from key partners
 - ii. The importance of prevention, education/awareness and developing/strengthening community assets
 - iii. The interplay between crime and health and the further work required
 - iv. Recognising that one size does not fit all.
 - v. Importance of understanding the local context.
 - vi. The lack of information on some areas e.g. child sexual exploitation
 - vii. The lack of awareness of actions that partners take upon receiving information
6. Following the workshop, a report was tabled at the LSCSB meeting in December 2017 which subsequently led to the endorsement of 5 priority areas of focus: drug misuse, alcohol misuse, mental health, domestic abuse and sexual violence (including child sexual exploitation).
 7. Following feedback from the workshop, a data compendium has been developed which lists key health and crime indicators to enable partners to access appropriate data/information as and when required to inform future strategy development.

Update on ongoing work

Drug and alcohol misuse

8. Public health is leading on the development of an overarching substance misuse strategy which will include elements such as criminal justice and domestic abuse and will have key partners such as the police at the heart of its development.
9. A report of activity from the public health commissioned community substance misuse treatment service will be presented at the next LSCSB meeting. This report will provide district level activity and will be presented on an annual basis to inform local priorities.
10. Public health is leading on an offender health needs assessment which will help to shape future work in this area. Discussions are already underway with health and justice colleagues from NHS England, Public Health England and the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) on strengths and areas of development with respect to substance misuse and mental health.

Mental health

11. Leicestershire County Council plays a leading role in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Suicide Audit and Prevention Group (LLR SAPG). This Group exists to bring together key partners to co-ordinate strategies and actions to reduce the risks and burden of suicide locally.
12. In January 2018, Cabinet approved the development of a STOP Suicide Campaign and Pledge similar to that operated in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire. This work has commenced through the formation of a Stop Suicide Task and Finish Group which is comprised of representation from local government, primary care, secondary care, criminal justice services, voluntary organisations, local commissioners and locally commissioned services. A component of this work involved joint working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Leicester City Council to develop an offer for those bereaved or affected by suicide.

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

13. A Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) wide service is in place which is jointly commissioned by the County Council, City Council, Rutland Council and the OPCC. The service provides:
 - i. a single point of access for the public and for professionals
 - ii. an independent domestic violence advisory service that offers short term intensive support to manage immediate risks
 - iii. therapeutic interventions
 - iv. an independent sexual advisory service which links to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre.
 - v. Recovery and outreach services through group work and 1-2-1 support
14. In addition to the above, public health holds a contract for refuge provision for women fleeing domestic abuse. Discussions are underway to strategically align this service with the wider LLR commissioned service in the future.
15. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has recently released £19 million of funding to expand support for survivors of domestic abuse across England. Leicestershire County Council is leading on an LLR wide bid (in collaboration with local voluntary sector organisations) for a share of the funding which will build on the services that were put into place using the previous funding allocation.

Other ongoing work

16. In recognition of the feedback from the community safety workshop held in September 2017, a dashboard is being developed to provide timely access to health and community safety data to support evidence based practice within the district councils.
17. The OPCC are leading on the development of 'People Zones' which are geographically defined areas wherein public services (including health, police, local authorities, fire services and criminal justice services) work collaboratively to address the key social problems for that particular area. The intention is to address the issues that are the highest priority for the local community and the organisations that support them.
18. The outcomes of the People Zones project link closely to that of the Unified Prevention Board and the principles behind the project align with the LCC public health prevention offer. This provides an opportunity to take forward joint priorities through the Unified Prevention Board and to ensure closer working between the People Zones project and the tier 0 prevention offer to ensure there are strong links in to our commissioned services (e.g. lifestyle services, substance misuse services and sexual health services).

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

19. The work being undertaken would have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the population.

Crime and Disorder Implications

20. The work being undertaken brings together areas of work that have an impact on both health and community safety thereby aiming to have a positive impact on crime and disorder.

Partnership Working and associated issues

21. The work described in this report focuses on improving population health and on improving community safety through partnership with key agencies.

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