

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 14th MARCH 2019**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 further 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. A further report on the matter was considered by the LSCSB on the 10th December 2018.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that the progress made to date to strengthen links between community safety and health and wellbeing be noted;

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 provides further updates on joint work between the LSCSB and the Health and Well Being Board subsequent to a paper presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2018.

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. This 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).

Update on ongoing work

Mental health

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. Following agreement between the County Council, City Council and the OPCC on joint funding for a bereavement counselling service for those affected by suicide, the service went out to tender in March 2019. It is expected that this will be operational for May 2019.

Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence

9. 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
10. In addition to the above, public health holds a contract for refuge provision for women fleeing domestic abuse.
11. Consultation has recently begun on a joint strategy across LLR for a proposed structure for domestic abuse and sexual violence services.

Other ongoing work

12. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) are leading on the development and implementation 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.

13. 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). Local Area Coordinators are an integral part of the Peoples' Zones project, joining up the 'community capacity building' part of prevention between health and criminal justice.
14. Given the recent national publicity on escalating levels of knife crime and commentators discussing the need to take a 'public health approach' to knife crime, Joshna Mavji, Consultant in public health lead for domestic abuse, substance misuse and community safety has been working with the Police and OPCC to advise them on how such an approach could be constructed.

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

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

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. 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

17. 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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