

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 23 FEBRUARY 2023**REPORT OF DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH****JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT****Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with an update on the progress of the Leicestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2022-32 since the last meeting of the Board in December 2022.
2. The report also outlines plans to further develop and promote the work of the Board over the next 12 months.

Recommendations

3. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the contents of the report and comment on the proposed development plans for the Board.

Background

4. Since the approval of the JHWS in February 2022, work to support each of the HWB subgroups (the Children and Families Partnership, Integration Executive, the Staying Healthy Partnership and recently established Mental Health Subgroup) to deliver upon the Strategy's priorities and identifying their key areas of focus has been undertaken. This has included developing and building new relationships amongst members and officers to encourage greater partnership working.
5. At the last HWB in December 2022, the Board agreed to move the Performance Outcomes report from quarterly to annual reporting. This was to take into account, not all indicators were updated at the same time, or as frequently, resulting in little or no significant change from quarter to quarter.
6. It was also agreed to provide flexibility on reporting for the subgroups of the Board. This was under the proviso that the priority action plans were fully established and that subgroups adhere to the minimum reporting requirement of annual progress updates.
7. It is now proposed that a timetable be produced as a forward plan of the reporting cycles for the Performance Outcomes and subgroups for when updates will be brought to the Board. Guidance will be taken from both the County Council's Business Intelligence Team in relation to when the data is updated, and from the subgroups in relation to their workplans and priorities.

Current Progress

8. Progress of the work achieved by each of the sub-groups is summarised below:

a. Children and Families Partnership

- Priority leads have continued to work with partners and other key stakeholders to deliver against the five priority action plans of the current Children and Families Partnership (CFP) Plan, which runs to 2023. The Partnership will be undertaking a review and refresh of the Partnership Plan over the coming months and will seek to align this with the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) delivery plan. The updated plan will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board for agreement by December 2023.

- Priority 1: Best Start for Life (Early Years)

Work to embed support for families throughout the first 1001 Critical Days continues. This includes an increased focus on workforce development to raise awareness of the importance of the first 1001 days and the introduction of a communications plan to share key messages and practical support with families.

- Priority 3: Support Families to be Self Sufficient and Resilient (Early Help)

The Early Help Partnership held a workshop in November 2022 to look at updating the overall CFP action plan to better reflect the current issues and challenges facing families and partners. This included the receipt of funding to support the development of the Family Hubs. It was agreed that focus would be given to the three themes of Family Hubs (voice, equity and influence), data and information. A revised action plan will be agreed by the CFP by March 2023.

- Priority 5: Ensure Good Physical and Mental Health

Public Health are currently working with districts and other partners to undertake activity to identify how various factors, including fuel and food poverty, are affecting families.

Children and Family Services, working with Active Together, continue to co-ordinate the delivery of the DfE funded Holiday Activities and Food programme across the County, aimed at addressing holiday hunger and social isolation through the provision of free holiday club places for school aged children in receipt of benefits related free school meals. Annual funding of approximately £1,500,000 has been confirmed for Leicestershire to March 2025.

- Implementation of wave 7 of the Mental Health Support Teams in Schools programme is underway. There are now four teams in Leicestershire, working in Loughborough, Oadby and Wigston, Northwest Leicestershire and Hinckley and Melton covering 50 schools. Within each of these locations, the teams have capacity of up to 8000 children and young people.
- A children's mental health needs assessment is currently being compiled and a report will be presented to the Children and Families Partnership in March 2023 and to the Health and Wellbeing Board in May 2023.

b. Integration Executive

- Short-term discharge funding – focus will be given to delivering the discharge schemes which will continue until April 2023. Evaluation will follow. Timescales to spend the funding is particularly tight.
- All schemes across the ID/JCG (Integration Executive subgroups) are rated as Green apart from the LLR Shared Care Record, this is amber due to technical issues. Both schemes were presented at the February Integration Executive meeting.

Success

- Positive engagement from stakeholders across the system has ensured great success with the Discharge to Assess (D2A) scheme (which offered a pathway for individuals from hospital into a nursing home to receive additional support and further assessment) as well as demonstrating some true partnership integration. Key messages from the findings will be delivered to the ICB Winter Board and discharge cell within the coming weeks. Actions will be sought for next steps to reduce pathway 2 discharges (from hospital to residential care). Communication will be rolled out to wider staff across the system to ensure there is an understanding of the processes for pathway discharge.
- The BCF target metrics set for 2022/23 are on target to be met. These will be evaluated after March 2023 when final data is released from NHS England.

Challenges

- Funding requirements are very specific with short timeframes and non-concurrent.
- There are times when the integration team need to react quickly to system pressures to ensure integrated working. This can cause conflicts in meeting deadlines with agreed schemes and timescales, however this is being worked through and managed.

c. Staying Healthy Partnership

- The Staying Healthy Partnership (SHP) is working well to collectively look at the impact that wider determinants and inequalities have on health and wellbeing. There is a real drive for partnership working and the importance of ensuring that there is alignment across the many workstreams.
- Many of the JHWS priorities are being delivered through each of the Thematic Groups and the Health Inequalities Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (HI JSNA), currently being developed, will help to provide a real focus on specific cohorts and vulnerable groups.
- Since establishment of the SHP, progress has been made across a number of workstreams to address some of the key issues affecting Leicestershire communities. These include:
 - Cost of Living – this is being picked up through the Communities Group.
 - Community Health and Wellbeing Plans (CHWBP) – initial thematic cross cutting themes have been identified, though further work is needed to link them across all 7 plans
 - Embedding health in all policies – working with district and planning colleagues to achieve this
 - Housing: damp and mould issues – initial scoping has been carried out and a steering group has been established to progress this further

Other areas that require further development over the coming months, are:

- Health Inequalities work – further development to look at how this can inform and be embedded into the CHWBPs
- Pressures of challenges related to funding of public health and leisure services – SHP to understand what the impacts are and work together to identify opportunities to help mitigate.

d. Mental Health Group

- At the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board in December, the Board approved the establishment of a fourth Mental Health subgroup. The Mental Health subgroup will report into the HWB and will also link into the system wide Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Mental Health Collaborative.
- The subgroup is due to meet formally for the first time on 16 February 2023.
- Further updates as to progress, identifying priority areas and next steps will be provided at the next HWB in May.

Additional Updates & Developments

Annual Report

9. Throughout the next few months, 1:1s will be held with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to capture contributions to shape the content of the Annual Report 2021/22, including where the HWB is now and how the Board sees itself evolving over the next 12 months. Focus will be given to the Board as a place-based leader and the key role it has within the wider system; collectively improving the quality of life for all communities in Leicestershire.
10. It is anticipated that the annual report will be presented at the May 2023 Board.

Performance Outcomes

11. At the previous meeting of the Board it was agreed to move performance updates from quarterly to annual updates, with the caveat that any significant changes be reported by exception.
12. Several indicators have recently been updated on Fingertips which show a significant change in relation to the Best Start for Life and Staying Healthy, Safe and Well elements of the life course. The key headlines are:

Best Start for Life

- Percentage of children in Leicestershire in 2021/22 achieving a good level of development at the end of Reception has increased and is currently higher than the national average for the first time since 2012/13.
- While low birth weight of term babies has gone from significantly better than the national average to statistically similar to the national average, Leicestershire has seen a percentage increase of 2.2% in 2020 to 2.7% in 2021. The England percentage is 2.8%.
- 16- to 17-year-olds not in education, employment or training (NEET) continues to perform significantly better than the national average.

Staying Healthy, Safe and Well

- Successful completion of drug treatment in opiate users has gone from significantly better than the national average to statistically similar to the national average (Leicestershire and Rutland are combined for this indicator).
- The trend in the proportion screened for breast cancer and cervical cancer is significantly decreasing and getting worse, while the trend in the proportion screened for bowel cancer is significantly increasing and getting better.

- While the proportion of females aged 25-49 screened for cervical cancer in Leicestershire has decreased from 74.2% in 2021 to 73.8% in 2022, rates are still above the national average of 67.6%.
 - Work has been done to try and understand the barriers and enablers to cancer screening in specific inclusion groups. Work in Charnwood is currently being done to increase uptake in bowel screening by contacting patients who have not had a screen in the last 2 years.
 - Smoking prevalence in adults (18+) has gone from significantly better than the national average to not significantly different to the national average
13. It is worth noting that the data relates to 2021/22 and therefore it is unlikely that the JHWS would have made an impact in relation to changes at this early stage of delivery. The full report is attached as an Appendix.

Communications and Engagement

14. With the new HWB Project Officer now in post, a significant amount of work has taken place to develop the communication and engagement capability of the Board. This began with a scoping exercise, followed by development of short-, medium- and long-term objectives. Initial areas of focus include:
- a. Conducting a mapping exercise to ascertain resources and mechanisms already in place to avoid duplication and ensure alignment
 - b. Website development
 - c. Stronger utilisation of social media platforms
 - d. Undertaking an initial piece of engagement to form part of the baseline that will be used to measure the impact of the JHWS as part of the three-year review.

Background papers

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-32

<https://www.healthandcareleicestershire.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Health-and-Wellbeing-Strategy-2022-2032.pdf>

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board – 1 December 2022 – LJHWS Update

<https://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s172504/JHWS%20Update%20-%20final.pdf>

Appendix

JHWS Performance Outcomes Report Feb 23

Officers to contact

Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health

Email: Mike.Sandys@leics.gov.uk

Joshna Mavji, Assistant Director of Public Health – Commissioning

Email: Joshna.Mavji@leics.gov.uk

Victoria Charlton, Health and Wellbeing Board Manager

Email: Victoria.Charlton@leics.gov.uk

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

15. The JHWS has a cross cutting theme to reduce health inequalities and is linked into the wider LLR Health inequalities framework. A full Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) was undertaken when developing the Strategy. A review of the EHRIA will be completed on an annual basis to align with the annual review of the Delivery Plan.

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. To ensure crime and disorder implications are considered, links to the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board and wider Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner have been made through attendance at the JHWS Project Board and working groups established to progress the JHWS. The Staying Healthy, Safe and Well priority will ensure the health considerations of the Communities Safety Strategy Board are linked into the HWB and colleagues are also represented at the Children and Families Partnership Board.

Environmental Implications

17. The JHWS uses the Dahlgren and Whitehead (2006) social model of health to recognise the importance of the wider determinants on health on our health and wellbeing. This includes the importance of the impact of the environment in which we are born, live and grow. To ensure environmental implications are considered, links to the County Council Environment and Transport department and Public Health department have been made through attendance at the JHWS Project Board and working groups. There will also be Environment and Transport attendance at future Staying Healthy Partnership sub-group. Key priorities have been identified such as air quality, access to green space, active transport and having healthy places.

Partnership Working and associated issues

18. Success of the JHWS and delivery of strategy commitments, is dependent on high quality, trusted partnership working and ownership. Through developing an alliance approach, it is hoped that further progress can be made across multiagency boundaries to improve the health and wellbeing of the Leicestershire population. The aim is for a JHWS that is developed and owned across the partnership.