



HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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DRAFT HEALTH AND WELLBEING ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Committee on the draft Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) Annual Report 2023-24.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. HWBs were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of the local population.
3. The HWB has a statutory duty to:
 - a. Publish and refresh the Leicestershire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA);
 - b. Prepare and publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS);
 - c. Approve the Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan, which includes a pooled budget used to transform local services to improve integrated health care and support;
 - d. Prepare and publish a pharmaceutical needs assessment.

The Board also aims to communicate and engage with local people to seek their views regarding how they can achieve the best possible quality of life through supporting themselves and being able to access appropriate services.

4. The HWB approved an approach at its meeting on 23 May 2024 to focus the annual report on progress against the Board's statutory duties and to present the draft annual report to this Committee for feedback.

Background

5. Whilst it is not a statutory requirement for the HWB to publish an annual report, Board members recognise the importance of updating our partners, stakeholders and members of the public on the progress to deliver its statutory obligations and the impacts being made.

Outline of the HWB Annual Report 2023-24

6. The draft HWB Annual Report 2023-24 (attached as an appendix) provides a snapshot of the work taking place across the partnership to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of the local population, with a specific focus on progress against the statutory duties of the Board. As such, the content includes the following:
 - a. A foreword from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - b. A description of the role and membership of the HWB;
 - c. A description of the statutory responsibilities of the HWB (as listed in paragraph 3 above)
 - d. Progress against delivery of the statutory responsibilities of the HWB – this makes up a significant component of the annual report with an in-depth focus on the strategic priorities of the JHWS, progress against the JSNA, and the programme of work arising from the Better Care Fund. Progress updates within the report comprise of a description of successes, challenges, case studies and proposals for the next 12 months
 - e. Looking forward – areas of focus for the HWB over the next 12 months based on current challenges and gaps.

Update on the JHWS strategic priority of 'Dying Well'

7. In June 2024, the Committee requested an update on work taking place on the strategic priority of 'Dying Well'. The annual report includes a section on this with a summary provided in paragraphs 8 to 11 of this report.
8. Section 5.4 of the draft HWB Annual Report 2023-24 relates to the JHWS strategic priority - Dying Well. The Integration Executive subgroup of the HWB is responsible for delivery of the Dying Well strategic priority which comprises of three priority areas:
 - a. Understanding the Need;
 - b. Effective Transitions;
 - c. Normalising End of Life Planning.
9. Each priority area is further broken down into a set of commitments. Details on progress against these commitments can be found within the relevant section in the draft Annual Report. Much of the work undertaken in 2023-24 under the Dying Well strategic priority has been focussed on development of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) Strategy which has been informed by the Leicestershire End of Life Care and Support JSNA published in 2022 and the commitments under the Dying Well strategic priority of the JHWS. The PEoLC Strategy aims to deliver the national ambitions for end of life care and reflects the views and insights of people with lived experience. The national ambitions include:
 - a. Each person is seen as an individual;
 - b. Each person gets fair access to care;
 - c. Maximising comfort and wellbeing;
 - d. Care is co-ordinated;
 - e. All staff are prepared to care;
 - f. Each community is prepared to help.

10. A development session was held by the HWB in March 2024 to help define next steps and to ensure that work across the system on Dying Well is joined up and includes a focus at place-level. The development session also provided an opportunity to seek assurance that the JSNA and JHWS priorities are aligned to the PEO LC Strategy.
11. Plans for 2024-25 will focus on developing a training programme around end of life planning, utilising funding from the Better Care Fund to support delivery. This will help staff to understand the services on offer and to help inform discussions with patients, families and carers around end of life planning.

Timetable for Decisions

12. The Annual Report will be considered by the HWB on 26 September 2024. Once approved, the final report will be formatted with input from the Council's Design Team ready to be published towards the end of 2024. A communications plan to promote the report is currently being developed. These include:
 - a. the use of social media, utilising partner and community networks and media channels;
 - b. publishing an article in Leicestershire Matters, with a QR code embedded to enable direct access to the document;
 - c. an easy read document;
 - d. short video to summarise the report.

Background papers

13. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2023-32
<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/documents/s166738/Appendix%20A%20JHWS.pdf>

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

14. None

Equality Implications

15. There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
16. An Equality Impact Assessment will be looked at as part of the JHWS refresh that is planned in 2025.

Human Rights Implications

17. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Appendices

18. Draft Health and Wellbeing Annual Report 2023-24

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