

Health and Wellbeing Board

Place-based Health and Wellbeing Partnerships

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Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note and support the progress made by the three Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Warwickshire.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Partnerships (HWP) in the three places of Warwickshire North, Rugby and South Warwickshire are critical to the successful delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Partnership and the place-based Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This report provides an update on progress made by the HWPs as well as future plans.

2. Updates to the Board

- 2.1 To support knowledge sharing and coordination across HWPs the Place Coordination Group has been established. The group, consisting of Public Health Consultant and Officer leads for each HWP, meets on a monthly basis and will support the development of these Board updates moving forward.
- 2.2 Each HWP is at a different stage of developing JSNA action plans and delays to this have been experienced due to Covid-19 disruption and the need to establish Place-based Incident Management Teams (IMTs) to support the Covid-19 response. The IMTs have been supporting a range of activities including raising awareness of outbreaks, communication and engagement, and identification of sites for Covid-19 testing and vaccination delivery. 3 IMTs are held weekly for North, Rugby and South place. These are organised by Public Health and chaired by the district and borough Chief Executives.

3. South Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership

- 3.1 The South Warwickshire Healthy Citizens Forum (HCF), which oversees the SW Healthy and Wellbeing Delivery Group and South Place Co-ordination Group, agreed in January 2020 to prioritise Mental health, outcomes for Children and Young People and action on Climate Change. These priorities

were re-confirmed in April in light of the COVID-19 pandemic; an additional priority to collaborate to support recovery from COVID-19 was added.

Throughout the pandemic the SWHWB Delivery Group increased the frequency of meetings in order to maintain co-ordination and support for shared priorities. An overview of activity in line with each of these priorities is outlined below

3.2 ***Supporting the pandemic response and recovery***

Since October members of the HCF and partners in the HWB Delivery Group and the Place Partnership have supported the South Incident Management Team to strengthen the partnership response to COVID-19. The IMT have identified and addressed key actions to help reduce incidence rates in the South, including tailoring and targeting communications activities, promoting the 'COVID-19 Community Champions and strengthening links with VCS organisations, developing support for people who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable and sharing data and intelligence between partners to ensure all are aware of the wider context and challenges faced by partners across the public sector.

SWHWB Delivery Group meetings have been used to share updates, key messages and comms materials for preventing COVID-19 transmission, vaccination and screening campaigns. The findings from the Coventry and Warwickshire Covid-19 Health Impact Assessment and the Warwickshire COVID-19 population survey were shared and used to inform key areas for partnership action to support the pandemic response and recovery planning. Recognising the financial impacts of the pandemic and the risk fuel poverty presents to respiratory health the Act on Energy service has been actively promoted through the partnership.

3.3 ***Mental Health***

Given the concerns of a rise in housing insecurity highlighted by the COVID-19 HIA, the Delivery Group has held focused sessions on services and support available to prevent homelessness and the Warwickshire Homelessness Strategy. In addition the group are supporting the promotion of and recruitment to suicide prevention training; the planned re-launch of Wellbeing for Life and promotion of Thrive at Work; and the dissemination of information on support for Carers, people who have been bereaved, people with dementia and people with mental health and wellbeing needs.

The Delivery group continues to help strengthen links between VCS organisations, NHS providers and District Councils and WCC in support of the Mental Health Access Hubs (see video via link: [Mental Health Access Hubs](#)), Arts and Health initiatives, the Stratford Housing Plus Development and, looking forward, the development of the Ellen Badger Hospital. The group are currently reviewing CWPT's Community Mental Health Transformation plans and a bid to NHS England, helping to ensure a strong partnership approach to the bids.

3.4 **Children and Young People**

The Delivery group have held focused meetings on Child Poverty and Financial Inclusion and Smoking in Pregnancy. Alongside this the group has overseen 3 projects working with young people which were jointly funded from WCC and SWCCG in 2019:

- Wriggle - providing creative dance sessions for preschoolers and families for physical and mental wellbeing delivered via virtual platform and outside social distanced sessions
- Entrust - providing a virtual “lean on me” support service for families with children experiencing complex needs
- Young People first - delivering interventions to address wellbeing of young people including yoga and mindfulness sessions.

3.5 **Climate Change**

Strengthening local supply chains can contribute to reducing the carbon footprint of organisations, along with contributing to a stronger local economy. An initial working group has been formed to bring together procurement officers and officers from Economy and Skills together to explore opportunities to develop the local supply chain. Following discussions with the HCF and the Population Health and Prevention Executive links will be made to extend this work across the system, given the value it adds to the work of the Anchor Alliance. The partnership will also link in with the work of Warwickshire County Council to develop a shared approach to commissioning for social value.

Local partners have prioritised action on digital inclusion with Districts and WCC developing laptop recycling schemes to improve access to virtual support and linking with the VCS to improve digital skills and confidence among residents.

4. **Rugby Health and Wellbeing Partnership**

4.1 The Rugby HWP agreed new terms of reference earlier in the year and since then has been chaired by the Executive Director of Rugby Borough Council. WCC Public Health are providing the secretariat and working closely with RBC to develop the partnership. Under the new terms of reference, the role of the partnership is to lead responsibility for delivering actions to improve the health and wellbeing of communities in Rugby. This includes the actions emerging from and informed by the JSNA.

4.2 Alongside the new terms of reference for the HWP, Rugby also saw the formation of the Delivery Board, as part of the Health and Care Partnership governance. This board has established itself through a series of meetings during the pandemic that supported joint working at the time. There is a strong working relationship between the two groups with the Delivery Board meeting between the HWP meetings. This way of working has allowed conversations and shared work between the two groups to be sustained. The meeting frequency for the partnership and delivery group have increased since the start of the pandemic, with the partnership meeting monthly and the delivery

group meeting every two weeks.

- 4.3 The identification of priorities for health and wellbeing in Rugby has been the core work of the partnership over the previous months. This has been supported by the completion of the JSNA programme, and a thematic analysis was carried out on the JSNA place-based profiles to draw out issues that were consistent across each of the five areas.
- 4.4 The themes and priorities for the partnership were agreed in Summer and each monthly meeting is based on a theme. The agreed themes are Health behaviours (priorities smoking), poverty and inequalities (priority homelessness), mental health and wellbeing (priority self-harm in young people) and Covid-19 recovery. The themes also frame the agenda for the delivery group to progress the work of both the delivery and partnership groups. A Homelessness Task and Finish Group has also been set up to progress the partnership working in Rugby.
- 4.5 The Partnership has specifically considered the Covid-19 Impact Assessment and planning for the recovery phase, health services and the Houlton development, homelessness strategy (including Outreach Nursing Service and Pathway Needs Assessment), Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Wellbeing for Life, Tobacco Control and Locality Hubs.
- 4.6 Public Health are working closely with the Rugby Place Programme Director to align the work of the Partnership and Delivery Group.

5. Warwickshire North Health and Wellbeing Partnership

- 5.1 Warwickshire North HWP has been taking a strategic view on a range of health and wellbeing priorities across the two boroughs. The membership includes representatives from North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council, Warwickshire North CCG, George Eliot Hospital, Primary Care Network, SWFT, WCC, and Warwickshire CAVA. December saw the last meeting with Independent Chair Jerry Hutchinson and the announcement that Steve Maxey (North Warwickshire Borough Council) will be taking over this responsibility in 2021.
- 5.2 The partnership has been delivering on a set of priorities and feels it has made a significant impact, as outlined at previous HWB Board meetings. At September's meeting a discussion took place to agree the partnership's priorities. These are: access to services; reducing health inequalities; housing and health; and reducing obesity and improving lifestyles.
- 5.3 At the last meeting in December the Partnership received a Covid-19 update which outlined the latest data for the North, the impact on local hospital services, and feedback from the Incident Management Team (IMT).
- 5.4 To speak to one of the partnership's priorities, housing and health, a presentation and discussion item on homelessness and Warwickshire's draft Homelessness Strategy also took place at the December meeting. The

partnership was assured about the work that has been taking place around homelessness and health during the Covid-19 response and recovery period.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct finance implications from this update at this time. However, as more detailed plans are developed, the relevant Officers will be involved to provide scrutiny and assurance around spend and benefits where necessary.

7. Environmental Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct environmental implications from this update. However, as more detailed plans are being developed, the relevant Officers will be involved to provide scrutiny and assurance on this area where necessary.

8. Next steps

- 8.1 The HWB Partnerships will refresh their action plans in line with evidence from the JSNA which is now complete. Three partnership plans will then be produced, outlining health and wellbeing priorities for each area, in line with the refresh of the HWB Strategy for 2020-25 and also the Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Plan. Further updates on progress will be provided to future meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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