

Health and Wellbeing Board

Feedback from the Joint Place Forum and Health & Care Partnership

6 January 2021

Recommendations

1. Note the contents of the report and the *next steps and actions* resulting from the Joint Place Forum and Health & Care Partnership held on the 3rd November 2020.
2. To endorse the proposed thematic approach to future meetings.

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 An online joint meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire Place Forum and the Health and Care Partnership Board was held on 3 November 2020. The meeting was joined by over 70 people.
- 1.2 This was the second joint meeting during the COVID19 pandemic. It was an opportunity to continue the conversation from the previous (July) meeting about health inequalities and Covid-19 and to explore potential collaborative action to address the negative impacts and capitalise on the opportunities arising from the pandemic.
- 1.3 A number of key themes emerged during the meeting including:
 - There was a clear imperative to continue working collectively with communities and as partners to address health inequalities
 - The relationship between health and wealth, and importance of inclusive growth to ensure that some groups are not excluded from economic recovery. There is an opportunity to develop Social Value policies as a mechanism to address health inequalities
 - Foundation of strong partnership working across Coventry and Warwickshire. We have proved the value of close relationships through the Joint Place Forum and Health and Care Partnership Board, and the Anchor Alliance is an opportunity to expand this further
 - Innovation and new learning triggered by the pandemic, and the importance of taking the time to capture this

- Staff wellbeing is now more important than ever in improving health outcomes and addressing inequalities. The Thrive at Work programme has the potential to have a real impact in all organisations and should be embraced by all partners
- The importance of local communities and places in driving change / improvement and responding to need.

2 Presentations and discussion

- 2.1 Tackling health inequalities in our Covid-19 response: Partners were urged to support a Call to Action which is being developed, aimed at employers and organisations (large and small) to ask them to consider what actions they can take to help reduce health inequalities. There is also an opportunity to work with clinicians to ensure that inequalities are addressed (and not exacerbated) as waiting lists are tackled.
- 2.2 Addressing the economic impact of Covid-19: Colleagues from CWLEP, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council outlined their work in partnership to address the economic impact of the pandemic. Although Coventry and Warwickshire started from a strong economic position, there are critical sectors which are now at very high risk in the region. There is notable concern about increasing unemployment amongst young people in the region. CWLEP is soon to publish its Reset Strategic Framework, which envisages a fundamental reset of the local economy, rather than a recovery that will return to past norms.
- 2.3 Partnership with the voluntary and community sector: The pandemic has in many cases strengthened collaboration between the public sector and VCS. It has highlighted the importance of small, local community groups, which quickly mobilised to support vulnerable individuals. Clare Wightman (Grapevine) shared details of a summit that was held on 10 November with public sector partners to enable a conversation around new ways of working. Grapevine have also led a partnership application to the Healthy Communities Together programme, which seeks to redesign the health system around people's lived experience of poor health outcomes and mobilise community assets.
- 2.4 Improving workforce mental wellbeing: The Thrive at Work programme making a difference: During the Year of Wellbeing, C&W Place Forum members pledged to sign up to the regional THRIVE at Work programme, and most have done so. 20 organisations (public, private and voluntary sector) across the WMCA area were recently recognised as having achieved the THRIVE bronze award, 10 of which were in Coventry and Warwickshire -

including Coventry and Rugby / Warwickshire North CCGs. ‘Wellbeing Warriors’ from the CCGs shared their experience of being part of the THRIVE programme and the impact this has had on staff, as wellbeing has become embedded in the culture of the organisation.

2.5 Developing the role of anchor institutions: The Chief Executives of Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council shared details of a fledgling Coventry and Warwickshire Anchor Alliance, an informal alliance of the two councils, the acute trusts and CWPT, the universities and CWLEP. The intention is to work together where there are levers of influence to benefit local people and achieve the best return on the Coventry and Warwickshire pound – as employers, purchasers, land and asset owners and resource users.

2.6 The full agenda and presentations are available at <https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/about-us/our-partnership-board/>.

3 Next steps and actions

3.1 The following key next steps and actions were proposed:

- Reassert the system commitment to tackling health inequalities and respond to and champion the Call to Action to address health inequalities
- Take opportunities to work collaboratively with business sector partners and use collective influence to address economic impact of COVID19
- Support activity to strengthen statutory and voluntary and community sector partnerships and harness the community response to the pandemic
- Champion and progress Year of Wellbeing pledges to achieve THRIVE bronze award
- Participation in planned training on workplace mental wellbeing for strategic partners
- Warwickshire colleagues - respond to Warwickshire’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation
- Support and champion a population health management approach to inform plans and activity.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5 Environmental Implications

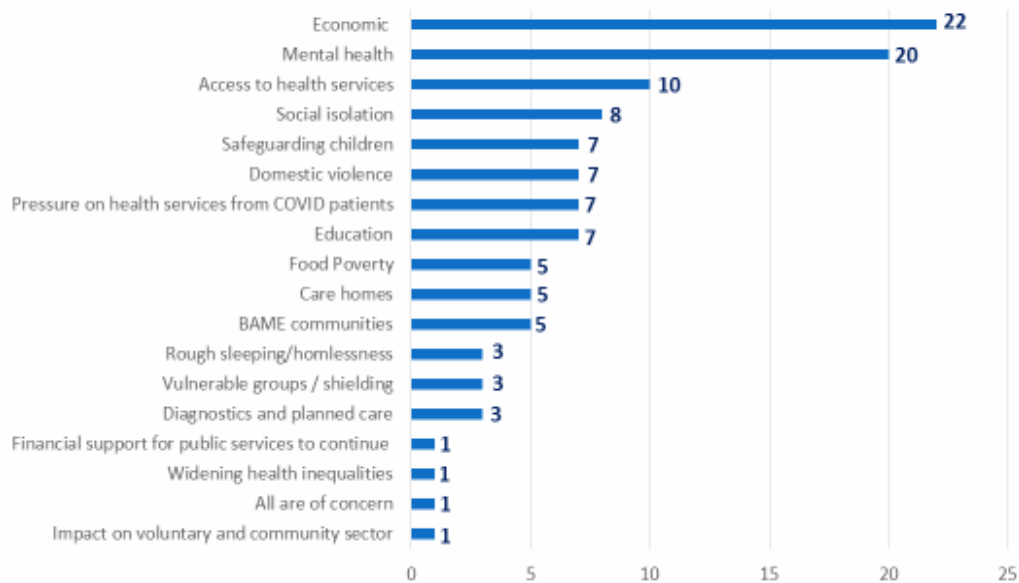
5.1 None.

6 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

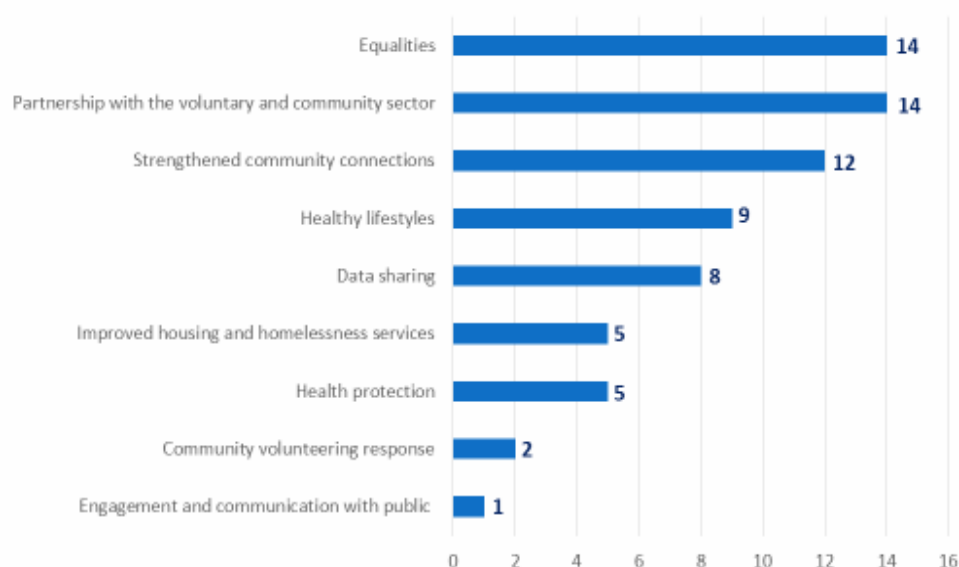
6.1 The date of the next meeting is the 2nd March 2021. It is likely to follow a similar format to the previous two meetings and have an overarching theme.

6.2 Prior to the November meeting a pre-event survey was circulated to explore what is most important to partners in terms of the pandemic response as well as what opportunities there are going forward. The results of these are summarised below and may be used to inform the theme of the next meeting.

Which impacts of the pandemic are of most concern to you? (please choose 3 of the following options) (33 responses)



What are the key opportunities from the pandemic that we should focus on together? (please choose 2 of the following options) (33 responses)



Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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