

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Health and Wellbeing Board place-based Partnerships

Recommendation

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the update provided by the place-based Partnerships.

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) place-based Partnerships have previously updated HWBB on progress made against HWBB priorities. In recognition of the pivotal role the wider determinants play on health outcomes, each HWBB Partnership has been taking local action, informed by evidenced health needs for the place-based population. This paper outlines the different approaches taken by Warwickshire North, Rugby, and South Warwickshire Partnership's.

1.2 The wider determinant of health is an umbrella term for the building blocks of good health, and includes factors such as housing, education, transport, access to green and blue space, employment and income. Often policy decisions around health are focussed on treating ill health, however the conditions where we are born, grow, live, work and age are key drivers of health status. Studies have estimated that the unequal distribution of wider determinants account for 40-50% of variation in health outcomes, a greater influence than healthcare, individual behaviour or genetics (Marmot et al Inequalities update 2017). Taking action across the wider determinants of health is pivotal to the success of the King's Fund population health framework, which forms the basis of Warwickshire's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Warwickshire North

1.3 Warwickshire North Place has prioritised action on the wider determinants of health, as one of five priorities, all of which have action on reducing health inequalities underpinning them. There are eight projects that sit under the wider determinants of health priority, spanning across a range of determinants and including:

- **Homelessness needs assessment:** working with stakeholders from housing teams (Borough Councils), Homelessness Health Specialist, George Eliot Hospital (GEH) Discharge Nurses and High Intensity Users Manager to understand the current offer and identify gaps. This research has aided the development of a funding proposal, which has a confirmed allocation of £75k over a two year period.

- **Estates:** reestablishment of the Warwickshire North Local Estates Forum. As well as focusing on the Integrated Care System (ICS) priorities, the LEF will be developing a project pipeline for primary care estates and linking in with local planning authorities to understand the town planning process.
- **Housing - energy efficiency:** Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council are making improvements to their housing stock via external insulation work. NWBC is also offering private owners grant to retrofit properties (via LAD and HUG).
- **Housing - damp and mould:** Shared services across NWBC and NBBC has reconfigured software to specifically record damp and mould complaints, leading to improved understanding of the damp and mould issue.
- **Health in All Policies (HiAP):** both boroughs have adopted a HiAP approach. In NWBC, the concept of HiAP has been built into its Health and Wellbeing Action Plan (2023-2027). In NBBC, staff have received training on the implementation of the Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT) and two directorates (public services – recreation and culture; and housing and communities – housing strategy) are piloting HiAP.

Rugby

1.4 Rugby Place has agreed a new set of priorities, which are listed below:

- Town centre regeneration
- Opportunities at St Cross
- Barriers to accessing services.

1.5 Of these, the town centre regeneration priority aligns with the levelling up agenda and the NHS Core20 action on health inequalities. Work is progressing on each of the priorities and is being informed by findings from the recent Healthwatch Warwickshire event on the state of care in Rugby. The findings from this event have been written up into a report, which can be accessed [here](#).

South Warwickshire

1.6 There are three key projects that South Warwickshire Place has reported on in relation to the wider determinants of health. There is a range of activity taking place within Lillington, which is a key levelling up and NHS Core20 area.

- **Home energy and insulation grants for people with long-term conditions living in cold homes.** This is a pilot starting in the new year between Warwick and Stratford-On-Avon District Councils, Act on Energy and a small number of Primary Care Networks. Under the pilot selected patients who are homeowners or private renters and have long-term conditions impacted by living in a cold home will be assessed for free home energy and insulation upgrades to their home to improve thermal comfort, improve energy performance and reduce fuel usage. Under the scheme the usual low-income restrictions do not apply with the focus being on improving health. Patients will also be assessed by Act On Energy for wider financial support available.

- **Lillington respiratory project.** This project is about prevention and improving awareness of respiratory health as well as supporting people to manage conditions. A key aspect of this will be improving the wider determinants of health through improving the link between housing and health and building on existing work of the Council to improve properties and combat mould and damp. This work will be driven by a new community connector post within Warwick District Councils Housing Department. This innovative post will be jointly appointed by the Council and SWFT and is funded by the ICB Health Inequalities Funding. The role will be based at the Lillington Health Hub, opening May 2024 and will sit alongside GPs, and Community health services acting as a conduit to housing and other council services.
- **The Lillington Health Hub.** This new facility will integrate different health professionals and support improved access to services for residents in Lillington, which is in the 20% most deprived communities nationally, and the only area falling into that category in South Warwickshire. The development will integrate primary care services alongside a range of community health teams and will support increased access to vital services for the local population. The new hub, a jointly funded project between WDC and SWFT, is set to open spring 2024.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None associated with this report.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None associated with this report.

4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 4.1 District and Borough 'Creating Opportunities' (CO) plans (formally 'Levelling Up') feed into the place-based partnership plans as there is overlap between the priorities of the HWBB and the CO plans. There is also synergy between the CO plans and the target populations within NHS England's Core20Plus5 initiative. In acknowledgement of the links between agendas, executive directors from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Resources and Communities directorates have been made members of the place-based partnerships.
- 4.2 The next HWBB Partnerships are being held:
- Warwickshire North Partnership: 1st February 2024
 - Rugby Partnership: 7th February 2024
 - South Warwickshire Partnership: 17th January 2024.