

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Measures and progress report for priorities under the Health and Wellbeing Strategy theme: 'Healthy, Sustainable places and Communities'

1. Purpose

There are 3 priorities identified under the theme described above, all of which are priorities shared with the Safer Walsall Partnership and the Public Health Programme Board. These links are acknowledged through references to strategic documents and/or strategic Board priorities within the LA or partner organisations – shown in the penultimate column of appendix 1.

In order for the HWB to assure itself of current progress, a performance dashboard has been developed using the suggested performance measures for these priorities and the dashboard has been populated using the information currently being used to assess progress by the named Boards and relevant commissioners and operational managers – see appendix 1.

2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the performance dashboard being presented and decides whether the information provided is sufficient to give members assurance that either adequate progress is being made or that the named lead Boards have adequate corrective action plans in place to tackle poor performance.
- 2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the linkages with Partner strategies and/or references to shared priorities shown in this performance dashboard and is satisfied that all partners are taking the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities relating to Healthy, Sustainable places and Communities into account when considering commissioning priorities.

3. Report detail

Appendix 1 shows the 3 Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities under the Healthy, Sustainable places and Communities theme and a number of identified performance measures against each. The dashboard has been populated using the information currently being used to assess progress by the associated lead Boards and relevant commissioners and operational managers.

As the HWB is primarily seeking assurance from the named Boards that adequate progress is being made against these priorities, it is not expected that all the reports those boards receive are also reported to the HWB.

A summary of work being undertaken to overcome the problems would only be expected where overall rating is Red or Amber:

- the overall rating is red when:
 - the performance measure is in the bottom national quartile
 - or it is in the 3rd quartile and recent progress has deteriorated by more than 10%.
- the overall rating is amber if it is in the 3rd quartile and there has been improvement or no change
- the overall rating is green if it is in the top quartile or the 2nd quartile with any or no change - then no commentary should be required.

Where there is a time lag for data reporting, this needs to be tolerated unless there is recent local data that could be included. In some cases, there is currently no natural performance measure that fully captures progress towards meeting the priority outcome, and work is therefore currently underway to develop some appropriate local measures.

The last 5 columns in appendix 1 show the exception reports. They contain summaries of the following:

- What is preventing or limiting improvement.
- What actions are being done, or need to be done, to ensure improvement
- The named leads for these actions.
- Links to relevant partner strategies and priorities as well as name of any corrective action plans.
- The name of the Board(s) leading on implementation of any corrective action plan.

The performance dashboard has been designed this way to avoid duplicating all the work of the other Boards whilst enabling the HWB to have:

1. an overview of current progress against the HWS priorities
2. easily identify where adequate progress is not being made
3. assure itself that adequate steps are being undertaken to overcome the challenges and begin to reverse poor performance.

While detailed delivery or improvement plans will not be reported to the Board, it is expected that accountable leads will maintain plans for improvement to ensure that actions are planned and impact monitored.

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Theme	Priority	Measure	Reporting Frequency / date of Latest Available Data	Measure source	Baseline	Latest Metric	Direction of Travel	Current Quartile Performance	National Rank Change (out of 152 Las)	Overall Performance Rating	What is preventing improvement ?	What needs to be done to progress improvement actions undertaken to meet challenges?	Named lead for actions	Links to Relevant Partner Plans	Lead Board	
Create and develop healthy, sustainable places and communities	Ensure that we provide land and space for healthy living and that the health impacts of developments are properly assessed.	Proportion of physically inactive adults	Annual / 2013	PHOF	33.4%	30.9%	↓	3	31	Amber	Walsall has nearly 5% less inactive residents than black country partners and is also lower than the West Midlands average.	A physical activity needs assessment is being developed to inform the refresh of the healthy weight and physical activity strategy in the new year. This has already identified a number of key local inactive target groups that resources should be allocated to ensure improved access to tailored physical activity opportunities. It also recognises the need for a broad approach to physical activity provision that caters to needs of all residents, especially the least active. This will include a variety of different sectors and areas including green spaces, sport and leisure, planning, sustainable travel and workplaces. Even though there is existing provision across these sectors there is scope to develop this further.	Joe Holding	Healthy Weight and Physical Activity Strategy (refresh due in new year)/Sport and Leisure review and plan	PHPB	
		% of people using outdoor space for exercise / health reasons	Annual / 2013	PHOF	9.20%	11.80%	↑	3	7	Amber	This is below the West Midlands average.	1) Need to continue to identify the development of strategic green spaces especially in areas of greatest deprivation so they have good and safe access, improved signage, safe and maintained equipment and well maintained walking routes. 2) need for green spaces to be developed as a means to take part in recreational walking, active travel corridors and structured physical activities. 3) Potential to develop voluntary sector led activities that could provide a sustainable means of delivery. 4) Potential to utilise the Park Rangers to facilitate increases in activity through provision of activities and development of green spaces to encourage more physical activity, especially recreational walking.	Joe Holding	Healthy Weight and Physical Activity Strategy (refresh due in new year)/ Green Spaces Strategy	PHPB	
		Number of Health Impact Assessments Carried out	As a result of ongoing discussions, this indicator has been found ineffective in measuring progress towards achieving the priority. At present, there is no requirement for separate 'Health Impact Assessments' (HIA) to be conducted for all plans/decisions. Recognising this, work is underway between Planning Policy and Public Health to understand the full range of health and wellbeing issues that are addressed by the planning system, and to develop mechanisms to identify the plans/decisions likely to have significant health impacts. An assessment of potential health and wellbeing impacts (including aspects of social inclusion) will then be fully embedded within the existing statutory assessments, notably: Sustainability Appraisals, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Assessments. This will allow for a robust and legally defensible approach to considering health impacts in planning decisions, without imposing any additional bureaucratic burden. The extra resource required to integrate health and wellbeing issues into Walsall's local planning framework will be met by the creation of a two-year funded post within the Planning Policy team, working closely with Public Health colleagues.											Barbara Watt	Walsall Site Allocation Document / Sustainability Appraisal Document	PHPB
	Encourage ways to involve local people and communities in efforts to improve health	Local measures appropriate to initiative through Area Partnership structure	Narrative report supplied separately.											Jo Lowdes	Walsall Plan and Area Partnership plans	Partnership Tasking Coordination Group / PHPB
	Reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs	Rate of alcohol specific admissions to hospital Males	Annual / 2012-13	LAPE	522.41 per 100,000	501.26 per 100,000	↓	3	7	Amber	This data is retrospective and based on the LAPE measure (per 100,000). The CCG collect data on actual alcohol specific admission numbers which showed 117 (Mar 13), increasing to 164 (Aug 13), dropping to 94 (Feb 14) and rising again to 125 in August 2014. There is not however a regional or national comparator that we can use with the CCG data, which is used for our more contemporary monitoring.	The Alcohol Liaison Service has been maintained as part of the proposed integrated service due to come on line in July 2015. The demand on the service suggests that an increase in the amount of resource available to this service could yield a further improvement in this area.	Adrian Roche	WMBC Community Safety Plan	PHPB / Safer Walsall Partnership	
		Rate of alcohol specific admissions to hospital Females	Annual / 2012-13	LAPE	208.9 per 100,000	176.66 per 100,000	↓	3	145	Amber	This data is retrospective and based on the LAPE measure (per 100,000). The CCG collect data on actual alcohol specific admission numbers which suggest that this trend has been maintained, but we do not have a regional or national data set to compare this with.	There are opportunities to extend the range of Making Every Contact Count (MECC) interventions to supplement the screening and prevention aspects of the programme.	Adrian Roche			
		2.15i - % of opiate drug users that left drug treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months	Annual / 2013	PHOF	9.00%	5.00%	↓	3	90	Red	The Centre for Public Health, Liverpool University and Glasgow University (2014) annual drug prevalence estimates that Walsall has 2186 problematic drug users of opiate and crack cocaine. This is a higher rate in comparison to the West Midlands and National rates. Similarly Walsall has a higher rate of injecting drug users. However, the most recently available data indicates improved performance against this indicator	Opportunities to improve performance exist within the re-tendering of a new integrated substance misuse recovery service	Adrian Roche			
		2.15ii - % of non-opiate drug users that left treatment successfully who do not re-present to treatment within 6 months	Annual / 2013	PHOF	38.00%	50.50%	↑	3	58	Green	The most recently available data indicates continued good performance against this indicator	Opportunities to improve performance exist within the re-tendering of a new integrated substance misuse recovery service	Adrian Roche			

1 Direction of Travel

Improving Performance against baseline (10% change)	Declining Performance against baseline (10% change)
↑ Improving trend where higher is better	↓ Declining trend where lower is better
↓ Improving trend where lower is better	↑ Declining trend where higher is better

Static Performance (less than +/- 10%)

→ No change compared with

2 Current Quartile Performance

1	Top quartile	Good Performance
2 or 3	Second and Third Quartile	Medium Performance
4	Bottom quartile	Bad Performance

3 Overall Performance Rating

Green - Top 2 quartiles any change
Amber - 3rd quartile and stable or improving
Red - Bottom quartile and/or 3rd quartile and reducing performance