

Health and Wellbeing Board

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2023-24 Health & Wellbeing Board Annual Report on Priorities

For Information

1. Purpose

A Health & Wellbeing Board Annual Report reviews members’ achievements and confirms priorities for the ensuing year. The 3 priorities¹ in the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWBS) 2022-25 will be the key focus for the life of the strategy, for the Chair to publish on the delivery of the outcomes identified against those priorities, and any other specific priorities identified by the Board. This report has been updated with contributions from whg which were omitted inadvertently from the previous report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Annual report on the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities be noted.
- 2.2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board partner organisations provide a 6-month update for discussion at an informal workshop, arranged for that purpose, to provide assurance that the priorities of the Board are being delivered.
- 2.3 Formal reports on specific issues identified in this annual report to be subsequently submitted to the Board, should this be required.
- 2.4 That the Health and Wellbeing Board decide if additional priorities should be considered by Members over the next year.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 The priority outcomes in the JLHWBS 2022-25 are set out separately in different documents and monitored accordingly by the relevant member organisations and provides a governance diagram, which shows reporting into the HWBB by the various agencies/forums.
- 3.2 For this annual report (2023/24) Board members have submitted progress reports for information and assurance, responding to the following questions:

• How the priorities have been approached this year
• Any challenges identified / support required
• Any partnership developments

¹ Children & Young People, Digital Approach, Mental Wellbeing

Members' individual updates are in the appendix document.

- 3.2 Walsall's Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) for 2022-25 maps out the priorities identified by Walsall's Health & Wellbeing Board over a 3-year period. Alongside the 3 priority areas, Board members are focused on reducing health and social and quality of life inequalities.
- 3.3 Each member of the Health & Wellbeing Board is obligated to update the Board to provide assurance that the priorities of the Board are being delivered.
- 3.4 The 2023-24 Health & Wellbeing Board Annual Report on Priorities is the latest report on the 2022-25 Priorities, as per the JLHWS.

Examples of how members have approached the priorities this year:

- ❖ 4 family hubs continue to provide access to support, with a dedicated website and service directory [CYP]
- ❖ There are ongoing developments in the Healthy Child 0-19 programme, with 97% of pregnant women and increasing numbers of families being visited as part of mandated checks [CYP]
- ❖ Community and Voluntary sector support for the Holiday Activities and Food programme continues, and Healthwatch is completing their Young People's Teenage Pregnancy project [CYP]
- ❖ whg supported 55 families through the Assisting Children to Excel programme focused on childhood asthma and home environments, and have continued to hold Kindness pop up shops distributing previously loved children's clothes.
- ❖ West Midlands police have assigned intervention officers to 20+ secondary schools in the borough. This has been a huge success with excellent feedback from headteachers. [CYP]
- ❖ The Walsall Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health is complete and due to be submitted to Office for Health Improvement and Disparities [Mental Wellbeing]
- ❖ Public Health's Thrive mobile wellbeing unit supported 4759 people in the last year [Mental Wellbeing]
- ❖ Whg supported 121 individuals who were lonely or isolated through befriending support, engagement in activities, and providing opportunities to meet others, and continue their social prescribing programme. 2192 random acts of kindness were delivered via the whg Kindness Champions.
- ❖ There has been ongoing development of Talking therapies and Wider Determinants programmes through VCSE partners [Mental Wellbeing]
- ❖ There are a range of digital access programmes (and research projects on this topic) being undertaken in the borough [Digital]. For example, whg supported 300 people with getting online, and distributed 288 digital devices and 72 digital dongles, and are now encouraging engaged residents to access the Lloyds Bank delivered IT and finance courses.
- ❖ New digital interventions are being tested out e.g. digital stop smoking pilot [Digital]

Examples of Challenges identified during 2023- 24

- ❖ Co-design and collaboration with residents, service users – ensuring this happens across programmes and on an ongoing basis
- ❖ Ensuring good communication and promoting opportunities that are available across the Borough.

- ❖ Family Safeguarding and Family hubs – sustainability risks
- ❖ Ability for citizens in the borough who do not have access to technology to be fully included
- ❖ Ensuring that equality, diversity and inclusion is embedded across all our work and by our partners
- ❖ Ensuring inclusion of Mental health partners as part of ongoing community safety work

Examples of Plans for 2024/2025

- ❖ Further work to be undertaken linked to Population outcomes framework and wellbeing service directory
- ❖ Dementia strategy will be developed, with ongoing work to implement Walsall's Mental Wellbeing strategy including a robust VCSE offer, and progressing trauma-informed work
- ❖ Children's 2040 strategy will be published and implemented
- ❖ Mental Health work to include specific consideration of homeless communities, veterans, and asylum seekers,
- ❖ Commissioning and service improvement work to continue
- ❖ A 5-year strategic multi-agency approach will be developed, with a focus on working differently with communities in Blakenall, Bloxwich and Mossley

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

There are no joint financial, legal, or other resource implications.

Appendix

H&WB 2023-24 Annual Priorities Report

Background papers

[JSNA - Walsall Insight \(walsallintelligence.org.uk\)](https://walsallintelligence.org.uk)

[Walsall Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25](#)

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