

Health and Wellbeing Board

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2022-23 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 focus for the life of the strategy, for the Chair to publish on the delivery of the outcomes identified against those priorities.

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 That formal reports on specific issues be subsequently submitted to the Board, should this be required.

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-organisation and provides a governance diagram, which shows reporting into the HWBB by the various agencies/forums.
- 3.2 As the JLHWBS 2022-25 was signed off in July 2022 it has been agreed that, for 2022/23, Board members will submit a progress report for 2022/23 for information and assurance responding to:

¹ Children & Young People, Digital Approach, Mental Wellbeing

• How the priorities have been approached this year
• Any challenges identified / support required
• Any partnership developments
• Plans for 2023/24

Members were sent the four-part questionnaire for completion relating to their approach to the three agreed priorities as per the [Walsall Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2022-25](#), which was signed off in July 2022.

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 members for the next three years. The outcomes are focused on levelling up on social and quality of life issues - such as mental wellbeing, uneven life-expectancy, excessive elective surgery waiting time, fighting gang crime, encourage healthier lives, and creating a safer environment – which are within each member organisation's plans.
- 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 2022-23 Health & Wellbeing Board Annual Report on Priorities is the first report on the 2022-25 Priorities, as per the JLHWS.

Examples of how members have approached the priorities this year:

- ❖ One Walsall worked with Health, helping to distribute laptops from the ICS scheme to those in digital poverty. [Digital Approach]
- ❖ Fire Service delivered a fixed term course Fire Cadet unit providing opportunities and accreditation based at Aldridge Fire Station. [CYP]
- ❖ This year to combat loneliness and isolation WHG Kindness Champions have used random acts of kindness as a currency to connect with people and begin the cycle of behaviour change. [Mental Wellbeing]

Examples of Challenges identified during 2022-23

- ❖ The most significant challenge the FE sector is facing is the growing demand of young people whose mental health is preventing them from thriving in our education settings and the lack of funding to sufficiently resource for this. [Mental Wellbeing]
- ❖ Availability of technology and its use in health and social care provision. [Digital Approach]
- ❖ Partners required for Healthy Child programme team [CYP]

Examples of Partnerships and developments identified

- ❖ Healthwatch Walsall worked closely with the Walsall Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Group re Male Suicide [Mental Wellbeing]
- ❖ Public Health, Healthcare have partnered with the ICB to facilitate immunisation in children and young people and adults as well [CYP]
- ❖ Walsall College have worked with The Good Things Foundation to increase our outreach to the community for digital upskilling [Digital Approach]

Examples of Plans for 2023/2024

- ❖ Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust - There is an opportunity to improve the alignment of digital strategies across the different partners and partnerships. Digital Approach]
- ❖ Housing Sector - Children and young people are prioritised within Aim 3 of The H Factor strategy with a focus upon reducing the impact of poverty. This includes food, fuel, child, digital and poverty of experience. [CYP]
- ❖ Public Health, Mental Wellbeing - Delivery of Wellbeing Grants and wellbeing programmes – including for men, neurodiverse communities, and the general population etc. [Mental Wellbeing]

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

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

Appendix

H&WB 2022-23 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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