

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**7 December 2015**

**Measures and progress report for priorities under the Health and Wellbeing Strategy themes: 'Wellbeing in Walsall' and 'Improving health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyles: Making Healthier Choices Easier'.**

### **1. Purpose**

There are 3 priorities identified under the themes described above. All are priorities shared with other Strategic Partner Boards and these links are acknowledged in the penultimate column of appendix 1. This is so that the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) can assure itself that all relevant partners are taking the priorities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) into account when considering their commissioning priorities.

The HWB also needs to be made aware of current progress against those priorities. In order to do that, the HWB developed a performance dashboard and identified specific measures for each priority. The updated dashboard is shown at appendix 1.

### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1** That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers the performance dashboard at appendix 1 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**

3 priorities have been identified under these two themes, all of which are shared with the Public Health Programme Board. These links are acknowledged, in the penultimate column of appendix 1, through references to strategic documents and/or Strategic Board priorities within the LA or partner organisations.

In order to ensure awareness of current progress against these 3 priorities, the HWB developed a performance dashboard and identified certain measures for each priority. The dashboard at appendix 1 has been populated using the information currently being used to assess progress by the named Boards and relevant commissioners and operational managers.

As the HWB is primarily seeking assurance from the Public Health Programme Board that adequate progress is being made against these priorities, it is not expected that all the reports that board receives 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 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile and recent progress has deteriorated by more than 10%.
- the overall rating is amber if it is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quartile and there has been improvement or no change
- the overall rating is green if it is in the top quartile or the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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.

#### **4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:**

There are resource implications implicit in the ongoing work and any planned future work being reported within the dashboard. If these represent a major impediment to progress they are covered in the narrative.

## 5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

The priorities within Walsall's Health and Wellbeing Strategy reflect the six policy objectives identified for action within Professor Sir Michael Marmot's final report, 'Fair Society Healthy Lives' (2010), in order to reduce health inequalities in England.

In relation to this performance dashboard, one of the Marmot policy objectives was **'Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention'**. The 'Wellbeing in Walsall' and 'Improving health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyles: Making Healthier Choices Easier' themes and priorities within the HWS show current progress in Walsall against that objective and the contribution to the wider Health and Wellbeing efforts to reduce inequality in Walsall.

### Background papers

*'Fair Society, Healthy Lives: A Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England – post 2010.'* Marmot Review Report

*'Transforming Health and Wellbeing for all in Walsall.'* The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Walsall 2013 – 2016

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