**Health and Wellbeing Board
20 July 2021**

Health and Wellbeing Board Members Priorities (2021-2022)

1.   Purpose

1.1   The purpose of the report is to update the Board on the priorities work stream, as agreed by the Board on 27th April 2021. The Board agreed to review the priorities of Board partners to shape the work programme over the next 12 months and facilitate ongoing strategic developments

2.   Recommendations

2.1   That the Board accepts the priorities of Board members and the associated thematic analysis

2.2   That the Board agrees to the development of a planned approach to the priorities in line with the agreed work programme for the Board, development of the governance arrangements, and wider developments regarding the local health and social care economy. The approach will include focused development sessions; facilitating joint working with the relevant partners and Boards, such as the Economic Board, to progress priorities; and alignment with developments taking place across Walsall regarding children and young people.

2.3   That the Board will identify the top priorities in parallel with the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform the 22-25 Health and Wellbeing Strategy part of the Board's work programme for 2021/22

3.   Summary of Priorities

3.1   Between May – June 2021 Board members were asked to share their organisational priorities. The majority of partners shared and discussed their priorities and these have been collated into the table in 3.2

3.2

Stakeholder	Priorities		
	P1	P2	P3
Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group	Diabetes Programme	Mental Health Well-Being (whole population with an additional focus on children)	Develop further understanding of health inequalities at a Borough wide level, PCN level and micro level

West Midland Fire Service	tba	tba	tba
West Midlands Police	Under 25 Violence	Impact Areas	Demand for police services
Walsall Health Watch (*meeting to be arranged to discuss priorities*)	tba	tba	tba
Walsall Housing Group	Reduce the impact of loneliness and isolation on our customers and communities.	Social Prescribing	Reduce the impact of poverty on children and families living in whg(Walsall housing group) properties.
Walsall NHS Hospital Trust / Walsall Together	Population health management Diabetes CKD (Chronic Kidney Disease)	Frailty Children's wellbeing Mental health including younger people's Mental Health	Social isolation
One Walsall	Ensure strategic VCS representation and cross-sector partnerships including developing and establishing OW's and the voluntary sector's independent role within the ICP	To continue to increase and support the sector's sustainability, capacity, and quality , including opportunities to co-produce and collaborate innovative projects in order to develop resilient communities whilst supporting statutory providers to meet their priorities.	To embed place based volunteering opportunities across the Borough to strengthen connectivity within communities with a particular focus on working with young people to raise their aspirations. Equalities
Walsall College	tba	tba	tba
Director of Adult Social Care	No-one remains in hospital any longer than is necessary - measured by the number of	People receive timely access to Mental Health Social Care support -	People are supported in their community to prevent need for long term Social

	'medically fit for discharge' patients at Manor Hospital	measured by the number of people on the waiting list for mental health assessment	Care support - Measured by the number of people whose needs are met at first point of contact
Director of Children's Service	Mental Health – both adults and children	Health aspects of Special Educational Needs – especially in relation to autism and support post diagnosis for children	Early intervention and prevention and how we ensure we continue as a system to invest in these areas specially for children
Director of Public Health	Children and Young People	Mental Wellbeing	Physical Activity
NHS England (*NHS England was not approached*)	tba	tba	tba
Mental Health Trust	Clinical Strategy	Health inequalities – with a focus on mental health	Anti- Racism

3.3   The common themes that emerged were:

3.3.1 Inequalities and Poverty: Inequalities and poverty was the strongest overarching priority either directly in terms of address inequalities and poverty and/or indirectly in terms of accessing services, service provision for specific cohort, or the impact of inequalities and poverty of health outcomes / life chances.

3.3.2 Mental Health / Wellbeing: Mental health and wellbeing was highlighted in its broadest sense with priorities ranging from addressing social isolation and enabling volunteering to wider system management issues, such as assessment and discharge management and the development of a mental wellbeing strategy.

A mental health and wellbeing deep dive workshop was presented 25 June 2021. The event provided Board members with a data profile of mental health and wellbeing in Walsall, an overview of mental wellbeing and health provision, plus an introduction to the Mental Health concordat. In response to this, partners have agreed to work together to develop a Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2022-25.

3.3.3 Early intervention and prevention –This was a theme is across the all age groups and covered issues such as long term conditions (diabetes, mental

health, and chronic kidney disease), development of community based interventions, population health management.

3.3.4 Children and Young People: The theme of children and young people overlaps with early intervention and prevention. The overriding theme is 'giving the best start and raising aspirations' with a particular focus on children living in poverty, those with Special Educational Needs, and those engaged in and/or victims of violence, and those at risk of and/or experiencing mental health.

3.3.4 System-wide sustainability and managing capacity: Several Board members raised the challenges they were facing regarding capacity and enabling sustainability. This was a particularly strong message from the voluntary and community sector.

3.3.5 Localities and Engagement: Partners shared their priorities to develop localities/ neighbourhood based projects; some with the aim to engage local communities in volunteering/ decision-making/ resilience communities.

This provides an opportunity for the Board to recommend neighbourhood-based initiatives to address shared priorities, such as children and young people, volunteering and social engagement.

4.   Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

4.1.   The direct implications for the existing joint working arrangements are the strengthening of the partnerships within the Borough.

The purpose of the report is to share organisational priorities to highlight shared priorities and facilitate further development of the work programme.

5.   Health and Wellbeing Priorities:

5.1   The review of organisational priorities will assist with the Board, during this transformational year, in the development of the 2021/22 work programme and contribute to the shaping of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2022 - 2025)

Background papers

None

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