

Health and Wellbeing Board

25 January 2022

Public Health & Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions 2021-24

1. Purpose

The purpose of this joint report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of Walsall Council's Public Health and Adult Social Care commissioning intentions for 2021/22 - 2023/24, and also to consider the nature of future reporting in order to represent a whole council approach to Health and Wellbeing.

The Board received the last report on Public Health commissioning intentions in July 2019. For transparency purposes this report will also cover this year's investments where the investment relates to future commissioning intentions.

2. Recommendations

That the Board notes the content of the report.

That the Board sets a date within it's forward plan to receive detail of the Adult Social Care Transformation Plan.

That the Board agrees that future reporting be focussed on a whole council, all age approach that aims to demonstrate the intentions and impact of all services and interventions that support the health and wellbeing of the residents of Walsall.

3. Report detail

The original intention of this report was to advise the Board of the joint commissioning intentions of Public Health, Adult Social Care and Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group as set out in the forward plan.

The realisation of this has been impacted by a number of factors including:

- The refresh of Adult Social Care's Strategic Transformation plan which looks to connect the full span of the council and local health and care system's work around community and wellbeing in order to deliver better outcomes for Walsall residents.
- The planned decommissioning of the Clinical Commissioning Group as part of the implementation of the Health & Care Bill.
- The postponement of the Health & Care Bill. (Originally planned for going live on April 2022, current indications are now that this will take place in the Summer 2022).

Adult Social Care is at a critical point of change with the planned implementation of the Health and Care Bill and the Government's planned reforms. In addition, the sector is facing significant challenges due to increases in demand and significant issues in the availability of care. This has resulted in significant existing commissioning capacity being diverted to supporting the care market and administering various Covid-19 related support grants.

It has been evident through the pandemic that Walsall has many strengths and assets within its communities and health and care system which, when working together, can greatly enhance the wellbeing of residents.

Whilst there is detail within the report of current Adult Social Care and Public Health commissioning activity it is proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board accept a recommendation to receive further information of the Adult Social Care Strategic Transformation Plan and a revised set of commissioning intentions at a future meeting in order to promote further discussion.

It is also proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board, by using the principle that many of the enablers of Health and Wellbeing are cross-cutting across both Walsall Council and its partners, request future reports to detail at a minimum a whole council, all age approach to commissioning Health and Wellbeing.

The local authority has a number of mandatory requirements to improve the public's health and as such receive the ring fenced Public Health annual Grant from the Department of Health. The Commissioning Intentions as set out below are intended to align the delivery of the statutory Public Health functions with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

In order to meet the conditions of the Grant, an annual statement of assurance has to be signed off by the Director of Public Health, Council Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer.

The Public Health and Adult Social Care Commissioning Intentions:

- Review the existing mandated commissioned services to ensure they meet the required clinical and service qualities in light of learning from the last 18 months, namely; Sexual Health Services, National Child Measurement Programme, NHS Health Checks, Drug and Alcohol Services
- Review the 0-19 Services (to include Health Visiting, Teenage Pregnancy and School Nursing Services) in the context of the Integrated Care Partnership to optimise the opportunities
- Align the Sexual Health Services to the place based Walsall Together partnership as part of the Health and Social Care Place Based Partnership putting support and care where people need it
- Review and reconfigure the present diverse investment in lifestyle related services to implement a Wellbeing Service whilst also delivering a £500,000 saving covering social, physical, mental and financial wellbeing
- Implement Adult Weight Management Tier 2 interventions with particular interest in communities and specific target groups with high prevalence (PHE Grant £269,000 2020/21)
- Implement Mental Health Prevention interventions aligned to the findings from the recent Mental Wellbeing review and forthcoming Strategy (PHE Grant £368,000 2020/21)
- Invest an additional £1M over 3 years in Mental Wellbeing to include; campaigns, education, individual advice and support and bereavement services (PH non-recurrent £1,000,000 2022-25) in alignment with developing mental wellbeing strategy
- Implement Drugs and Alcohol Universal Grant to improve the access to treatment for offenders and reduce drug related deaths (PHE Grant £422,000 2020/21)
- Implement a Young Adult Tier 2 Prevention Service for 16-25 year olds (PH non-recurrent funding £400,000 2022-24)
- Offer specialist substance misuse support to the Family Safeguarding Model (PH non-recurrent £262,500 2021-24)
- Delivery of a domiciliary care framework which moves away from time and task to facilitate the delivery of positive outcomes for people who access home care services

- Procurement of advocacy services (IMCA, IMHA, ICAS and Care Act) to meet changing legislation
- Review of replacement care to ensure services continually improve in line with customer trends
- Review of day opportunities to ensure services continually improve in line with customer trends
- Review of existing intermediate care services to ensure services continually improve in line with service and customer demand including transitional care beds framework
- Development of the Walsall Autism strategy aligned to the national strategy. Development and implementation of an action plan for the Health Self-Assessment.
- Re-procurement of the carers centre contract in line with changing customer demand
- Re-procurement of the DPSS service provider contract to meet the changing needs and empowering customers to take control of their finances
- Strategic Commissioning of Walsall Together
- Mental Health review and re- procurement of the Community Mental Health Service

4. Implications for joint Working Arrangements

The financial, legal and resource implications for the wider system and partner organisations will be assessed and reviewed as part of the engagement, consultation and implementation of these commissioning intentions.

5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities

Delivering improvement in public health and ASC outcomes and reducing inequalities is a system wide challenge. The investments included in this report are not stand alone investments they form part of a coordinated strategic investment to deliver the Health and Wellbeing Strategy supported by and complementing Council and Partner's investments, to reduce inequalities and contribute to better health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Walsall.

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