



Ageing Well Task Group

Update for HWB Steering Group

Current Activity

- Refreshed Terms of Reference drawn up for review and agreement by partners on 24 Jan.
- Discussions with Newbury BID and Waste team around potential Refill Scheme for West Berkshire to support a hydration campaign.
- New run of Fall Proof Cards printed for pilot in West Berkshire Community Hospital and for partner activities to promote strength and mobility
- Falls Prevention next steps discussion at LIB
- Mapping exercise to ensure wide reach of comms and signposting
- Comms shared around
 - Carbon monoxide monitor testing, electric blanket & heater testing

Future Actions

- The Big Dementia Conversation at Shaw House with ASC staff in February
- Explore weekly older persons drop in sessions at Theale Library

Building Communities Together Partnership

Update for HWB Steering Group

Current Activity

- The Partnership last met on 16 January 2024.
- The Partnership receive local crime and disorder data at each quarterly meeting and the sub groups have access to local police data to inform local activity and multi-agency problem solving.
- Partner agencies have responded to the data request for this year's Strategic Assessment. The data will determine if further analysis is required and will enable a review of the Partnership Priorities within the Partnership Plan.

Serious Violence

- The Reducing Serious Violence Steering Group last met on Dec 7th 2023, and the next meeting is now scheduled for March 7th 2024. Due to changes in Police resourcing, the new Chair for the Serious Violence reduction Steering Group will be Chief Inspector David Whiteaker
- In accordance with the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 and the associated Serious Violence Duty, the Serious Violence Reduction Steering Group have led on developing a local Serious Violence Reduction Strategy and Delivery Plan. This has been submitted to the OPCC and will be submitted to the Home Office at the end of January, and concurrently published locally.
- West Berkshire is fortunate to have maintained a low prevalence of serious violence however the Duty requires that each locality develops a Serious Violence Plan and a Serious Violence Needs Analysis. The Needs Analysis to inform the strategy is also now complete and informed the development of the strategy, and has also been submitted to the OPCC.
- In support of the Safer Streets Fund (Round 5), West Berkshire feature as one of the bids submitted by the OPCC to obtain grant funding to focus on reducing ASB in The Nightingales, Greenham. There were several key criteria for approval, but this will enable a number of necessary interventions, via grant funding. The grant was approved by the Home Office; the OPCC have allocated just under £300K to West Berkshire and activity has started in relation to each of the agreed interventions.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Work in this area is currently extremely limited – see 'Challenges'.
- PSPO in Newbury town centre is currently in the 'call-in' period after the delegated officer decision was made on the future of the PSPO in Newbury town centre after a six-week consultation. The current PSPO is due to expire in early February 2024.

Prevent

- The Prevent Steering Group met on 23 January 2024.
- There are currently two in Channel with 1 case about to transfer to Reading Channel.

Domestic Abuse

- An exceptional domestic abuse board meeting took place on 22 November to review the domestic abuse and safe accommodation local needs assessment findings and act as first phase of strategy development.
- The last domestic abuse board meeting took place on 16 January and discussed the needs analysis and the three structures being proposed for the next Strategy.

Modern Slavery

- The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2022-23 has been signed off by Chief Executive. This has been published on the Council's website and on Gov. Registry.

District Parish Conference

- District Parish Conference will take place on Tuesday 30th January at Shaw House.

Members' Community Bids

- The last Members Bids Panel was on 28/11/23 and the processing of claims from this Panel meeting is in progress. More bids are now being paid through the Good Exchange as a way of attracting extra funding for community projects.

Town/Parish Councils

- There are no major concerns or issues being raised by our towns/parish councils at the present time.

Devolution

- Discussions around devolution projects are resuming with Newbury Town Council. Devolution of WBC assets is generally more appealing to the bigger councils as they have the larger budgets to access in terms of maintaining buildings, parks and services.

Future Actions

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Challenges

- *Senior Community Co-ordinator Resolution post is currently vacant as the postholder is Acting BCT Team Manager. The majority of anti-social behaviour related case work is no longer being done but legislative requirements under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 mean that a significant amount of work must continue.*

Children's Early Help & Prevention Partnership

Update for HWB Steering Group

Current Activity

Hot focus Session

On 24th November the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board held a Hot Focus Session for Children's Early Help and Prevention Partnership. There were three workshops focussed on:

1. Using Data better in Early Help
2. Widening Early Help participation in communities
3. Creating common practices and processes

The feedback from the workshops was then utilised in the subsequent CEHPP meeting to discuss a variety of options and suggestions – this will form part of the future work of the partnership.

Early Help Data

Early Response Hub dashboard was shared, this highlighted the number of Early Response Hub forms completed in the most recent quarter was 915 which remains high. There is a lot of need for families at that threshold.

The main risk factors being presented are: Children Mental Health; Parental Mental Health; Domestic Abuse; Parental Substance Misuse and Poor school exclusion / attendance

The outcomes following referral were: 780 – Advice/Consultation; 174 – My Family Plan; 287 – Referrals to other Services.

Digital Referral Form

Twelve agencies including ten schools assisted with the Early Response Hub pilot to test out making referrals directly into Early Response Hub. In October and November there were 2012 children referred into CAAS Triage, 794 children had an outcome of Early Response Hub. 51 of those children had a referral source as being an agency on the ERH digital pilot form, however, ERH only received eight referrals on the form in the same time period. A new rollout plan was approved at the partnership widening the number of agencies participating with a further update at the next meeting.

Supporting Families

A new Data Analysis worker started in January. There have been barriers to attach families with the new framework due to the data requirements. The data processing is a manual task which takes time to go into individual records. At the end of Quarter 3 Supporting Families have claimed 43 families short of the target. A lot of work is taking place to attach families and check evidence. The parenting facilitator is working on the website as a follow on from first 1001 days. Timeout training is being offered and school DSLs have been competing parenting training so members of staff can support families in different ways.

Future Actions

Youth Work Self-Assessment

Digital Referral Form

Better Together share data

Parenting support – next steps



Health Inequalities Task Force

Update for HWB Steering Group

Current Activity

Terms of reference finalised.

Health in all Policies (HIAP) Workshops have been completed in January. Both for Council staff, one facilitated by the LGA to provide an overview of the local context, group work to assess the vision and ambition for improving health and wellbeing, understand how well we work with others to improve health, and whether we are making a sustainable impact on health outcomes. Table work on how service areas can work together to contribute to starting and ageing well in West Berks, including ideas to move forward.

Early Years Inequalities Group established and first meeting held, including the Inequalities in Schools readiness project (sub-group)

- ToR finalised
- Chairman and Vice Chairman have now been confirmed as Michelle Sancho (Head of Education) and Vice Chair is April Peberdy (Acting Service Director-Communities & Wellbeing).
- Overview of intelligence on the Family Hubs - what we need to know

Mobilised and delivering - Community Wellness Outreach programme for cardiovascular disease prevention through Health Checks to the most deprived areas, target disproportionately impacted groups.

A joint dashboard for monitoring progress against strategic priorities has been completed, incorporating health inequality indicators.

The hot focus session will be held on the 6th March which will include the use of a health inequalities tool developed by the subgroup.

Future Actions

Hot focus session 6th March 2024

Data and Intelligence – Locality & Place, tool in development by shared Berkshire West Intelligence Manager

Homelessness Strategy Group

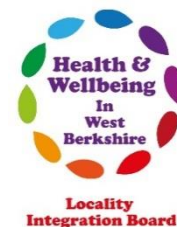
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Current Activity

The focus of the last meeting was looking at:

- the increased number of households in bed & breakfast accommodation
- development of winter accommodation provision in partnership with voluntary sector partners
- accommodation solutions for asylum seekers with impending closure of asylum hotels in district



Locality Integration Board

Update for HWB Steering Group

Current Activity

- Received a presentation from ICB's Data team on Admissions to identify if there were any areas that needed more focus on – no concerns with any of the data.
- Received a presentation re: Falls pathway across West Berkshire, following up on a few actions following discussion

Future Actions

- Discrepancies identified in ICB's data compared to National Data via BCF Team (% of people discharged to normal place of residence and admission avoidance) both under reported compared to National Data.
- BCF Plan will require refresh for 24/25 including metrics – waiting for NHSE to publish guidance.



Mental Health Action Group

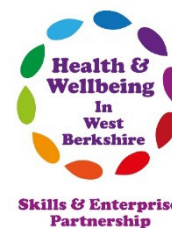
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- One of the Group's Delivery Plan aims is to "develop and promote a range information and tools to support transition across the life course". One of the examples in the delivery plan is bereavement, and the group felt this would be a worthwhile area to focus on initially. We are currently doing further work to decide what the Group might be able to do in this area.
- Some initial work has been done on digital inclusion champions, considering the nature of the problem and possible routes to effective action. While work is being done on this by a number of different bodies, it is currently quite fragmented, so there may be opportunities from helping join it up.
- Concern has been expressed by voluntary sector representatives on the group of the risk to their survival due to lack of funding and whether some increased support from the public sector might prove cost effective in the longer term.
- Given their level of funding, Healthwatch are no longer able to deliver the Thinking Together events, which since 2017 have been a productive way of bringing together service users, public sector providers and the voluntary sector to discuss issues and develop solutions.
- The MHAG is looking to re-establish a Mental Health Forum bringing together a wider range of voluntary sector organisations, service users and mental health service providers to regularly share information and raise issues to feed into the Mental Health Action Group.
- Clarification is being sought on the respective roles of the MHAG and the Scrutiny Commission on taking forward work on debt collection arrangements locally.
- MHAG has been represented on the Steering Group for setting up the Mental Health Integrated Community Service (MHICS) in West Berkshire. It is already running in Reading and Wokingham. The initial period of central funding for the initiative ends in March.

Future Actions

- Future work will be focussed on further development of the initiatives described above.
- MHAG have agreed to alternate online and face-to-face meetings
- MHAG will be supporting national mental health campaigns including dying matters week and mental health awareness week
- Address issues around lack of engagement at MHAG by some partners
- MHAG to continue to be represented at the Berks West MH Place Board



Skills and Enterprise Partnership

Update for HWB Steering Group – January 2024

Current Activity

The SEP met on the 17th January 2024 and received updates on the remaining actions identified in the Delivery Plan.

	Planned Actions	Progress at January 2024
2	Extension of the Developing Life Skills' programme	The H&WB approved funding for this programme in 2022/23, which was delivered in secondary schools by the EBP. All sessions were completed by July 23, with a significant increase to 250 participants. The further funding bid for 2023/24 was discussed at the HWB Board, however there are currently no identified funds to support these activities in 23/24. Greenham Trust are providing continuing funding for part of the programme, but, at present, the offer to Schools will need to be reduced.
4	Enhanced delivery of a Work and Careers Fair – including participation by local schools and supporting the work on employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities	As previously reported, the 2023/24 annual Work & Careers Fair (the 'Destinations Expo') was successfully delivered on 12 th October 2023 at Newbury College, with 1,400 young people from local secondary schools attending, and around 60 employers and other organisations exhibiting. Planning for the 24/25 Destinations Expo is now underway for 10 th October 2024, with ambitious plans to increase attendance significantly and to grow the number of employers and education providers exhibiting. It is also hoped to provide a series of workshops from local employers and other organisations.

Future Actions

The SEP has the two identified actions which it is now supporting on an annual basis, as reported above. The group has also reviewed the current work being delivered across the agencies, aimed at supporting the development of skills and employment of people from under-represented groups, and has agreed three areas for additional action. These are:

- Green skills and jobs – seeking funding opportunities to extend the successful project, currently delivered in other areas of Berkshire, to develop skills and employment opportunities for people with disabilities in the Green economy (Groundwork).
- Supported Internships – development of local provision of supported internships to enhance the employment routes for people with disabilities (Newbury College).
- Employability sessions – extension of the support provided by DWP to local schools and colleges to enhance the understanding of employment options for young people. Particularly focussed on under-represented groups and on the wide range of routes to skills and future employment (DWP)

Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Partnership

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Current Activity

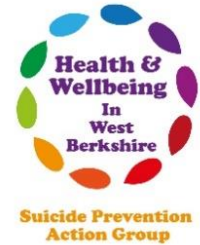
- Meeting held on 18th January 2024
- Terms of reference approved by those in attendance – please see attached document for approval by HWB.
- Core membership and distribution list has been finalised.
- Comms issues in respect of the advertising of our commissioned Drug and Alcohol Service, Via have been rectified.
- Partners agreed to assist to increase the prevalence of our commissioned Stop Smoking Service, Solutions 4 Health and Drug and Alcohol Service, Via to increase numbers accessing the services available.
- Young Person's health harms education theatre production, Risking it All will be taking place across 10 WB Secondary Schools for year 9 pupils to attend during the first week in February. There is also an evening performance for parents/ carers and professionals.

Future Actions

- Set up a face-to-face workshop to consider Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy priorities. Draft and agree an action plan for the SMHRP to achieve during 24/25 to meet the priorities.

Suicide Prevention Action Group

Update for HWB Steering Group



Current Activity

To provide training and resources throughout West Berkshires, voluntary organisations, small businesses, sports and social organisations.

This work is lead by The Director of VCWB who chairs the stakeholder group and supervises a one day per week worker.



We delivered a Suicide First Aid Lite course in October and November. October saw 12 attendees from Berks Women's Aid, Swings and Smiles, a Lawyer, Estate Agent, and Cancer Research worker. November had attendees from Ufton Court Education, Sovereign Housing, W Berks Council, the Curate of St Lawrence Church Hungerford, Thames Valley partnership, Sport in Mind, Vice Chair of Samaritans. All are emailed after with Personalised Certificates of Attendance as well as information on how to obtain a Digital Badge for their email addresses. All are also encouraged to give feedback to both the Centre and on-line at course check.

Because of Christmas and high illness rates in December, it was decided not to have a training session in December

A further meeting with Berkshire Youth was organised to finalise plans to deliver a course at their own venue

We had a table at The Volunteer Centre Open Day in November and spoke to several notable contacts regarding the work that we do.

We held a stakeholders group. It was well attended and several expressed interest in attending future courses.

Our worker also attended a Suicide Upskill course for Children and Young Persons, and she is now qualified to deliver this. We continue to deliver cards, leaflets and QR codes to local businesses and shops either in person or via email.

Attending the Children and Young Person Suicide Prevention course which adds to our workers early yearly CPD. It was incredibly interesting, particularly learning about the immaturity of the Brain and thus how poor decisions are made within this age group and of course the impulsivity of Suicidal thoughts and action.

Our worker is now qualified to deliver this training, it will entail a full day's attendance and will be beneficial for anyone working with this group, Our worker attended the Samaritans Annual General Meeting in November.

To continue delivering regular Suicide Prevention First Aid Lite courses, and possibly look at Saturdays to help Sports Clubs with being able to attend on a non- working day.

We will continue to attend the Tutor drop-ins at the National Centre for Suicide Prevention Education and Training and attend the virtual conference later in the year. I will also continue regular check-ins with a fellow Tutor to help in my supervision.

We continue to strive to deliver the core message that “most do not want their life to end, they want the pain to stop”. Suicide is one of the most preventable causes of death, and yet there are so many connections and places of safety which many are not aware of. I hope to keep sharing available resources

Future Actions the SPAG is now working towards the establishment of a SOBS (survivors of bereavement by suicide) group for Newbury and West Berkshire