
Health and Wellbeing Board Conference

Report being considered by: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item for: Discussion

1. Purpose of the Report

To propose a change of date for the Health and Wellbeing Board annual conference.

2. Recommendation

To agree that the Health and Wellbeing Board annual conference be postponed to 21 January 2022.

3. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

Board Members may be asked to assist with promotion, organisation and delivery of the conference.

Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4. Background

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board conference is held annually. It was opened up to the public for the first time in 2020 and attracted over 100 attendees. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive. As a result, it was agreed that future conferences should be public events.

4.2 This year's event was scheduled to take place on 15 October 2021. However, recent changes within the Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group mean that resources will not be available to support the delivery of the conference as planned.

5. Options for Consideration

Options include cancelling the conference, or slipping it to a later date.

6. Proposal

It is proposed to slip the conference to 21 January 2022. This would be planned and delivered by the Public Health Team and members of the Health and Wellbeing Board Engagement Group, with support from other Board Members as required.

7. Conclusion

7.1 Delaying rather than cancelling the conference would retain this valuable opportunity to hold workshops on key health topics, and engage with external stakeholders and

members of the public. It would also provide an opportunity for the Board to promote increased awareness of its works and achievements.

- 7.2 Postponing the conference to January 2022 would tie in with the launch of the Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is due to be approved in December 2021. Other topics and speakers would be confirmed in due course.

8. Consultation and Engagement

Discussion has taken place with the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Service Director – Communities and Wellbeing and the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board Engagement Group.

9. Appendices

None

Background Papers:

None

Health and Wellbeing Priorities 2019/20 Supported:

- ☒ Give every child the best start in life
- ☒ Primary Care Networks

Health and Wellbeing Strategic Aims Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim(s):

- ☒ Give every child the best start in life
- ☒ Support mental health and wellbeing throughout life
- ☒ Reduce premature mortality by helping people lead healthier lives
- ☒ Build a thriving and sustainable environment in which communities can flourish
- ☒ Help older people maintain a healthy, independent life for as long as possible

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims by facilitating discussions on key health topics and engagement with stakeholders and members of the public.

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