



Ageing Well Task Group

Update for HWB Steering Group
September 2023

Current Activity

The Ageing Well Task Group held a well-attended in-person workshop this quarter. This included:

- An overview of the Joint H&WB Strategy and Delivery plan for Ageing Well
- Falls prevention review of best practice and mapping and gapping exercise of local provision
- Ideas and action planning for the next 18 months

A summary of proposed ideas and actions has been shared and these will be prioritised and allocated at the next Ageing Well meeting in September.

The Ageing Well Task Group received a presentation about Technology Enabled Care from Adult Social Care.

Nature for Health - An intergenerational gardening project has been set up and is now being enjoyed at Newbury Grove Care home, working with children from Fir Tree School. This has proved hugely successful with the school children and residents alike and two groups have been required to enable all children who want to be involved to participate.

Future Actions

Sept - Agree and allocate priority actions with Partners for the next 18 months.

Oct - Working in partnership with Dementia Friendly West Berkshire and Age UK Berkshire to host an event at St Nicholas Church Hall on 5th October to celebrate National Older Persons Day. Stakeholders will be available to share information and chat to people about activities and services that support healthy ageing.



OLDER PERSONS DAY

Let's celebrate later life!

Date: October 5th, 2023 | Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: St Nicolas Church Main Hall, West Mills,
Newbury, Berkshire RG14 5HG

Rediscover the Joy of Later Life!

Join us for a delightful afternoon dedicated to you. Connect with fellow residents, embrace active living, and explore local resources for a fulfilling retirement.

Connect: Forge new friendships and strengthen old bonds.
Active Living: Learn how to lead a healthy and vibrant retired life.

Local Support: Discover organizations here to enhance your journey.

Drop in at your convenience between 1:00 PM and 3:30 PM.
No need to book. Refreshments available.



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Nature for Health - Exploring development of a volunteer led offer to help older people with simple gardening support.

Building Communities Together Partnership

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Current Activity

- The Partnership met last on 11 July 2023 and will meet again on 10 October 2023
- 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
- At their July meeting the Partnership agreed the process and timeline for the annual Strategic Assessment of crime and disorder in West Berkshire
- The Strategic Assessment will consider data from partner agencies from the previous 12 months and will assist the Partnership in identifying issue of concerns and enable the Partnership to review the Shared Partnership Priorities within the Partnership Plan
- The Partnership Plan is a 'live' document that is reviewed at each meeting

Serious Violence

- In accordance with the Serious Violence Duty through the Serious Violence Steering Group the Partnership is developing a local Serious Violence Reduction Plan which will align with other locality Plans across the Thames Valley
- Compliance with the Serious Violence Duty is being overseen by the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner who will publish, as required by the Home Office, a Serious Violence Strategy at the beginning of 2024
- 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 (first drafts are now in place for both of these documents for West Berkshire)
- A Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) survey has been undertaken seeking information on perceptions of areas where people feel unsafe and the data captured is now being analysed and the outcome will inform local partnership activity. Initial responses indicate positive feelings of safety.
- 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 and focuses on reducing ASB. There are several key criteria for activity but if successful this will enable a number of necessary interventions, but via grant funding. The outcome of the bid is imminent.

Anti-Social Behaviour

- The statutorily required consultation on the expiry of the current Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Speen Lodge Court has completed with the results and recommendation presented at Corporate Board 05/09/2023.
- Corporate Board has agreed for consultation to commence on extending the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) in Newbury town centre which is due to expire in February 2024.
- An Enforcement Protocol between West Berkshire Council and Thames Valley Police on the procedure for processing breaches of Public Spaces Protection Orders in West

Berkshire has been developed and is currently with the Council's Legal Team for review

Prevent

- The Prevent Steering Group met on 17 July 2023 and refreshed the Prevent Partnership Plan taking into account the Independent Review of Prevent, Home Office assessments and the Counter Terrorism Local Profile 2022/23
- There are currently zero cases in Channel and zero cases in Police Led Panels
- The CONTEST Strategy has been published and will inform local partnership working

Domestic Abuse

- The last domestic abuse board meeting took place on 17 July and will meet again on 25 September.
- The domestic abuse and safe accommodation local needs assessment is currently within the analysis stage and is expected to have concluded by October/November. A new 5-year domestic abuse strategy will then begin to be written with a workshop scheduled for all agencies mid-November.

Modern Slavery

- The Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2022-23 has been written and is with internal colleagues for review prior to final sign off by Chief Executive.

District Parish Conference

- Work has started on preparing for the next District Parish Conference and a survey of towns/parish councils will be undertaken to better understand the most appropriate structure and content for future events. The online survey is due to be issued week commencing 11th September.

Members' Community Bids

- A new Members' Bid funding round has just opened on 10th August 2023 with £82k to distribute towards community projects. The deadline for completed applications has been set for 31st October 2023 and the Panel will determine the bids on 21st November.

Town/Parish Councils

- There will be some future engagement with town/parish councils over the findings of the recent survey of secondary schools, and importantly, sharing the views expressed by young people to help inform local decision making on facilities.

Future Actions

- The Partnership Chair, Nigel Lynn, and Vice-Chair, Supt Helen Kenny, will give the annual local crime and disorder presentation to the Councils Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission on 14 September 2023
- Martyn's Law (formerly Protect Duty) – sector webinars have been attended and a Task and Finish Group to be convened when more guidance is available

Children's Early Help & Prevention Partnership

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Current Activity

Early Help Best practice: ongoing exploration of what works in early help and prevention through research and learning from best practice in other areas is ongoing, including how the My Family Plan is used as a tool in the Early Help arena.

Data analysis: undertaking exploration of the nature of referrals coming to the Early Response Hub, Family Hubs and those requiring My Family Plans – seeking to identify patterns trends and areas of focus.

Digital Referral Form for the Early Response Hub (ERH), was discussed as an alternative to the current telephone call referral process. It was agreed to trial a digital referral form by 10 identified schools but with a view to rolling this out more widely if the pilot is successful. The ERH digital referral form as well as all of the connecting links to relevant information has now been built by WBC Digital Team, however, the outstanding actions are around ensuring that the digital referral tool either cannot be used out of hours for urgent safeguarding concerns or to ensure that there is a referral pathway including EDT for any referrals where the author identifies that they are very concerned about the child/family.

Supporting Families: oversight of the work of the operational group, looking at some of the challenges with the new outcomes framework, data sharing, the next steps with the Better Together Project.

Parenting: a mapping exercise was undertaken to understand what parenting provision was available across West Berkshire, currently there are 49 parenting courses/groups being run in a variety of different settings with many different focuses. Work in underway to ensure they are more visible and easy to access for parents who require support.

Early Help Self Assessment: the group examined the self-assessment which is required to be completed by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities to ascertain how the Early Help System is functioning across five domain in the local area. This was submitted in July.

Schools and Universal Offer Working Group (SEND): there is ongoing work on the SEND Strategy and there is a significant overlap between the working group and the work of CEHPP therefore ongoing collaboration was agreed.

Future Actions

The CEHPP are continuing to drive the actions and agenda around Early Help building on the activity outlined above. Specifically:

- Pilot the Early Help Digital Referral Form
- Establish a robust dataset around Early Help indicators
- Drive forward actions stemming from the Early Help Self Assessment
- Develop the accessibility and visibility of existing parenting courses



Health Inequalities Task Force

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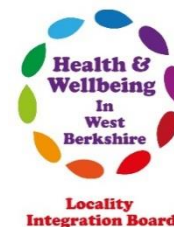
Current Activity

The group has not met since the last HWB Steering Group meeting as per the direction from the Service Lead, Zoe Campbell. The Terms of Reference have been updated. Progress has been made on writing up a summary of the desk-top analysis for the Task Force and stakeholders, using the Marmot policy areas as a framework. This summary will be shared with the Task Force and will be published to the Observatory. Conversations have been held with John Ashton (Director of Public Health) and the new interim Public Health Consultant Mike Bridges about the development of the programme to address health inequalities in West Berkshire e.g. using the Marmot policy areas and collaborating with Reading.

Future Actions

The Task Force are due to meet again in September (chaired by Mike Bridges) and will be asked to:

- sign-off the updated Terms of Reference
- agree whether Community Participation is required to address gaps in the data & intelligence following the desk top data analysis
- consider proposals from Mike and John on the way forward for the programme to address health inequalities in West Berkshire, including a Marmot policy framework and possible co-production with residents to develop an action plan .



Locality Integration Board

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Current Activity

- At June meeting, LIB reviewed Proposed Health and Inequalities Model for West Berkshire (Inequalities and prevention funding from ICB) – this will come back to September meeting with an update and hopefully agreement to proceed.
- 10/8/23 - SE region were pleased to recommend West Berkshire's BCF plan for approval. Now being considered by National Partners for formal sign off, which should be received in September. There were some areas of improvement suggested:
 - Build a strategic alignment between Housing and BCF; and
 - Review High Impact Change Model.
- Meeting in August was cancelled to due to number of people being away.

Future Actions

- Next meeting in September



Mental Health Action Group

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Current Activity

The Mental Health Action Group has not met since the last meeting of the steering group. However, work has continued on the issues raised then, as well as on some other matters.

Much of that work has been following up issues on financial problems and mental health which are due to be reported to the next Health and Wellbeing Board, in September. They include:

- Research on Council Tax Reduction Schemes and debt collection arrangements and discussion with the WBC Revenues and Benefits Manager about ways of reducing the burden of council tax on the most vulnerable groups, and current debt collection arrangements
- Discussion with the WBC, Health and Wellbeing in Schools Coordinator about how to support teachers enhance education on personal financial management
- Meeting planned with the Environment Delivery Manager
- Meeting planned with Sovereign on their debt collection arrangements
- Chasing up other actions

Other activities include:

- Discussions about the place of the MHAG in the Berkshire West Place Based Partnership
- Discussion with the interim Director of Public Health about a possible workshop with key stakeholders to develop a public mental health approach.
- Obtaining feedback from MHAG on proposed strategy delivery plan outcome indicators relating to adult mental health.
- Participating in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Review Group
- Supporting the Volunteer Centre with a series of workshops exploring people's experiences of mental health services
- Collating poems received as part of the Poetry in Mind campaign led by Public Health
- Closure of Surviving to Thriving Fund and diverting remaining funds into a new "Let's Get Mindful" fund to support mental health. To be launched along side "Let's Get Active", led by Greenham Trust.

Future Actions

The next meeting of the Mental Health Action Group is to be held on 13th September. It is intended to use this meeting to plan the programme of activity for the next year. This will be the first MHAG meeting held face-to-face (on request) since the pandemic.

Skills and Enterprise Partnership

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Current Activity

The SEP met on the 15th June 2023 and received updates on each of the actions identified in the Delivery Plan.

	Planned Actions	Progress at June 23
1	Public Awareness campaign to promote the sustained employment of people from under-represented groups	Nicky Bhatoey-Turnbull from Groundwork is planning a further activity, after the success of last year's event in September 2022.
2	Extension of the 'Delivering Life Skills' programme	The H&WB approved funding for this programme, which was delivered in secondary schools by the EBP. All sessions were completed by July 23, with a significant increase to 250 participants. A further funding bid for 2023/234 will now be submitted to the HWB Board.
3	Implementation of the Supported Employment Strategy 2020 - 2024	Paul Coe has confirmed that a new approach for Supported Employment has been agreed by the WBC Corporate Board and, therefore, the SEP will no longer have a specific role in the implementation of the Supported Employment Strategy.
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	The second annual Work & Careers Fair (the 'Destinations Expo') was successfully delivered on 13th October 2022 at Newbury College. Over 800 young people from local secondary schools attended, with around 50 employers and other organisations exhibiting. There was a strong focus on careers for students with disabilities, with over 100 attending and all employers attending a briefing on supported employment. The EBP projected managed the event, with financial support from the Greenham Trust. The 2023/24 event will be held on 12th October 2023, with a planned increase in the number of exhibitors and the numbers of young people attending.

5	Support small businesses to promote mental health and wellbeing practices in workplaces (e.g. mental health awareness training, the Mental Health at Work Commitment)	WBC were unsuccessful attracting enough small businesses to the mental health awareness training, but the sessions were successfully delivered to a number of voluntary organisations.
6	Commission services to support people who are in contact with mental health services to find or stay in work (Supported Employment Strategy)	The SEP does not have a specific role in relation to the commissioning of services, but this is achieved through WBC's commissioning of Groundwork (for adults) and Ways into Work (for young people). Groundwork updated the SEP on their work at the June meeting.

Future Actions

The SEP has two identified actions which it is now supporting on an annual basis – the ‘Delivering Life Skills’ programme and the ‘Destinations Expo’, as reported above.

The SEP will be discussing potential actions for 23/24 and 24/25 at its next meeting in November 2023, in order to meet its key purposes:

- Promote economic development by ensuring the widest possible pool of talent for local employers
- Support people from groups who are under-represented in employment to acquire skills and overcome barriers in order to enter, or re-enter, employment

Under-represented groups include:

- People with physical disabilities
 - People with mental health problems
 - People with learning disabilities
 - People with long-term health conditions
 - Young People
- Support employers in providing and sustaining employment for people in under-represented groups in order to increase diversity
 - Help to close the employment gaps in West Berkshire, with a focus on the development of supported employment services.

Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Partnership

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Current Activity

The next partnership meeting is on Thursday 14th September

We have not met over the summer but have been busy in the background with the combatting drugs partnership and actions related to this and service delivery.

Via have recruited a new acting manager. Having struggled with retaining a manager over the delivery of the contract they have recruited a former team leader with local connections and are investing in training and support to strengthen the stability of the team.

The service like others in the area are still struggling with retention and recruitment of staff but appear to be in a stronger position and have found some innovative solution to fill vacant posts.

Combatting drugs partnership- CDP is holding a Stakeholder day on Friday 29th November at Reading Town Hall. This will be an opportunity for us to look together at our Berkshire west strategy and action plans and to plan ahead to meet the targets set by the Dame Carol Black review and the grant funding attached.

There is a big emphasis on increasing Numbers in treatment services and we are working locally on networks to enable us to do this.

Drug related Death meeting- We held the first drug related death meeting over the summer and intend to hold these meetings quarterly. This forum enables us to look at any trends in deaths relating to alcohol or other substances, look at individual cases and any system failures that need to be addressed or improved and to identify good practice. The next meeting is due to take place in October. Date to be confirmed

LDIS- (local drug information systems) This is in place and is led by Jason Kew (Consultant working with Berkshire East and West councils to support Dame Carol Black funding requirements)- the network is set up to identify any trends with substance use particularly where they are leading to hospitalisations overdose and deaths. We meet monthly and also as required when there is a substance of concern. Recent alerts have been in relation to synthetic opiates which have been added to heroin.

We now have a range of network meetings regarding mental health, prison leavers, police and probation meetings at a strategic level that feed into the local work taking place and improve on partnership working.

Future Actions

Future actions to be identified to link with CDP actions. Via have been doing a lot of work around local pathways and referral routes into treatment and this is relevant work that will continue for adults and young people.

To work more closely with community organisations and Via are looking to provide more sessions in the community settings and development of these networks will be a role for the SMHRP.

Work with BHCFT to develop training package for November and hold a Berkshire wide Drug awareness and training week.

Suicide Prevention Action Group

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At a meeting of the Suicide Prevention Action Group on the 28th July we received a report from our outreach worker. Our worker is employed for 1 day per week. During the past 4 months we have managed to secure funding for this post for a further year from 1st August. Circa £6500 from Greenham Trust and £1000 from Public Health.

The purpose the SPAG is to provide information and resources to front line workers, managers, small businesses, sports clubs and the voluntary sector in particular. The SPAG is operated by Volunteer Centre West Berkshire and attended by stakeholders and lead by its Director Garry Poulson who established the group in May 2017 with support from the HWBB.

In the year to date we have trained 110 people in Suicide Prevention. Our next course is in September with 15 people booked in so far.

Current Activities

We delivered a Suicide First Aid Courses face to face during April, May and June. Attendees included Street Pastors, Healthwatch, Solicitor, Citizens Advice, Handybus, Soup Kitchen, Sport in Mind and Time 2 Talk

The worker attended 2 CPD events “Suicide and Self Harm” and a Tutor drop in event,

The worker has attended regular support meetings with the director Garry Poulson and a fellow Tutor to discuss issues which is important supervision.

She also attended Grassroots Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) a 2-day interactive workshop on Suicide First Aid in Brighton- a tough but thoroughly enjoyable course, which added knowledge to the skills already learnt

The worker also qualified in RSH Level3 Award in Mental Health First Aid in May.

We have continued to visit and leave information, or email information to Pubs, hairdressers, barbers, Tattooists, Social and Sport Clubs amongst others. We have had useful meetings Andrew Spaak West Berkshire Injury Clinic who is very keen to book courses for local Rugby Clubs.

Our Director has visited and sent information to the Fire Station in Theale and Swift local delivery firm, both wishing to explore possibly booking courses.

Continuous development for the outreach worker by attending the ASIST course, she had to deliver a Suicide Intervention to tutors and group peers, this was then critiqued by all, a nerve-wracking experience. However, the feedback received boosted her confidence and as such she felt the course was a great success.

Our worker will be attending a virtual conference in September NCEPET Virtual Conference 2023- Suicide Prevention: Working Together We will continue to plan monthly face to face training courses, and have booked room space until the year end. The worker has been invited to spend a shift with the Street Pastors.

SOBS At our last stakeholder meeting in July the topic of support for people who are bereaved by suicide. West Berkshire does not have a post suicide bereavement peer support group. It was resolved to seek to establish a SOBS (Survivors Of bereavement due to Suicide) group for the district. The outreach worker has now made contact with Nationals SOBS to create a template for West Berkshire.