
Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24

Report being considered by:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Item for:	Decision



1. Purpose of the Report

The Annual Report provides a summary of the work of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board in 2023/24. It outlines progress made in working towards the aims and objectives of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Berkshire West and implementation of the Delivery Plan for West Berkshire. It demonstrates how the Board has continued to assess the health needs of the local population. It also shows how the Board has delivered in terms of integration of Health and Social Care through the Better Care Fund.

2. Recommendation(s)

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree the Annual Report for 2023/24 for presentation to Council.

3. Supporting Information

Background

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24 provides a summary of how the Board has worked together to:
- deliver the aims and objectives set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
 - implement the actions set out in the Strategy's Delivery Plan;
 - identify and respond to the changing health needs of the local population and the services designed to address them; and
 - promote better integration of health and social care services.
- 3.2 The report highlights some of the key achievements of the Board and its partners over the last year, as well as looking ahead to priorities for the coming year for each of the five priorities in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Items of particular interest are described in more detailed case studies. Detail is also provided on the most recent Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Conference, which was focused on Primary Care and Community Outreach.

- 3.3 The Cost of Living Crisis has been a key focus for the Board over the last year and there is a summary of how the Board and its partners have worked together to respond to the challenges arising from this.
- 3.4 In addition to looking back at the previous year, the annual report also touches on some of its priorities for the year ahead.
- 3.5 A key milestone from the last year was the development and approval of the ICB's Primary Care Strategy, which highlights ambitions for the future of general practice, community pharmacy, optometry (eye care) and dentistry across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Healthcare System. This has major implications for the delivery of health services in West Berkshire, so a summary of the strategy is provided at the end of the Annual Report.

4. Options Considered

The Health and Wellbeing Board could choose not to agree the Annual Report, or request changes to be made prior to the report being referred to Council.

5. Proposal(s)

For the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree the Annual Report for 2023/24 for presentation to Council.

6. Conclusion(s)

The Annual Report provides a summary of activity over the previous municipal year. A copy of the report will also be made available on the Council's website.

7. Consultation and Engagement

The following have been consulted on the report: Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group, WBC Corporate Board and WBC Operations Board.

8. Appendices

Appendix A – Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24

Background Papers:

[Health and wellbeing boards: guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/health-and-wellbeing-boards)

[Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021_2030_Dec_20211.pdf \(westberks.gov.uk\)](https://www.westberks.gov.uk/media/10000/Berkshire_West_Health_and_Wellbeing_Strategy_2021_2030_Dec_20211.pdf)

[Better Care Fund policy framework 2023 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policy-frameworks/better-care-fund)

Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
- Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
- Help families and young children in early years
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

The proposals contained in this report will support the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by highlighting progress made in working towards the aims and objectives of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Berkshire West and implementation of the Delivery Plan for West Berkshire, and the priorities for the coming year.
